

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	26 September 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Developing Services through Local partnership – Parish and Town Council Investment Fund
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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- **The Decision:**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:
- 1.2 Endorses the approach set out in this report for developing the County Council's partnership with Parish and Town Councils (PTCs) and the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC).
- 1.3 Supports the specific arrangements proposed to operate the PTC Investments Fund of £500,000 which was approved by Cabinet in October 2017. These arrangements to include:
  - PTC Investment Fund criteria allowing for revenue and capital investments usually up to maximum values of £30,000 - as set out in sections 6.4 to 6.8.
  - A PTC Investment Fund governance structure which will include a Programme Board and Local Service Development Team approach – as set out in sections 7.1 to 7.2.
  - Applications for investments greater than £5,000 to be considered at Decision Days for the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs, with delegated authority for decisions below £5,000 to be given to the CCBS Assistant Director - Culture and Heritage.
  - The formal launch of the PTC Investment Fund in November 2018 in conjunction with HALC and utilising their forthcoming Annual General Meeting for that purpose.
  - Associated collaboration and joint working with HALC, the outcomes of which will inform forthcoming negotiations over longer term County Council financial support for the organisation.

- Interim core support for HALC, from existing P+R funds, representing a stand still grant of £63,000 for the current year, in light of the delay to concluding negotiations associated with this work.

- **Reasons for the decision:**

2.1 The County Council recognises the importance of partnerships with local communities in developing local resilience and ensuring responsive and sustainable services.

2.2 Through the partnership with HALC and PTC's, the County Council aims to empower local communities and support greater participation in the delivery of local services.

2.3 A new Parish and Town Council Investment Fund of £500k has been created to support this and encourage innovation in local service delivery. This fund will look to finance new schemes developed through the partnership which help to reduce a community's reliance upon the County Council's resources.

2.4 The purpose of the paper is to:

- Set out the context and principles required for effective partnership working with PTC's (established through a series of consultation events).
- Put forward criteria for the PTC Investment Fund and Identify the associated work streams necessary to support an effective partnership targeting the delivery of more services at a local level.
- Identify an appropriate form of governance and support for the management of the PTC Programme and Investment Fund.
- Seek support for ongoing collaboration and joint working with HALC in securing these objectives.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 Alternative proposals were received and evaluated but were unsuccessful.

**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: None

**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:**

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**26 September 2018**

**Councillor Roy Perry  
Executive Member for Policy and Resources**