

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	1 November 2018
Decision Title:	Investing in Hampshire Bids
Decision Reference:	
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 To approve an award of £250,000 to the Oakhaven Hospice Trust, subject to them raising the remaining funding for the capital works.
- 1.2 To approve an award of £50,000 to the Ark Cancer Centre Charity, subject to them raising the remaining funding for the total contribution to the centre.
- 1.3 To approve an award of £15,000 to the Royal Hampshire Regiment Trust for the refurbishment of the memorial garden at Serles House.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report considers three requests for funding under the Investing in Hampshire Fund :
 - £250,000 towards the capital costs of increasing the capacity of bedded care at Oakhaven Hospice in Lymington
 - A contribution of £50,000 towards the Ark Cancer Centre in Basingstoke to provide enhanced facilities and
 - A contribution of £15,000 towards the refurbishment of the memorial garden at Serles House.
- 2.2 The County Council has always sought to provide support and develop strong links with the organisations that have responsibility for running and maintaining the most significant facilities across the County particularly where these have a strong link the services that the County Council itself provides.
- 2.3 The updated criteria for Investing in Hampshire bids is included at Appendix 1.

3. Oakhaven Hospice

- 3.1 The existing hospice, located in Lymington, started to provide community based services in 1992 and has been providing services to the local community in partnership with the NHS since that time, although only 11% of the Hospice's annual funding comes from the NHS.
- 3.2 For several years, hospice in-patient capacity has been insufficient with waiting lists for admission, which has on occasion meant that people have been admitted to an acute hospital, potentially impacting on the system of health and social care in the area. The catchment area for the hospice has recently been increased by 33% adding further pressure on the existing capacity.
- 3.3 The hospice has drawn up plans to extend bed capacity by a further 8 beds and has developed a business case in conjunction with the CCG whereby they believe they can fund the costs of those beds on an ongoing basis. However there are capital works required to facilitate the extra beds and these are estimated to be £500,000.
- 3.4 A contribution of 50% of the capital costs (£250,000) has been requested from the Investing in Hampshire Fund (contained in Appendix 2), and if approved would be subject to them raising the balance of funding.
- 3.5 The Health and Social Care benefits of the extension are clear as projects of this type will become more and more necessary in the face of an ageing population with growing care needs. Given this position and in light of other awards made for similar provision, it is recommended that the full £250,000 is awarded.

4. Ark Cancer Centre

- 4.1 Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are due to build a cancer centre in Basingstoke and the Ark Cancer Centre Charity aims to provide £5m of grants to ensure the designated cancer centre is built to a considerably enhanced specification.
- 4.2 The Charity has already secured £1.8m of the funding towards their contribution to the cancer centre and this application requests a further award of £50,000 towards their fund raising target of £5m. (Appendix 3).
- 4.3 The award is subject to the Charity reaching their overall fund raising target and that the funds are used exclusively for the provision of the cancer centre.

5. Serles House Memorial Garden

- 5.1 The Memorial Garden is part of the Regimental Museum and was dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester in 1952 as part of a large ceremony to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the regiment and to honour those soldiers of the Regiment that had fallen in battle.

- 5.2 The gardens are open to the public and are an important link to both the Regimental Museum and the historical military presence within Winchester.
- 5.3 The Memorial Garden is maintained by the Royal Hampshire Regiment Trust who are planning to refurbish the gardens this year at a total cost of £21,000. A pledge of £6,000 has already been made by a county wide military charity and a matching award has been requested from the Investing in Hampshire Fund (Appendix 4).
- 5.4 Given the County Council's ownership of Serles House and the significant links with the Regiment, it is recommended that the full balance of funding of £15,000 be given to the Royal Hampshire Regiment Trust, thereby allowing any additional fundraising to be used to further enhance and improve the memorial garden.

6. **Financial Arrangements**

- 6.1 Any awards approved under the Investing in Hampshire Fund are only paid out after evidence has been provided to the Director of Corporate Resources of appropriate expenditure on the relevant project.

7. **Legal Implications**

- 7.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
None		
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
None		

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Correspondence received from organisations	Director of Corporate Resources - Corporate Services

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

There is not expected to be any equalities impact as a result of this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

There is no significant link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR INVESTING IN HAMPSHIRE

The following criteria should be taken into account when considering a request for funding.

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. The application must show that the organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account. Funding would only be awarded if the proposal was to support activity within agreed County Council priorities.
2. Applications will only be considered for specific capital projects for the improvement or maintenance of significant assets or facilities within Hampshire, within agreed priorities and where other substantial funding exists.
3. Other applications will be considered at the absolute discretion of the Leader where he considers that the award will make a contribution for the wider benefit of Hampshire and its residents.
4. The wider economic benefits to the residents of Hampshire should be considered together with any complementary benefits for Hampshire County Council. Awards would normally only be given to projects within the remit of Policy and Resources.
5. Awards will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
 - Government Institutions
 - Schools
 - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
 - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
6. Apart from exceptional circumstances, the requesting body would be expected to provide their own funding towards the project.
7. As a general rule, grants in excess of £250,000 will not be awarded unless significant benefits and funding are available. In exceptional cases, where the benefits are significant and directly relate to services and functions close to the County Council's key objectives, then an award greater than the level above would be considered.
8. Given the longer term nature of capital projects, requests can be considered well in advance, but funding will only be released once evidence of capital expenditure has been provided to the County Council or other arrangements made consistent with the agreement of the Director of Corporate Resources.

Investing in Hampshire – Oakhaven Hospice

Applicant	Oakhaven Hospice Trust		
Name / Location of Project	Additional bed capacity at Oakhaven Hospice		
Summary of Project / Bid	<p>The existing hospice was opened in 1992 and has been providing services to the local community in partnership with the NHS for 26 years.</p> <p>For several years, hospice in-patient capacity has been insufficient with waiting lists for admission which has on occasion meant that people have been admitted to an acute hospital. The catchment area for the hospice has recently been increased by 33% adding further pressure on the existing capacity.</p> <p>The project will provide two new build beds and allow for the refurbishment of an existing wing to provide a further 6 bed capacity.</p> <p>The CCG have agreed to support the hospice and future running costs are expected to be fully covered as part of the revised business plan they have drawn up.</p>		
Funding Requested	£250,000	Financial Year	TBD
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	The request for funding has been made by the Trust as part of an appeal to raise £500,000 to fund the capital works necessary for the new beds and the refurbishment of the existing wing.		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>The system of Health and Social Care across the county and indeed the country as a whole is under extreme pressure in the face of increasing demography and complexity of the older population. Facilities and additional capacity of the type identified here will provide a valuable resource as the numbers of people requiring hospice support in future years, given the demographic of our population, will increase.</p> <p>Increasing the number of beds means there will be increased capacity to meet the overall needs of people in a palliative / end of life phase across the increased catchment area. Furthermore, the health and social care system in the area will benefit through being able to access this facility for those people and their families / carers who require such care. This application will directly provide a high quality of care to those extra residents who will benefit from the extended facilities.</p>		

What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	The County Council already has an excellent working relationship with the Hospice and will continue to work with them to offer integrated health and social care services in the area.
Any other relevant factors?	<p>The development and integration of health and social care in the face of immense pressure is one of the most important challenges facing this country at the present time.</p> <p>Projects of this type will become more and more necessary and the fact that half of the funding for this project will not come from the public purse is an important factor in considering this one off award. There is no requirement for revenue funding from HCC and the capital request, in this particular case, represents a positive development of palliative and end of life support for people and their families in a high quality environment.</p>

Investing in Hampshire – Ark Cancer Centre

Applicant	Ark Cancer Centre Charity		
Name / Location of Project	Ark Cancer Centre - Basingstoke		
Summary of Project / Bid	<p>Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are due to build a cancer centre in Basingstoke.</p> <p>The Ark Cancer Centre Charity was registered as a charitable company in November 2012 and aims to provide £5m of grants to ensure the designated cancer centre is built to a considerably enhanced specification.</p>		
Funding Requested	£50,000	Financial Year	TBD
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	<p>The bulk of the funding for the Centre will come from the NHS, but the additional funding of £5m is expected to be raised by the charity through fund raising activity.</p> <p>The £50,000 requested will add to the £1.8m that has already been raised by the charity.</p>		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>The cancer centre itself will obviously provide care and support to mainly Hampshire residents coping with cancer and cancer treatments.</p> <p>The extra funding will enhance the appearance and feeling of light and space throughout the centre and will connect patients to nature by providing many external views, developing a landscaped internal courtyard and external terraces with water features and providing artwork which complements the building.</p> <p>The centre will offer integrated therapies and services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acupuncture, reflexology, aromatherapy and massage • Counselling and Support Groups • Gym facilities, exercise and yoga classes • Hair and beauty services including wig fitting and make up advice • Consultations by dieticians and cookery demonstration classes • Information and advice centre • Areas to relax before and after treatments 		

What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	The County Council already has an excellent working relationship with Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the centre will provide an excellent facility that will complement other health and social care provision in the region.
Any other relevant factors?	The charity wants to ensure that people living with cancer and their families have access to a wide range of support therapies in a therapeutic environment. Ark Cancer Centre Charity believes that their involvement will ensure the provision of a range of complementary and support therapies in one inspirational building that will offer a therapeutic, healing environment.

Investing in Hampshire – Serles House Memorial Garden

Applicant	Royal Hampshire Regiment Trust		
Name / Location of Project	Memorial Garden at Serles House Winchester		
Summary of Project / Bid	<p>The Memorial Garden is part of the Regimental Museum and was dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester in 1952 as part of a large ceremony to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the regiment and to honour those soldiers of the Regiment that had fallen in battle.</p> <p>The memorial garden is maintained by the Royal Hampshire Regiment Trust and a refurbishment is planned for the current year to ensure the gardens continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.</p>		
Funding Requested	£6,000	Financial Year	2018/19
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	<p>The total costs of the works are expected to be £21,000 and a county wide military charity has already pledged £6,000 towards the costs.</p> <p>A similar amount has been requested from the Investing in Hampshire Fund and the balance will be generated through further fundraising by the Trust.</p> <p>Given the value of the award requested and the County Council's ownership of Serles House and the significant links with the Regiment, it is recommended that the full balance of funding of £15,000 is awarded, which will mean that any additional fundraising can be used to further enhance and improve the gardens.</p>		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>The gardens are open to Hampshire residents and are an important link to both the Regimental Museum and the historical military presence within Winchester.</p> <p>The memorial garden and museum attract visitors and military enthusiasts to Winchester with the economic benefits that this also brings.</p>		
What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	The County Council has strong links with the Regiment and with the wider site itself which will benefit from the investment.		
Any other relevant factors?			