

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	22 September 2020
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Investing in Hampshire Bids
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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### Purpose of this Report

1. This report is to consider two requests for funding under the Investing in Hampshire Fund towards the formal setup costs of a Hampshire Youth Network and the changed use of an existing award for the creation of an interim cancer well-being centre in Basingstoke.

### Recommendation

2. That the Executive Member approves an award of £5,000 for the set up costs of the Hampshire Youth Network subject to them being formally constituted and having their own banking arrangements.
3. That the Executive Member approves the changed use of the previous £50,000 award to the Ark Cancer Centre Charity to help fund the creation of an interim well-being centre at Basingstoke Hospital.

### Executive Summary

4. The first award is aimed at formalising the current arrangements for the Hampshire Youth Network and to set it up as a formally constituted organisation. This will enable Hampshire's youth organisations to communicate and work more effectively together and a request for £5,000 has been made to assist with the set up costs of the Network.
5. The second decision relates to a previous £50,000 award that was approved as a contribution towards a purpose built cancer centre at Basingstoke Hospital. The new cancer centre is now part of wider proposals for a new hospital in Basingstoke and therefore an interim well-being centre is being created in the existing Radiotherapy Unit at the hospital.
6. The original award was subject to the Charity reaching their £5m fundraising target, but given the change in the arrangements at Basingstoke, the Charity

have requested that the £50,000 award be released now to contribute towards the capital costs of the creation of the interim well-being centre.

### **Hampshire Youth Network**

7. The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire previously set up an initiative to move towards a Hampshire Youth Network (HYN) to enable the various existing youth groups to work together more effectively. At the current time, the group includes representatives from organisations such as Boys/Girls Brigades, Scouts, Guides and RN/Army/RAF/Marine Cadets and Duke of Edinburgh Award.
8. The HYN already organises cross County events for the Young People of Hampshire, issues News Letters and has a website and Instagram contacts. It works pro-actively with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Hampshire Youth Commission and also the Duke of Edinburgh Hampshire Forum among others.
9. The Network now wants to expand their activities and set up on a more formal basis to create better liaison and communication with other groups and the County Council itself. To enable this, a one-off sum of £5,000 has been requested to aid with the set up costs.
10. To meet the criteria for an Investing in Hampshire Award, there must be a wider benefit to Hampshire residents for the contribution made. In recent years youth provision through local authorities has by necessity moved from a universal to a targeted service provision working with the various youth groups to create opportunities and activities for young people across the County.
11. Given the well known range of youth organisations already involved it is clear that improving the communication and joint working between these groups, together with an expansion of the Network, can only provide a better offer for the young people of Hampshire and the contribution sought is modest in the context of the wider benefits that the Network will bring.
12. The criteria for Investing in Hampshire awards are set out in Appendix 1 and to qualify for the award, the group needs to be formally constituted and have its own bank account in place. The Network is currently in the process of putting both of these requirements in place and the award will be subject to this being completed.

### **Ark Cancer Centre Charity**

13. In November 2018, an award of £50,000 was approved towards the cost of a purpose built cancer centre in Basingstoke, which was being provided by Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust. The Ark Cancer Centre Charity (The Charity) were aiming to raise £5m to ensure that the centre was built to the highest specification for the treatment and support of cancer sufferers and their families.
14. The award of £50,000 was dependent on The Charity meeting their overall fundraising goal. Since that time, the planned cancer centre is now being

considered as part of the wider proposals for a potential new hospital in Basingstoke, which is obviously some years away even if approved.

15. The Charity have therefore requested that the previously approved £50,000 award be released now to fund an interim well-being centre in the existing Radiotherapy Unit at Basingstoke hospital.
16. The cost of the interim well-being centre is around £190,000 with £140,000 of this being entirely funded by the Charity. The balance of funding of £50,000 is being requested from the Investing in Hampshire Fund.
17. In addition to the capital cost of the facility, The Charity will also fund the hire of rooms in The Ark Conference Centre for educational and support meetings that will enhance the help and care given to cancer patients and their families. Furthermore, The Charity will provide funding for key support staff, including a cancer dietician, psychotherapist and an acupuncturist, all of whom will enhance delivery of care and support to patients.
18. Revenue funding for these services is expected to be in place on an ongoing basis and will clearly provide significant health benefits and support to the residents of Basingstoke and the wider region. It is therefore recommended that the revised use of the previous award is approved by the Executive Member.

### **Financial Arrangements**

19. Most 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.
20. Given that the first award is to fund start up costs of the HYN and is for a relatively small sum, it is proposed that the full £5,000 is paid once evidence of the constitution and banking arrangements is provided.

### **Legal Implications**

21. 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 Strategic Plan**

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

**Other Significant Links**

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

<b>Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents</b>	
<p><b>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.)</b></p>	
<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 adverse impact on those people with protected characteristics as a result of this report, some groups may receive a direct benefit as a result of the decisions in this report, but they are not specifically targeted at these groups.

### **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, particularly in respect of the funding towards the Hampshire Youth Network which will work with a variety of existing youth organisations that provide activities for young people.

## 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 for one-off funding only. 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 be considered for the items listed below, where these are within agreed priorities and generally only where other substantial funding exists:
  - Specific capital projects for the improvement or maintenance of significant assets or facilities within Hampshire
  - Projects that will support economic development and business growth within Hampshire.
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 and other benefits to the residents of Hampshire should be considered together with any complementary benefits for Hampshire County Council.
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.