

EXECUTIVE DECISION DAY NOTICE

Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and
Corporate Services & Deputy Leader and Executive Member for
Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Decision Days

Date and Time Thursday, 13th July, 2023 at 2.00 pm

Place Remote Decision Day

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AGENDA

Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services

Deputations

To receive any deputations notified under Standing Order 12.

KEY DECISIONS (NON-EXEMPT/NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

None

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1. LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider a report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 providing an update on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and sets out the role and responsibilities of preparing a Strategy for its area.

2. THE LEADER'S COMMUNITY GRANTS (Pages 13 - 28)

To consider a report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 detailing grant applications received for the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24. The report also considers changes to the grant criteria and delegated authority.

3. RURAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 BUDGET APPROVAL (Pages 29 - 34)

To consider a report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 on the Rural Programme grant spending plan for 2023/24 and proposes revised grant criteria for this grant stream.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES: AREA-BASED COMMITTEES AND PANELS, STATUTORY JOINT COMMITTEES AND PARTNERSHIP BOARDS (Pages 35 - 36)

To consider a report of the Director of People and Organisation seeking appointments to Outside Bodies: area-based Committees and Panels, Statutory Joint Committees and Partnership Boards.

5. CHIEF OFFICER DELEGATION REGISTER (Pages 37 - 40)

To consider a report seeking approval to redelegate existing Executive Member authority to the Director of Hampshire.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

KEY DECISIONS (EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL)

6. LAND AT LOCKS HEATH (Pages 41 - 52)

To consider an exempt report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 relating to land at Locks Heath.

NON KEY DECISIONS (EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL)

None

ABOUT THIS AGENDA:

On request, this agenda can be provided in alternative versions (such as large print, Braille or audio) and in alternative languages.

ABOUT THIS SESSION:

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6. LNRS are a new system of spatial strategies for nature recovery, covering the whole of England. In short, they are a key mechanism for planning and delivering the National Nature Recovery Network.
7. Each strategy will:
 - map the most valuable existing habitat for nature;
 - map proposals for creating or improving habitat for nature and wider environment goals;
 - agree priorities and targets for nature's recovery; and
 - support the delivery of wider environmental objectives.
8. The LNRS will be used to:
 - channel investment into local priorities for protection and enhancement, such as the Environment Land Management scheme;
 - map areas of opportunity for the use of “nature-based solutions” to wider environmental problems like flooding, climate change mitigation and adaptation or poor water quality;
 - guide mandatory biodiversity net gain investments; and
 - provide a source of evidence for local planning authorities, helping these authorities understand locations important for conserving and enhancing biodiversity.
9. Defra funded five Local Nature Recovery Strategy pilots that ran from August 2020 to May 2021. The pilots were set up to help better understand how to go about preparing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy, what a Local Nature Recovery Strategy might look like and how Local Nature Recovery Strategies interact with other planning processes at a local level. Lessons learnt from the pilots have been collated and have been considered alongside responses to the public consultation held at the end of 2021 in Government’s preparation of the regulations and guidance.

Hampshire County Council’s role

10. The Secretary of State for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs has appointed a ‘responsible authority’ to lead the production of each Strategy. These are public bodies with a strong knowledge of the local area and established democratic mandates, ensuring the necessary legitimacy and status to lead the process. There will be 48 Strategies in total to cover the whole of England.
11. The County Council has received written confirmation from the Secretary of State that it is appointed as the responsible authority under Section 105 of the Environment Act 2021 for the Hampshire area, including the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth and Southampton. The Isle of Wight Council will fulfil the same role for the Island.
12. The Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 came into force on 13 April 2023 and set out the procedures relating to the Local Nature Recovery Strategies.

13. One of the key aspects the Regulations cover is the role of the supporting authority. Supporting authorities are any local authority or national park authority within the Strategy area, along with Natural England. For Hampshire, the two city unitary authorities, two national parks and eleven district and borough councils are the supporting authorities.
14. The regulations require the responsible authority to take reasonable steps to involve all supporting authorities in the preparation of the LNRS. The County Council must provide the supporting authorities with all relevant information, ensure they are aware of how to contact us, and have regard to their views.
15. The Regulations set out the points at which the supporting authorities need to be engaged in the process and consulted on the draft LNRS. There are provisions within the Regulations should the supporting authorities have concerns about the draft LNRS and how it was prepared, enabling them to raise objection which must then be referred to the Secretary of State. Similarly, when the responsible authority comes to publishing the LNRS, supporting authorities have the ability to refer to the Secretary of State if they consider it to be materially deficient.
16. Hampshire has one of the most complex areas in terms of the number and type of supporting authorities. Whilst engagement has commenced with the supporting authorities, ongoing close partnership working is going to be a key consideration when determining the engagement strategy and governance for the LNRS.
17. In addition to the Regulations, statutory guidance was published in March 2023 which explains what information responsible authorities should include in a LNRS. It explains what the law requires and gives additional information that the government wants the strategies to include.
18. It applies to any public body appointed as a 'responsible authority' by the Defra Secretary of State to produce a LNRS for a specific area of England. It can also help prospective partner organisations to understand what the strategy should contain. By law, responsible authorities must 'have regard' to this guidance when deciding what information to include in their strategy. This means they must read and consider the guidance and take it into account when preparing, publishing, reviewing and republishing their strategy. They do not need to follow it rigidly but any deviation from it should be exceptional and would need to be justifiable.
19. The LNRS will link to a number of the County Council's existing Strategies, including the Public Health Strategy, Economic Strategy, Strategic Asset Management Plan and Hampshire 2050 Vision, along with the emerging Environment Strategy. It will therefore have reach across the organisation.

Finance

20. Defra is providing each responsible authority with funding to enable it to deliver the LNRS in the required timescales. The funding formula is based on the number and type of supporting authorities in the LNRS area and the number of farm businesses, recognising that these are resource intensive to engage with. Defra acknowledges that the Hampshire area is particularly complex with the

number of supporting authorities, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and neighbouring responsible authorities¹ to engage with.

21. The funding settlement for Hampshire is expected to be £388,000 over two years, with £207,000 in 2023/24 and £181,000 in 2024/25, however the final settlement is expected to be confirmed shortly. The funding can be moved between financial years. The expectation from Defra is that the LNRS is delivered in 12 to 18 months.
22. Once the LNRS is in place there is a requirement for the responsible authority to review, update and republish the Strategy every three to 10 years, subject to instruction from the Secretary of State. The letter confirming the County Council's appointment as responsible authority stated that 'the review and publication process set out in the LNRS Regulations will be accompanied by additional funding commensurate to the task at that time'.

Consultation and Equalities

23. There will be a need for significant engagement and consultation as part of the process of preparing the LNRS, including supporting authorities and neighbouring responsible authorities, partners such as the Local Nature Partnership and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, farmers and landowners, local interest and community groups, and the general public. An Engagement Strategy will be prepared to set out how this will be achieved.
24. The decision sought in this report will not reduce the scope of the service provided or have any impact on service users or the individuals working on the service, so has been assessed as having a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics.

Climate Change Impact Assessments

25. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
26. The tools to assess specific impacts on climate change adaptation and mitigation were found not to be applicable on the grounds that the decision relates to the new statutory responsibility to prepare a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. However, the LNRS is expected to include the wider environmental benefits of nature recovery, including nature-based solutions that counter the effects of climate change, such as natural flood management. The pilots have shown the potential for LNRS to bring together land use planning and land management. For example, they've identified woodland to store carbon, reduce

¹ The neighbouring responsible authorities are Dorset Council, Wiltshire Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (on behalf of Berkshire), Surrey County Council, West Sussex County Council and Isle of Wight Council.

flooding and cool urban areas; and peatlands, which absorb then store water while capturing carbon dioxide, contributing to Net Zero targets. Whilst the possibilities for Hampshire are not yet known, the LNRS will undoubtedly have a positive impact in respect of climate change.

Climate Change Adaptation

27. The LNRS, once prepared, will help to identify nature-based solutions to help counter the impacts of climate change and therefore will be a key tool in helping to ensure Hampshire's natural environment can adapt to the changing climate.

Carbon Mitigation

28. The LNRS, once prepared, will help to identify opportunities for carbon mitigation and therefore will have a positive impact in this respect.

Conclusions

29. The County Council has been appointed by the Secretary of State as the responsible authority, under Section 105 of the Environment Act 2021, to prepare a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire, including the areas of Portsmouth and Southampton.
30. Preparation of the Strategy is expected to take between 12 and 18 months and will require a significant amount of engagement with supporting authorities (the local authorities within the Strategy area), Natural England, neighbouring responsible authorities, farmers and landowners, interested partners and community groups, and the public.
31. The County Council is expected to be granted £388,000 by Defra to undertake the LNRS, split between the financial years of 2023/24 and 2024/25.
32. Early work has commenced across the County Council on how the Strategy is to be prepared, and initial stakeholder engagement has taken place. The work will now be developed under the leadership of the Director of Hampshire 2050 working across the organisation and in partnership with stakeholders, with the Strategy to be presented to Cabinet for approval.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

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.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

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 by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

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

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- 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.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The decision sought in this report will not reduce the scope of the service provided or have any impact on service users or the individuals working on the service, so has been assessed as having a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	13 July 2023
Title:	The Leader's Community Grant Fund
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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Purpose of this Report

1. The report considers two applications for a grant from the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24. The report also considers changes to the grant criteria and delegated authority for minor administrative decisions.

Recommendations

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the revised Guidance and Criteria for the Leader's Community Grant Fund, as set out in Appendix 2.
3. That, in respect of the Leader's Community Grant Fund, the Director of Hampshire 2050 and Assistant Chief Executive be given delegated authority to approve minor administrative changes to previously approved grant conditions, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, where the overall outcomes of the project or scheme remain unchanged.
4. That, in respect of the Leader's Community Grant Fund, the Director of Hampshire 2050 and Assistant Chief Executive be given delegated authority to approve grant awards under £5,000, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, where the applications meet the grant criteria.
5. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves two grants totalling £26,650 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24 to cultural and community organisations in Hampshire, as outlined in Appendix 3.

Executive Summary

6. The Guidance and Criteria for the Leader's Community Grant Fund have been reviewed to ensure that there is greater clarity for applicants, and to ensure that all grants which are approved deliver clear impact and benefit.
7. Under the current constitution and scheme of delegation, minor amendments to grant awards are required to be determined by the Executive Member. It is proposed that authority for these minor changes to previously approved grant conditions is delegated to the relevant Chief Officer. In addition, delegated authority is sought for the determination of applications for grants under £5,000, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services.
8. Two organisations have applied for a grant through the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24 and the funds requested total £26,645. The report considers the applications using the previous grant criteria (as set out in Appendix 1) and recommends the awards totalling £26,650. The recommended award can be met from within existing budget provision.

Contextual Information

9. The purpose of this grant stream is to fund projects which provide community benefit and help local communities thrive and/or to help local organisations become financially self-supporting and not reliant on public sector funding.
10. Full details of the existing criteria, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1. These criteria have been reviewed and amendments have been proposed to:
 - clarify the overall wording of the criteria and provide greater direction on what is and isn't acceptable, including the types of organisations and the nature of projects which may be funded;
 - define expectations around match funding, including guidelines about the difference between the Leader's Community Fund and County Councillor Grants; and
 - set expectations where the proposal is for funding towards something which is properly the responsibility of another public authority.
11. The proposed revised criteria are set out in Appendix 2. Key changes and additions are highlighted.

Delegations

12. Grants are awarded on condition that they are claimed within a year of acceptance of the grant. For a variety of reasons, projects can be delayed, and organisations have to formally request for an extension of time to claim their grant. In addition, organisations have been known to ask to vary their grant conditions, primarily whether the award is claimed as a lump sum or staged payments.

13. To make this process easier and more efficient, it is proposed that officers be given delegated authority to agree requests to extend the claim period and also to make minor variations to payment schedules and conditions, where appropriate and in consultation with the relevant Executive Member. Decisions under delegated authority will only be approved where the overall outcomes of the project remain unchanged. Consideration will be given to the specific circumstances relating to requests for extended timeframes for claiming grants to ensure that there continues to be assurance that the scheme will proceed within a reasonable timeframe.
14. A small proportion of grant applications that are submitted are for under £5,000. Under the constitution and relevant scheme of delegation, these decisions remain with the Executive Member. In accordance with other grant schemes, these smaller requests can be processed more efficiently if authority were delegated to an appropriate Chief Officer in consultation with the Executive Member.

Applications for consideration

15. Two applications have been submitted for consideration under the original grant criteria (as set out in Appendix 1). Details are set out in Appendix 3.

Finance

16. The recommended awards can be met from within existing budget provision.

Consultation and Equalities

17. A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.
18. The corporate terms and condition of grant require that any organisation in receipt of funding shall ensure that at all times it complies with the Equality Act 2010 if applicable and shall ensure that it does not discriminate against any person or persons on the basis of protected characteristics.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

19. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
20. The carbon mitigation tool decision tree indicates it is not suitable for the assessment of a programme. The decisions in this report are financial decisions in relation to a programme of one-off grant opportunities. Therefore, the tool is not suitable for this Climate Change Impact Assessment and has not been used.

Other Key Issues

21. Legal Implications: Section 1 (1) of the Localism Act gives the County Council the power to do anything that individuals may generally do. This includes the power to make grants.

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Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Leader's Community Grants – Revised Criteria and Management	8 July 2021

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

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Leader's Community Grants – Existing Criteria

What is funded?

The purpose of the scheme is to fund one-off, time limited projects which:

- provide community benefit and help local communities thrive; and
- help local organisations become financially self-supporting and not reliant on public sector funding.

Proposals will be particularly welcomed where they can demonstrate how they:

- respond to the [Climate Emergency](#), as declared by the Council in June 2019; and
- reduce demand for Council services.

Proposals must support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's [Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2021 - 2025](#). It forms the cornerstone of all strategies and plans across departments and service areas. It features four key aims:

- Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity;
- people in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives;
- people in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment; and
- people in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities.

Applications can be made for over £1,000 to a maximum of £25,000 and may be for activity costs and/or capital costs. Applications in excess of £25,000 will occasionally be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Secured match funding or clear evidence of seeking match funding is highly desirable. Organisations should have also applied to local District or Parish Councils where local funding opportunities exist.

Supporting documentation will be required for all applications.

Who can apply?

Organisations wishing to apply must be properly constituted with clear and effective governance and management structures. They must be delivering activities or services that benefit Hampshire residents. Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold unallocated reserves in excess of one year's running costs. Where it is judged that unallocated reserves are unreasonably in excess of what is required or not allocated for legitimate purposes, those organisations may receive a reduced grant. All organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

The following organisations are not normally funded under this scheme:

- individuals;
- services provided solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and/or Southampton City Council;

- other local authorities, including District, Parish and Town Councils;
- commercial/profit making organisations;
- schools, including pre-schools and colleges;
- large, national organisations or 'household name charities', including local branches;
- political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations;
- applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act;
- requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g., Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips e.g., for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered; and
- self-help by organisations is encouraged, and therefore grants are normally only a percentage of the sum required to complete a project.

When to apply

Applications are welcomed at any time and will be dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis. Recommendations for awards will be taken to the next available Executive Member Decision Day. This may be up to three months after the application is received, in line with meeting schedules.

Projects should be well developed, with match-funding secured, and any supported projects will normally be expected to commence within six-months of the decision date. All applicants for building works will be expected to evidence freehold or to have obtained permission from the landlord. If required, applicants will also be expected to have obtained (or engaged in the process of) planning permission and/or listed buildings consent (if appropriate) to carry out the works before applying.

What is not funded?

The following projects are not funded under this scheme:

- the purchase of land;
- capital works that have already been carried out - we cannot retrospectively fund projects; grants are awarded for works to be carried out in the future;
- general running costs of organisations - these grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past;
- ongoing staff costs - we may fund a fixed-term member of staff or consultant to carry out a time-limited piece of work;
- repeat applications to cover previously funded activities/annual applications for the same activities;
- profit-making or fund-raising activities, or onward distribution of funds;

- projects which meet the aims of other Hampshire County Council grant schemes - where relevant, applications may be transferred to more appropriate schemes; and
- applications for £1,000 or less - where relevant, these should be directed to the Members' Devolved Grants Scheme.

Organisations will not be awarded more than one grant per financial year and previously funded projects must be completed before a new application is made. Previous levels of Council funding will be taken into account when assessing applications.

Appendix 2

Table of Amendments (highlighted in yellow)	
Paragraph Number	Change
2	Added point to reflect the increase in the use of digital engagement and ensuring, where possible, this is accessible to all.
4	Additional wording to strengthen the need for applications to demonstrate value for money and directly relating to the Council's Strategic Priorities listed in Paragraph 3.
5	Further emphasising the need for applications to have match funding and to have approached local councils where appropriate.
6	This is not entirely new, but for emphasis the wording has been brought together into the one paragraph, with the addition that any combination of grant funding from the County Council in total will not exceed 50% of the project costs.
8	<p>Providing clarity on which organisations are not eligible to apply and signposting to other available grant funding where appropriate.</p> <p>Also removing the reference to the County-wide groups as applications for specific trips are directed to the County Councillor Grants Scheme, where they meet the criteria.</p>
9	Additional words to advise that there is a limited budget for grant funding.
10	<p>Adding clarity on what projects/works are not funded, in particular: where ownership or responsibility is held by another local authority, where the activities and projects of an organisation is their main purpose and also for expected building maintenance and IT infrastructure costs which should be built into the running costs of an organisation.</p> <p>Also signposting to other available grant funding where appropriate.</p>
11	Emphasising the requirement for the submission of an evaluation post-project/activity.

Leaders Community Grants - Revised Guidance and Criteria

What is funded?

- The purpose of the scheme is to fund **one-off, time limited projects** which:
 - provide community benefit and help local communities thrive; and
 - help local organisations become financially self-supporting and not reliant on public sector funding.
- Proposals will be particularly welcomed where they can demonstrate how they:

- respond to the [Climate Emergency](#), as declared by the Council in June 2019;
 - provide or enhance digital engagement for the benefit of a whole community; and
 - reduce demand for Council services.
3. Proposals must support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's [Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2021 - 2025](#). It forms the cornerstone of all strategies and plans across directorates and service areas. It features four key aims:
- **Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity;**
 - **people in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives;**
 - **people in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment; and**
 - **people in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities.**
4. Applications can be made for over £1,000 up to a maximum of £25,000 and may be for activity costs, a specific project and/or capital costs. Applications in excess of £25,000 will occasionally be considered in exceptional circumstances. Applications must demonstrate the value for money that will be delivered with the requested funding, in relation to the proposed outcomes and the Council's strategic objectives. Supporting evidence should be provided, where possible.
5. Applications with secured match funding, or that show clear evidence of having sought match funding, are more likely to be more successful. Secured match funding or clear evidence of seeking match funding is highly desirable. Organisations are expected to have also applied to local District or Parish Councils where local funding opportunities exist.
6. Self-help by organisations is encouraged, and therefore grants are normally up to 50% of the sum required to complete a project. If other County Council funding is contributed to the same project, e.g. through a County Councillor grant, this will be taken into account and the total sum given will not exceed 50%.

Supporting documentation will be required for all applications.

7. **Who can apply?**
- Organisations wishing to apply must be properly constituted with clear and effective governance and management structures.
 - They must be delivering activities or services that benefit Hampshire residents.
 - Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold unallocated reserves in excess of one year's running costs. Where it is judged that unallocated reserves are unreasonably in excess of what is

required or not allocated for legitimate purposes, those organisations may receive a reduced grant.

- All organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

8. The following organisations **are not normally funded** under this scheme:

- individuals;
- services provided solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and/or Southampton City Council;
- other local authorities, including District, Parish and Town Councils (**Parish and Town Councils may be able to apply for grant funding from the [Parish and Town Council Investment Fund](#)**);
- commercial/profit making organisations;
- schools, including pre-schools and colleges;
- large, national organisations or 'household name charities', including local branches;
- political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations;
- applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church-worship-related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act;
- ~~requests may not be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered:~~

9. **When to apply**

- Applications are welcomed at any time and will be dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis **from within the allocated budget**.
- Recommendations for awards will be taken to the next available Executive Member Decision Day. This may be up to three months after the application is received, in line with meeting schedules. Projects should be well developed, with match-funding secured, and any supported projects will normally be expected to commence within six-months of the decision date.
- All applicants for building works will be expected to evidence freehold or to have obtained permission from the landlord.
- If required, applicants will also be expected to have obtained (or engaged in the process of) planning permission and/or listed buildings consent (if appropriate) to carry out the works before applying.

10. **What is not funded?**

The following projects are **not** funded under this scheme:

- **applications for £1,000 or less - where relevant, these should be directed to the [County Councillors Grants Scheme](#)**
- the purchase of land;
- ~~capital works that have already been carried out -~~ **retrospective projects; grants are awarded for works to be carried out in the future;**

- maintenance, repair or improvements of building, facilities or land for which functional responsibility is held by another local authority (including a local District, Borough or Parish Council)
- general running costs of organisations - these grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past;
- activities that form the core provision of the organisation
- ongoing/predictable building maintenance or IT infrastructure costs – organisations are expected to have made provision for such costs
- ongoing staff costs - we may fund a fixed-term member of staff or consultant to carry out a time-limited piece of work;
- repeat applications to cover previously funded activities/annual applications for the same activities;
- profit-making or fund-raising activities, or onward distribution of funds;
- projects which are better suited to other Hampshire County Council grant schemes - where relevant, applications may be transferred to more appropriate schemes;

11. All organisations in receipt of a grant will be expected to complete and submit an evaluation, demonstrating the value that the grant has added to the community through the funded activity/project/capital work.
12. Organisations will not be awarded more than one grant per financial year and previous levels of Council funding will be taken into account when assessing any new applications.

Appendix 3 - Grant Funding to Culture and Community Organisations - 2023/24

Organisation <i>(District / Division)</i>	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
	The Winchester Beacon (Winchester Churches Nightshelter		
<p>Page 26</p> <p><i>Application summary</i></p>	<p>Improve existing facilities at the main site in Jewry Street. Currently, male residents share an outdated communal bathroom with showers, basins and toilets. There is no privacy in this space for residents which can make them feel vulnerable and unsafe and, for some, has been a barrier to using the facilities and maintaining their own personal hygiene. Phase 1 of the project is to provide a fully accessible shower unit for wheelchair access and those with disabilities to use and enlarging one of the smaller bedrooms which needs to be extended to meet HMO Officer specifications otherwise it has to be taken out of use. Phase 2 is provision of 8 individual lockable shower units. The renovation is also important to ensure that the needs of all residents are being met, especially with increasing numbers of transgender residents.</p> <p>The Winchester Beacon (formerly known as Winchester Churches Nightshelter) has provided a safe and caring temporary home to those experiencing homelessness since 1988. Open 365 days of the year, there are ten bedrooms on-site at the Jewry Street premises and an additional twelve beds at the three four-bedroom off site properties in the local area. Residents stay until more permanent accommodation is found to match their needs. Residents not only access secure and comfortable accommodation and nutritious food, they also benefit from a wide-ranging programme of practical and emotional support to help them break the cycle of homelessness and rebuild their lives.</p> <p>Costs have increased significantly since the initial scoping of the works due to inflation costs and recalculation to meet Mechanical, Engineering and Public Health specifications.</p>	£25,000	£25,000
	<i>Reach</i>	2000	
<i>Funding (inc. match)</i>	<p>Total project cost is in the region of £169, 950. Phase 1- £25,364 (tender accepted); Phase 2 – (in the region of) £133,504 (out to tender currently); £40,000 funding from CRASH; £73,064 from Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; £2,000+ pro bono architect, civil engineering team project managers from CRASH and Aecom. Shortfall approx. £31,950.</p> <p>(Note: 2022/23 Councillor grant of £1,000 towards upgrading the ladies bathroom facilities;)</p>		

Organisation (District / Division)	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Local Member Comments	Cllr Hiscock is fully supportive of the application.		
Recommendation/ conditions	£25,000		

Organisation (District / Division)	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Hampshire History Trust			
		<i>(Winchester/Winchester Eastgate)</i>	
Application summary	<p>Winchester Heritage Open Days (HODs), part of the national Heritage Open Days programme, is an annual festival celebrating Winchester and Hampshire's culture, heritage and history. HODs takes place every September in Winchester and the surrounding towns and villages and involves hundreds of volunteers and thousands of visitors. All activities are provided free of charge, so no opportunity to put earned income towards costs.</p> <p>This year's Festival takes place between 8-17 September 2023 and the theme is 'Creativity Unwrapped'. It will promote Hampshire's unique heritage & character through accessible talks, exhibitions & activities.</p> <p>This application is to cover the cost of the use of the Great Hall, the Former Grand Jury Room and the Council Chamber on 16 September.</p>	£1645	£1650
Reach	Approx. 1,000 people are expected		
Funding (inc. match)	Not for this particular aspect of the Festival. (Note: 2022/23 Councillor grant of £500 towards marketing costs for the 2023 Festival; 2021/22 Councillor grant of £500 towards extending the Edible England Exhibition to online to enhance accessibility)		
Local Member Comments	Cllr Hiscock has been contacted for comment.		
Recommendation/ conditions	£1650		

TOTALS		£26,645	£26,650
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	13 July 2023
Title:	Rural Programme 2023/24 Grant Spending
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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Purpose of this Report

1. The report considers the Rural Programme's grant spending plan for 2023/24 and proposes revised grant criteria for the Rural Communities Fund grant stream.

Recommendations

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the spending plan as set out in paragraph 9, including the approval of the annual grant to the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC).
3. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the revision of the grant criteria for the Rural Communities Fund (RCF), increasing the grant limit from £5,000 to £10,000.

Executive Summary

4. The Rural Programme is overseen by the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services. Work programmes include grant investment via the Rural Communities Fund and Parish and Town Council Investment Fund, and to manage the Council's annual infrastructure grant payment to Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC).
5. Further background and performance on each of the grant streams and HALC infrastructure grant payment can be found in Appendix 1.

Contextual information

6. The Rural Programme is a key tool in the Council's delivery of the priorities highlighted in the Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry, with a focus on 'rurality'. This includes grant investment and support to target the Council's rural priorities, which are:
- community resilience – the County Council wants to help communities address and resolve local challenges themselves, such as supporting older and vulnerable people, or responding to extreme weather events;
 - rural transport – the County Council wants to support rural communities to tailor existing transport options (e.g. bus, minibus, volunteer drivers etc.) to better meet the needs of residents without cars;
 - self-help – the County Council wants to support volunteering and community-led initiatives in rural communities;
 - communications – the County Council wants to support the provision of broadband and mobile communications in rural areas; and
 - economic development – the County Council wants to support rural enterprises and forge strong links with Local Enterprise Partnerships and LEADER groups.
7. The RCF currently provides small grants up to £5,000 to develop projects to address local rural priorities as described above. In 2020, the maximum grant limit per application was reduced from £10,000 to £5,000 to allow for more applicants to apply against a reduced grant budget (£66,000 in 2022/23). However, evidence suggests that this reduction in maximum grant did not give rise to an increase in applications, as demonstrated by a reduction in the value of approved grant applications throughout 2022/23, totalling only £37,000. Anecdotal evidence suggests that, with increasing costs, the scheme could be more impactful if the grant limit were once again increased. This paper therefore seeks to re-introduce the maximum available grant of £10,000 to enable the RCF to be implemented to best effect.
8. Further information regarding the RCF can be found [here](#).

Finance

9. For context, the total Rural Programme approved budget is as follows:

Rural Programme Budget	Agreed Budget
	2023/24
Infrastructure grant to HALC (Revenue Budget)	£57,000
Rural Affairs Budget (Revenue Budget)	£214,000
Total	£271,000

Performance

10. The Rural Programme has delivered against its objectives of supporting communities through grant awards and maintaining the external partnership with HALC. Specific performance results are given in Appendix 1.

Consultation and Equalities

11. This is a financial report for the Rural Programme and therefore does not require a consultation. The Local Member and other relevant officers are consulted on individual grant awards.
12. A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken.
13. The corporate terms and conditions for grants require that for any grant applications, any organisation in receipt of funding shall ensure that at all times it complies with the Equality Act 2010 if applicable and shall ensure that it does not discriminate against any person or persons on the basis of protected characteristics. This report has no direct effect on service users, so has a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics.

Climate Change Impact Assessments

14. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
15. The decisions in this report are financial decisions in relation to a programme of spending and grant opportunities. Therefore, the Climate Change Impact Assessment tools are not suitable for this decision and have not been used.
16. However, the tools will be used to assess the impact of any future grant application, for example The Parish and Town Investment Fund is partly used to fund Energy Efficiency grants for community buildings. As and when any grants are put forward for approval, the Climate Change Impact Assessment tool will be used to demonstrate any impacts and potential adaptations.

Other Key Issues

17. Legal Implications: Section 1 (1) of the Localism Act gives the County Council the power to do anything that individuals may generally do. This includes the power to make grants.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
EMPR Report - Update on the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund and Associated Rural Issues	25.04.2019
EMCRA Report – Rural Affairs – Rural Programme update and priorities	18.09.2020
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

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>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

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- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

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

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- 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.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

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Appendix 1 – Details of Rural Programme

1. Annual infrastructure grant payment to HALC - the County Council's partnership with HALC is set to continue for the financial year 2023/24. The infrastructure grant of £57,000 to HALC will support the ongoing partnership and provide a valuable period to assess the partnership. HALC supports 246 member parishes with access to training, HR and operational advice for Parish Councillors, clerks, and other local council staff. HCC's grant subsidises the membership fee for Hampshire's parishes, thereby giving them free access to these resources.
2. Rural Communities Fund – provides grants to encourage community resilience and self-help to address local needs against our rural priorities, referred to in paragraph 7 above.
3. In 2022/23 funding from the RCF was awarded to 10 projects providing a total award of £37,000, with match funding totalling over £200,000, demonstrating a leverage of over 5:1. This includes support for two community events promoting rural Hampshire – The Romsey Show and Whitchurch Arts and Crafts Fair, and six rural business applications which are projected to increase income in total by £560k annually, and rural employment by 10 people annually.
4. Parish and Town Council Investment Fund (PTCIF) – provides grants up to £30,000 to encourage innovation by investing in locally led initiatives which help build community capacity and resilience, whilst reducing pressure on County Council Services. Successful approval of grants relies on a clear demonstration of how applicants will ease pressure on HCC services, for example supporting our Climate Emergency goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. Further information regarding the PTCIF can be found [here](#).
5. In 2022/23 grant funding from the PTCIF was awarded to 25 projects providing a total award of £220,000. This includes £170,000 relating to Climate Change improvement projects in 16 of Hampshire's community buildings. These projects are projected to deliver an annual energy saving of 132,609 kWh, annual financial savings of £42,880, and annual carbon saving = 32.91 tCO₂e, with match funding totalling over £2 million demonstrating a leverage of 10:1.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date of Decision:	13 July 2023
Decision Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies: Area-based Committees and Panels, Statutory Joint Committees and Partnership Boards
Report From:	Director of People and Organisation

Contact name: Louise Barker

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1. The Decision (PROPOSED):

- a) In accordance with Part 2 Chapter 3 of the Constitution, that the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services be requested to make an appointment to a vacancy that has arisen on non-proportional Outside Bodies, as detailed below. The term of office to expire upon the County Council elections in May 2025 unless otherwise stated:

	Name of Body	Description	Current Representatives	Nominations received	Appt(s)
1.	West of Waterlooville Forum (2+1 dep)	To comment and advise on the next stages of the implementation of the West of Waterlooville master plan, in particular major elements of community infrastructure, to ensure the success of the community development activities undertaken within the development area and advise on how these should progress and to secure the establishment of appropriate local democratic structures for the emerging community that will take responsibility for representing the area.	Gary Hughes Patricia Stallard Ann Briggs (Dep)		New appts needed for those Members listed in red
2.	Kings Barton Development Forum (2+2 dep)	The purpose of the Kings Barton Development Forum is to assist in the establishment of a successful new community by providing an opportunity for the public	Jan Warwick Martin Tod Jackie Porter (Dep) Patricia Stallard		New appt needed for Member listed in red

		discussion of issues and the provision of purposeful guidance.	(Dep)		
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2. Reason for the decision:

2.1 To maintain County Council representation on bodies within the community.

2.2 In regard to 1a) above, when appointing to these Outside Bodies, nominations are sought from the Political Group Leaders.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to make appointments, which would cease County Council representation.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050
and Corporate Services**

Date: 13 July 2023

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services		
Date:	13 July 2023		
Title:	Chief Officer Delegation Register		
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050		
Contact name:	Gary Westbrook, Director of Hampshire 2050		
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to redelegate existing Executive Member Authority from the Director of People and Organisation to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to approve Members grants from their devolved budgets.

Recommendation

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the ongoing delegation to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to approve grants supported from the Members' devolved budgets.

Executive Summary

3. This report is required as a result of the new Members Grants Portal being in place and the processing of applications now being managed by the Grants Team within Universal Services. It is also to ensure that existing delegations remain lawful and that the Director of Hampshire 2050 can effectively and lawfully make decisions using the delegations. A link to the existing delegation is contained in the next page.

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5. The carbon mitigation tool and/or climate change adaptation tool are not applicable because the decision is administrative in nature.

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Other significant links

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<u>Title</u> Chief Officer Delegations Register	<u>Date</u> 19 January 2023
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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

2.1. There are no equality impacts arising as a result of this Report

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