

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and  
Rural Affairs

PART II

**1. GRANT FUNDING TO CULTURE AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN HAMPSHIRE – INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY LIBRARIES**

- 1.1. At his Decision Day on 12 January 2021, the Executive Member awarded grant funding totalling £40,000 to community organisations to support start up and transition costs to Independent Community Libraries.
- 1.2. The Hampshire Library Service will also provide initial support to the organisations to assist them in transitioning to Independent Community Libraries including both advice and training, as well as sign posting to longer term sources of support. There is an established community library network which the organisations are also eligible to join.

**2. HCC PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

- 1.3. At his Decision Day on 12 January 2021, the Executive Member approved the Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy. The Policy ensures that officers fulfil their duty to safeguard the right of the public to use and enjoy the public Rights of Way network. It will also support officers to carry out their duty to enforce the provisions within legislation in respect of public Rights of Way on behalf of the Council. The Policy will be reviewed annually to ensure a consistent and current approach to enforcement.

Further details can be found at the link below:

[Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs Decision Day – 12 January 2021](#)

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