

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the spending plan as set out in paragraph 9 of the supporting report, including the approval of the annual grant to the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC).
- 1.2. 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.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. 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.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not seek approval of the grant spending plan, including to Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC). This option was rejected based on the benefits set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 3.2. To leave the grant limit unchanged. This would not provide best value for money as described in the report. This option was therefore rejected.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 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:

Date:

13 July 2023

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050
and Corporate Services
Councillor Rob Humby**