

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Nicola Horsey
Title:	Change in condition of grant to Pilands Wood Community Association

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. Pilands Wood Community Association was awarded £9,860 Community Investment Fund grant on 6 December 2016 and £9,750 on 07/12/2017 on condition that Charity Commission compliance is brought up to date and latest Annual Accounts are submitted and that the organisation engage with One Community, its local Council for Voluntary Services, to strengthen its management and support meeting the outstanding condition.
- 1.2. The decision is to recognise progress made towards achieving the conditions as enough to warrant payment of the outstanding grants.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The organisation has engaged with One Community and an accountancy firm to work to bring their financial records up to date and has made progress. One Community has also identified a need for the organisation to strengthen its governance and progress in this has also begun.
- 2.2. Periods of significant staff sickness have delayed progress, however, so that the originally agreed timescale has not been met.
- 2.3. At the same time, it is recognised that further withholding of funds would hamper the organisation's ability to continue to take on professional accounting support and reduce its capacity to continue making progress.
- 2.4. The organisation provides services of significance and value to the local community and is supported by Eastleigh Borough Council.
- 2.5. On that basis, it is reasonable to acknowledge the progress made as meeting the spirit of the original condition and to release payment of the Community Investment Fund awards noted in 1.1 above.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

5.1. None.

6. Supporting information:

Approved by:

Date:

13 March 2019

**Nicola Horsey, Assistant Director Community and
Regulatory Services**

**On behalf of the Director of Culture, Communities
and Business Services**