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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, 30th November, 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. AWARDS FROM COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEMES (Pages 5 - 18)

To consider a report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 detailing awards from County Council's community grant schemes.

2. INVESTING IN HAMPSHIRE FUND (Pages 19 - 26)

To consider a report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 seeking approval to an award being made from the Investing in Hampshire Fund towards a Jane Austen Memorial.

3. LOCAL PLAN - LAND AND BUILDINGS PROMOTION STRATEGY
(Pages 27 - 34)

To consider a report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 regarding the promotion of the County Council's land and buildings as part of the Local Plan making process across Hampshire.

4. STRATEGIC AVIATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP (Pages 35 - 40)

To consider a report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 regarding the County Council's membership of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, STATUTORY JOINT COMMITTEES, PANELS AND PARTNERSHIP BOARDS (Pages 41 - 42)

To consider a report of the Director of People and Organisation regarding the current County Council appointments to the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

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 Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of 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)

None

NON KEY DECISIONS (EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL)

6. GREAT HALL – FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS (Pages 43 - 60)

To consider an exempt report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 regarding the future management and operations of the Great Hall.

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:

The press and public are welcome to observe the public sessions of the decision day via the webcast.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	30 November 2023
Title:	Awards from Community Grant Schemes
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

Contact name: Emma Noyce, Lisa Wood and Miranda Woolfenden

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Purpose of this Report

1. The report considers four applications for grants from the Leader's Community Grant Fund and three applications from the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund (PTCIF) for 2023/24.

Recommendations

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves:
 - a) Four grants totalling £53,361 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24 to cultural and community organisations in Hampshire, as set out in Appendix 1.
 - b) Three grants totalling £59,703 from the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund, as set out in Appendix 2.

Executive Summary

3. Four organisations have applied for a grant through the Leader's Community Grant Fund totalling £60,837. Three organisations have applied for a grant from the Parish Town Council Investment Fund (PTCIF) totalling £59,703 for 2023/24.
4. The report considers the applications and recommends the awards totalling £53,361 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund, and £59,703 from the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund (PTCIF) The recommended awards can be met from within existing budget provision.
5. Appendix 3 summarises five grants approved by the Corporate Director for Hampshire 2050, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, under delegated authority, which

have been made since the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Decision Day on 25 September 2023.

Contextual Information

6. The purpose of the Leader's Community Grant Fund 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. Full details of this grant stream, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, can be found [here](#).
7. The priority of the PTCIF is to support partnerships between Parish and Town Councils or local community groups and the County Council. It provides investments to schemes which respond to local needs and aims to reduce pressure on County Council Services. Full details of the PTCIF, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, can be found [here](#).

Finance

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

Consultation and Equalities

9. A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.
10. 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.

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11. 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.
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Other Key Issues

13. 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.

14. The Council has had regard to the Subsidy Control Act 2022 and the provisions of the subsidy control regime in relation to the recommended awards considered in this report.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
The Leader's Community Grant Fund – Revised Criteria	13 July 2023

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>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.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 2.1. A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.

Applications to the Leader's Community Grant Fund – 2023/24

Organisation (District/Division)	Proposal			Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
City Life Church, Southampton (Countywide)				£10,500	£10,500
<i>Application summary</i>	<p>Hong Kong Welcome is a community, based in Hampshire, with the aim of welcoming new residents from Hong Kong in the South of England. Organisers engage with around 1500 Hongkongers in Hampshire and regularly run events for up to 400 people to help them integrate into life in Hampshire. Activities include advice sessions (supported by Citizens Advice), library sessions, cultural events and friendship festivals.</p> <p>Hampshire Libraries have been developing their offer for Hongkongers in Hampshire through the 'Libraries of Sanctuary' project this year, and have received funding that has been used to fund Chinese language stock, a new Hong Kong Reminiscence Box, Hong Kong events in libraries, etc. City Life Church have been important to the success of the Library Service Hong Kong support, staff/volunteers at the Church have assisted in developing the offer, marketing and promoting libraries through Hong Kong channels and connections and identifying a team of Hong Kong volunteers across Hampshire who are now coming into libraries to support the work with their community.</p> <p>This funding will enable City Life Church to fund a Hong Kong outreach worker for the next 12 months to support community sessions and cultural events.</p>				
<i>Reach</i>	Approximately 1500 attend weekly				
<i>Funding</i>	Total Project Costs	Shortfall	Match funding from other organisations sought	Own funds committed	HCC already committed
	£21,500	£10,500	Nil	£11,000 (for outreach worker)	Nil
	(Note previous funding awarded: Nil)				
<i>Match scheme criteria</i>	Yes				
<i>Local Member Comments</i>	Countywide				
<i>Recommendation/conditions</i>	£10,500				

Organisation <i>(District/Division)</i>	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended		
Shedfield Reading Room <i>(Winchester/ Meon Valley)</i>		£10,000	£10,000		
<i>Application summary</i>	<p>Shedfield Reading Room has a clay-tiled roof, dating from 1869, which is beyond economic repair and has no insulation. The project is to provide a new clay-tiled roof with appropriate insulation to modern environmental standards. The building is freehold and held in trust by the trustees of the Reading Room Management Committee. The building is situated in Shedfield Conservation Area and is from the same era as the other buildings in the Conservation Area. Original clay tiles will be reused where possible, otherwise matching clay tiles will be used. Planning permission is not required for this project.</p> <p>The community will benefit from more affordable heating bills, the savings being passed directly onto the users in reduced hire charges. The majority of users are not for profit organisations and struggle with rising costs. The hall will also be able to offer more inclusive activities. The elderly are particularly affected by loneliness and this will provide a warm and comfortable environment in order to participate in the activities. Lack of roof insulation has deterred some elderly users from attending activities in winter and on occasion activities have been cancelled. The environment will benefit through reduced energy use and help mitigate climate change.</p>				
<i>Reach</i>	Will benefit approx.5000 residents				
<i>Funding</i>	Total Project Costs	Shortfall	Match funding from other organisations sought	Own funds committed	HCC already committed
	£64,000	£10,000	£27,000	£27,000	Nil
	(Note previous funding awarded: Nil)				
<i>Match scheme criteria</i>	Yes				
<i>Local Member Comments</i>	Cllr Lumby fully supports this application.				
<i>Recommendation/ conditions</i>	£10,000				

Organisation <i>(District/Division)</i>	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended		
Blandford Hall <i>(New Forest/ Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge)</i>		£26,000	£25,000		
<i>Application summary</i>	<p>The hall is used for meetings and social gatherings, including use as a Warm Hub over the winter months. It provides facilities for the local Church and is used as a Polling Station, a children's playgroup and a range of activities. The local community shop is housed in an annexe.</p> <p>The refurbishment will create a more accessible, modern and appealing environment for the benefit and wellbeing of the local community. Improvements include up to date toilets, including accessible facilities, widened doorways for disabled access around the hall and into the community shop, new kitchen and equipment, improved energy efficiency - energy efficient infra-red heating, new LED lighting and installation of a comprehensive entertainment system to enable talks, films, theatre and social event, improved ventilation, acoustic panelling and a hearing loop.</p> <p>Facilities will be more appropriate for local agencies/ services and for the use of hall users and the local church. There will be enhanced storage facilities to remove unsafe obstructions in the Lobby and de-clutter the toilets. A new kitchen to meet user needs and current hygiene regulations will be provided. The hall space will have effective lighting, efficient heating, and acoustic dampening which will encourage greater use and improve conditions for those currently discouraged by the current condition of the hall. Once complete, it is anticipated that the activities on offer and general usage will increase.</p>				
<i>Reach</i>	Will benefit approx. 450 Residents				
<i>Funding</i>	Total Project Costs	Shortfall	Match funding from other organisations sought	Own funds committed	HCC already committed
	£172,407	£25,907	£145,500	£6,000	
	(Note previous funding awarded: Warm Hub Grant 2022/23 - £1,900)				
<i>Match scheme criteria</i>	Yes				
<i>Local Member Comments</i>	Councillor Heron fully supports this application.				
<i>Recommendation/ conditions</i>	£25,000				

Organisation (District/Division)	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended		
Age Concern Hampshire (Countywide)		£14,337	£7,861		
<i>Application summary</i>	<p>The project provides funding towards IT and Social Group Sessions in Basingstoke and Locks Heath, helping older people with provision of and/or enhanced digital engagement. Since the pandemic, more services are being provided online. This has made it more difficult for digitally excluded older people to find information and apply for the support they need. For example, bus timetables, bin collection dates, Blue Badge applications, etc.</p> <p>The project will be supported by a project coordinator and delivered by trained and DBS checked Age Concern Hampshire (ACH) volunteers. Resources needed include device training, PC's and connectivity to facilitate remote internet access for clients and carers who do not have access to the internet or smart devices, which has been sourced as an 'in kind' donation. This funding request will contribute towards recruitment, enrolment, induction, and training of volunteers as well as ongoing coordination and management of the project. The coordinator of the project will involve a range of third-party services and groups in order to provide beneficiaries with accessible information with a clear pathway to support where needed. Third parties will include (but not limited to) public and voluntary sector organisations to provide information on falls prevention/exercise, bereavement support, scam awareness/trading standards, Blue Badge, Attendance Allowance, mental health/dementia support, fire safety, local groups restarting, etc. The project co-ordinator works with a network of referrers such as social prescribers, care navigators, Dementia Support Workers, Housing Associations and many more to understand areas of need to target.</p>				
<i>Reach</i>	Will benefit approx. 150 Residents				
<i>Funding</i>	Total Project Costs	Shortfall	Match funding from other organisations sought	Own funds committed	HCC already committed
	£23,212	£14,352	£8,860	Nil	
<i>Match scheme criteria</i>	In part as staff costs are not eligible in the Scheme criteria. Remaining project costs are eligible and total £7861.				
<i>Local Member Comments</i>	Countywide				
<i>Recommendation/conditions</i>	£7,861				
TOTALS			£60,837	£53,361	

Applications to the Parish Town Council Investment Fund (PTCIF) – 2023/24

Organisation (District/Division)	Proposal			Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall (Winchester / Itchen Valley)				£28,000	£28,000
<i>Application summary</i>	<p>Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall Trust have self-funded extensive energy efficiency measures in the village hall in line with their climate emergency stance, including ceiling insulation, LED lighting, thermal curtains, draught proofing and installed 36 solar panels and battery storage. This has resulted in a 14% reduction in gas use, and an 18% reduction in electricity use. The final stage of their energy efficiency measures intends to move them entirely away from the use of fossil fuels, replacing their inefficient gas central heating system (two old gas boilers) with a ground source heat pump (GSHP).</p> <p>Their proposed solution will allow them to reduce their annual heating costs by £4078 (based on proposed tariff increases) and provides an alternative to the purchase of two new gas-fired boilers. This equates to a repayment period of under 7 years for the County Council's proposed contribution. They have also committed to moving to a '100% green energy' electricity tariff which will guarantee a zero-carbon operation from next year, once energy efficiency measures have been implemented.</p> <p>Climate Change Programme Team comments: The Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall ground source heat pump project will eliminate the use of fossil fuels in this building. It is forecast that the project will save 9.89 tonnes of CO2 a year. Once the organisation moves to a green energy electricity tariff, they have the opportunity to save a total of over 18 tonnes CO2/year.</p>				
<i>Reach</i>	Will benefit approx. 2250 pp / month				
<i>Funding</i>	Total Project Costs	Shortfall	Match funding from other organisations sought	Own funds committed	HCC already committed
	£62,232	£28,000	£34,000 (approved)	£232	£0
	(Note previous funding awarded: £1950 for EPC in 2022)				
<i>Match scheme criteria</i>	Approved - Winchester City Council (£28000) Offgen boiler replacement grant (£6000)				

<i>Local Member Comments</i>	Cllr Jackie Porter is supportive of the grant award and is keen to see them continue to provide valuable guidance and information to residents of Hampshire via their annual 'Green Fairs' – the next fair is planned for July 2024, post installation of the GSPH.
<i>Recommendation/conditions</i>	£28,000 (conditional on a successful, contractor managed, borehole test for which there is no associated cost)

Organisation (District/Division)	Proposal			Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Abottswood Community Association (Test Valley / Romsey)				£25,713	£25,713
<i>Application summary</i>	<p>Abottswood Community Centre wish to install solar PV panels and batteries.</p> <p>The community centre already has a favourable energy rating of B, so is a good candidate for support for a green energy generation project. Abottswood have provided extensive documentation demonstrating best value for money. The project indicates a financial saving of £4080/yr. This calculates to a favourable repayment period of 6-7 years. Following support from the Climate Change Programme Team, officers would recommend this application for funding.</p> <p>Climate Change Programme Team comments: The forecast annual tonnes of carbon saved is predicted to be 3.21 tCO2e for the installation of solar panels. This will help reduce Abottswood Community Centre reliance on fossil fuels, which therefore reduces the carbon footprint of the building.</p>				
<i>Reach</i>	Will benefit approx. 5000				
<i>Funding</i>	Total Project Costs	Shortfall	Match funding from other organisations sought	Own funds committed	HCC already committed
	£25,713	£25,713	£ 0	£0	£0
	(Note previous funding awarded:)				
<i>Match scheme criteria</i>	(Note: Match funding is not a requirement to this grant but is preferable. The building is leased from TVBC. The lease is 25 years and runs until 2 April 2043. No funding available from TVBC, but they are covering the legal cost of changes to the lease)				
<i>Local Member Comments</i>	Cllr Adams-King is supportive of the grant award.				
<i>Recommendation/ conditions</i>	£25,713 (they have confirmed that no planning permission is required)				

Organisation <i>(District/Division)</i>	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended		
Upham New Millennium Village Hall <i>(Winchester / Bishops Waltham)</i>		£5,990	£5,990		
<i>Application summary</i>	<p>Upham New Millennium Village Hall (UVH) provides support to a wide community area in addition to supporting the parish of Upham.</p> <p>Following recent increases in energy bills, UVH's electricity costs have increased from 16p/kW to 76p/kW, resulting in an annual electricity cost rise from approximately £3,864 to £17,790 and is forecast next year to be in excess of £22,000. UVH does have some reserves, although a significant amount is tied up in an endowment fund. Unless they implement cost saving measures, their current electricity costs could subsume their entire reserves. They seek to reduce these costs, whilst at the same time contributing to a more energy efficient facility. They are applying for funding to install energy efficient LED lighting throughout the building, which will have a positive impact on carbon reduction, whilst also enabling them to keep the village hall open and running without passing on significantly higher hire charges to their community, who are also not able to contribute more financially. The new lighting will support a £5,470 reduction in their energy bills annually (to £12,000).</p> <p>Climate Change Programme Team comments: The forecast annual tonnes of CO2 savings is 1.53 t CO2e.</p>				
<i>Reach</i>	Will benefit approx. 300pp/month				
<i>Funding</i>	Total Project Costs	Shortfall	Match funding from other organisations sought	Own funds committed	HCC already committed
	£5,990	£5,990	£ 0	£0	£0
	<i>(Note previous funding awarded: N/A)</i>				
<i>Match scheme criteria</i>	<i>(Note: Match funding is not a requirement to this grant but is preferable. The Trustees have stated that following a massive increase in their monthly running costs, they are not able to contribute)</i>				
<i>Local Member Comments</i>	As local member, Cllr Humby is supportive of the application. Approval authority to be delegated to Cllr Roz Chadd.				
<i>Recommendation/ conditions</i>	£5,990				
TOTALS				£59,703	£59,703

Summary of Officer Decisions Made since 25 September 2023

Grant Stream	Organisation	Project	Grant Approved	Date Approved
Leader's Community Fund	Sasha's Project	Service of Reflection in November (to coincide with International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day) to provide time and space for those in the community who have been affected by suicide.	£1,000	28/09/2023
Parish & Town Council Investment Fund	Heckfield Parish Council	Energy Efficiency Audit	£1495	04/10/2023
Parish & Town Council Investment Fund	Houghton Village Hall	Energy Efficiency Audit	£1495	10/10/2023
Parish & Town Council Investment Fund	Test Source Community Energy	Setting up a community led and owned solar energy supply	£4695	22/09/2023
Rural Community Fund	Grayshott Parish Council	Borehole water for community allotment	£2810	10/10/2023
Rural Community Fund	Pilley Community Shop	Improved security	£2332	08/11/2023

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	30 November 2023
Title:	Investing in Hampshire Fund
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

Contact name: Emma Noyce

Email: Emma.noyce@hants.gov.uk

Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to consider an application to the Investing in Hampshire Fund.

Recommendation

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the application for an Investing in Hampshire award towards a Jane Austen Memorial at Winchester Cathedral for £10,000, conditional on Winchester City Council matching the contribution.

Contextual information

3. On the 19 April 2018 the Executive Member for Policy and Resources agreed an Investing in Hampshire grant of £25,000 towards a statue of Jane Austen at Winchester Cathedral.
4. Following public feedback on the proposal, a decision was taken not to proceed at that stage. The then Executive Member confirmed that should the project gain support in the future, a re-application would be welcomed.
5. Winchester Cathedral has now approached the County Council with a revised proposal, having taken into consideration feedback on the previous design. It is noted that in the five years since the original funding was approved, the financial position of the County Council has changed significantly. The revised proposal therefore seeks a reduced grant of £10,000 from the County Council towards a £100,000 project.

6. Whilst a commitment was previously made to welcome a re-application, it is appropriate to consider whether the proposal still represents public value and meets the criteria of the scheme. The relevant criteria in this case are included as Appendix 1 to this report.
7. The applicant has provided the following statement in support of the application:
“The people of Winchester and Hampshire will benefit by there being a memorial sculpture honouring one of Hampshire’s most famous daughters, available outside to view free of charge. It will attract visits from a global fanbase which will boost the economy post-pandemic. It will be a local landmark in the city, in a beautiful setting, which will add to other sculptures of note such as Licoricia and King Alfred. It will form part of a network of places to visit in Hampshire on the Jane Austen trail, including Chawton, Steventon and Basingstoke.
8. Officers consider that whilst it is not the County Council’s direct responsibility to fund public art of this nature, it is likely that this will be a significant visitor attraction of one of Hampshire’s cultural icons, and this project will strengthen the Jane Austen trail across the County, building on the impact of the bicentenary of Jane Austen’s death.

Finance

9. The project costs are £100,000 comprised of £60,000 for the design and maquette, and a further £40,000 for casting and installation. £73,000 has been raised from private donations, and a contribution of £10,000 has been sought from Winchester City Council. The remainder of the shortfall will be made up from further fundraising activity.
10. It is recommended that the County Council contributes £10,000 to the project on condition that this is matched by a contribution from Winchester City Council.

Consultation and Equalities

11. The Cathedral has already begun an active process of consultation with key stakeholders including the Jane Austen Society and City of Winchester Trust. At the start of next year there will be a public consultation. All opinions received will be expressed back to the sculptor.
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Executive Member Policy and Resources: Investing in Hampshire Bids	19/4/18
Executive Member Policy and Resources: Investing in Hampshire Fund	8/3/19

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APPENDIX 1: 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 Operations.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	30 November 2023
Title:	Local Plan - Land and Buildings Promotion Strategy
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to identify a more 'active' and agile approach to the promotion of the County Council's land and buildings as part of the Local Plan making process across Hampshire. The report seeks to secure an in principle delegated authority for the Director of Hampshire 2050, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, to be able to confirm the availability of and to promote any identified assets as part of the County Council's landowner response to the various stages of the Plan preparation process.

Recommendations

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the revised approach to the promotion of County Council landholdings into the Local Plan, as set out in the report.
3. That the Director of Hampshire 2050, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, be authorised to identify and promote landholdings for development and/or alternative uses in response to formal consultation exercises as part of the Local plan making process.
4. That the Director of Hampshire 2050, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, be authorised to have discussions on a without prejudice basis with relevant, adjoining third-party owners where it can be demonstrated it would be to the County Council's advantage to consider a co-ordinated approach to land promotion and that the Director of Hampshire 2050 be authorised to enter into a joint land promotion agreement where it is deemed appropriate to do so.

Executive Summary

5. This paper seeks to;
 - identify the existing and likely future stages of Local Plan preparation and the consequent need for a more active and agile approach to the promotion of the County Council's land holdings.
 - set out the current approach taken by the County Council (in its landowning capacity) to promote its land and assets into the Local Plan making process.
 - set out a revised approach to confirming the availability and subsequent promotion of County Council assets for a variety of land uses.

Existing Local Plan Making Process

6. The current Local Plan process is divided into a series of distinct stages as set out under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 whereby the relevant Local Planning Authority will publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS) which identifies their intended programme to prepare and/or review their Local Plan. Typically, it can take between 3-5 years for a Plan to be adopted. Each formal stage of the Local Plan is the subject of a period of public consultation, generally for just a 6-week period.
7. The first stage, the 'Reg 18' is where a given Local Planning Authority will seek to assess their development requirements (housing, employment, and green land uses) and in advance of this they will 'Call for Sites' from public and private landowners alike to put forward sites for consideration. This process is used to identify a future supply of land which is suitable, available, and achievable principally for housing and economic development but increasingly for greener and other mitigation purposes. The responses received feed into the resultant spatial strategy and are used to demonstrate a 5-year housing land position.
8. The outcome of a 'Call for Sites' is summarised in a Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA), and this is regularly updated, often on an annual basis. The published SHELAA records all submissions received and provide a high-level assessment in terms of prevailing planning policy, together with an 'availability' statement.
9. Whilst the SHELAA does not determine whether a site should or will be allocated for development, as this is a matter for the Local Plan to determine, it is the County Council's opportunity to identify that it has landholdings that it wishes to promote for alternative uses. Typically, the LPA will receive responses that could provide 4 or 5 times more development capacity than may be required and therefore ultimately the 'Call for Sites' process is in effect the start of a competitive 'dialogue' with the LPA.
10. The fact that the SHELAA is a published document means that any site promoted by the County Council is therefore in the public domain. It is therefore important there is clarity as to the basis land is being made available and ideally that appropriate Member endorsement is in place. Also, the brevity of the public consultation period often means that there is insufficient time to secure formal Member approval to making land available.

Current Approach to Land Promotion

11. Whilst there are various existing officer delegations in place to support the County Council's statutory roles and responsibilities in respect of the Local Plan making process, there are currently very few reciprocal delegations in place to support the County Council's actions in its landowning capacity. Officers use professional judgement to consider whether land and buildings should be put forward for consideration for inclusion within a Local Plan for development. However, this can often be in advance of any formal Member endorsement which in some instances, particularly on the larger sites, is secured retrospectively. In the absence of an explicit delegation, the approach taken could be viewed as perhaps fragmented and somewhat reactive and is not one that is always applied in a consistent manner.

Proposed approach to Land Promotion

12. To better support the work of the Land and Assets function of the Hampshire 2050 Directorate, it is considered appropriate to secure a more explicit Officer delegation to enable the promotion of the authority's landholdings into the Local Plan process undertaken by the District and Borough Councils across Hampshire. Such a delegation would have the following benefits:
 - Agile response: it will enable the Council's land promotion activity and any response to periods of public consultation to be undertaken outside the usual Committee cycle as these are rarely aligned to the consultation programme.
 - Confidence for the LPA: it will allow Officers to confirm that a particular site is 'available' for consideration for future development and ensures there is no doubt about its status.
 - Auditable process: it will provide a documented decision around making a given site available and in turn will provide a clear basis to respond to any inquiries received.
13. Given the sorts of sites available for promotion vary in size, from small/medium sized to strategic sites, and will often have a range of potential uses (for development and/or mitigation), it is considered appropriate that any delegation afforded to the Director of Hampshire 2050 should be considered in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services via the monthly Leader Briefings. This will ensure that the Leader is fully sighted on the sites proposed for promotion into the Local Plan process and that clarity on whether the site should be put forward and for what purpose/use is determined before any formal submission is made. It may also be the case that a particular site or building has also been considered at the Corporate Land and Assets Board to agree a way forward in advance of any briefing of the Leader.
14. From time to time, the County Council may own land adjoining other third-party ownerships, that may also be being actively promoted and/or have development potential. Often, the third-party owner will approach the County

Council to work with and in some cases jointly promote the combined development opportunity. Whilst each opportunity necessarily needs to be considered on its own merit and would therefore be the subject of the briefing process mentioned above, approval to have discussions on a without prejudice basis with relevant third-party landowners is also sought together with a delegation to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to enter into a joint land promotion agreement, likely in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) where it is deemed appropriate and necessary. Any onward discussion(s) around land equalisation, possible option agreement or a direct or joint sale strategy would be brought back to the Executive Member for a decision in the usual way.

Finance

15. The generality of the cost of Officer time associated with Local Plan activity for the County Council in its landowning (as opposed to its regulatory) capacity is met by a provision within the Strategic Land budget. Once the prospect of development for a particular site is accepted by the LPA, then separate and more specific funding is needed to support the planning and disposal activities, either again as part of the Strategic Land budget for any identified strategic site or from funding identified as part of an Invest to Save business case.

Performance

16. The proposal accords with all 4 of the County Council's Corporate Priorities but specifically "Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity" as it will ensure that the County Council's landholdings are used in an effective and proactive way, enabling the use of our surplus landholdings for the most appropriate alternative use.

Consultation and Equalities

17. Where an asset has become available as part of a particular service review then it is likely that a form of consultation has been already been undertaken. For other sites, the submission to the Local Planning Authority as part of the 'Call for Sites' and/or any other stage of the Local Plan making process ensures that the availability for development will be the subject of extensive public consultation and engagement.
18. This decision relates to a statutory process involved in the making preparation of Local Plans across Hampshire, and the choice the County Council may choose to make to put forward land to be considered for development. There is no anticipated impact on residents of Hampshire, therefore this decision is assessed as having a neutral impact.

Climate Change Impact Assessments

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 and climate change adaptation tool were not considered applicable in respect of the proposed decision.

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;
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	30 November 2023
Title:	Strategic Aviation Group Membership
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

Contact name: Samuel Whitfield

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to formally withdraw from the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group (SASIG) and cease paying membership fees.

Recommendation

2. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the decision to give notice of Hampshire County Council's intention to withdraw from membership of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group (SASIG).

Executive Summary

3. This paper reviews Hampshire County Council's membership of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group.
4. SASIG is a membership forum that aims to discuss national aviation issues. It allows local authorities to give collective feedback to Government on aviation related subjects. Further information can be found here: [SASIG | Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group](#).
5. Whilst air transport is very important to the local economy it has not been seen that membership of the group has resulted in tangible benefits to Hampshire. Over the following 12 months it is recommended that the County Council will therefore withdraw from the Special Interest Group, allowing time to appropriately transition and prioritise engagement with the aviation sector.

Contextual information

6. SASIG was established in 1999. The objectives of the group are as follows:

- to promote the need for long-term, sustainable aviation policies that lead to a reduction in the environmental impact of aviation whilst securing appropriate social and economic benefits;
 - to increase understanding of the local and global impacts of aviation on the environment and communities;
 - to identify and promote the changes needed to move towards sustainable aviation practices within the industry and Government;
 - to work with other organisations and the Government on the formulation of policy advice;
 - to lead on sustainable aviation policy and help influence both the direction of travel and engagement in local issues through our representative presence; and
 - to work with local authorities to promote policies on environmental, economic, social and community sustainability.
7. All of these objectives are to be supported. However, The County Council has no statutory role in developing aviation policy and in practice has been able to represent itself on national air transport policy without needing to be a member of the group.
 8. The County Council joined SASIG at a time when national air transport policy was at the forefront of national transport policy, which is not as prominent at this time.
 9. Both Fareham Borough Council and Rushmoor Borough Council are members of this group. There is a degree of duplication with representation from both tiers of Local Government in Hampshire.
 10. In terms of wider access to strategic level airports in the South-East, Heathrow Airport is of most relevance to Hampshire, being only 15 miles from Hampshire's border in Hart. The County Council is well connected to the Southern and Western access proposals for Heathrow through the County's membership of Transport for the South-East (TfSE).
 11. The option to rejoin the group is open to the County Council in the future if this is deemed to be appropriate.

Finance

12. The annual membership subscription for this group is currently £2,232.
13. Under the terms of the SASIG constitution, authorities resigning from SASIG shall give notice in writing prior to the end of the financial year. The County Council intends to give 12 months notice to ensure appropriate and effective transition from the group. The budget for 2025-2026 would then be reduced by the same amount.

Consultation and Equalities

14. The County Council is currently represented on this group by Cllr Rod Cooper. He is supportive of terminating the County Council's membership of the group.

15. The report recommends withdrawing from a forum. There is no implication for individuals or groups of people with protected characteristics or more widely.

Climate Change Impact Assessments

16. Terminating Hampshire County Council's participation in SASIG makes no difference to carbon emissions within the county or the resilience of any projects and decisions.

Climate Change Adaptation

17. The climate change adaptation tool was not applicable to this report because the decision relates to the membership of a forum.

Carbon Mitigation

18. The climate change mitigation tool was not applicable to this report because the decision relates to the membership of a forum.

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OR	
This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because: Executive Member authority is required for the proposals.	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date of Decision:	30 November 2023
Decision Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory Joint Committees, Panels and Partnership Boards
Report From:	Director of People and Organisation

Contact name: Louise Barker

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1. The Decision (PROPOSED):

In accordance with Part 1: Chapter 12 of the Constitution, that the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services be requested to make an appointment as detailed below. The term of office to be until County Council elections in May 2025 unless otherwise stated:

Name of Body	Description	Current Appts until May 2025	Proposed Appointments until May 2025
Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (SRFCC) 2 (+ deputy)	The Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) is a committee established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 that brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members with relevant experience.	Lance Quantrill Roz Chadd Barry Dunning (deputy)	Cllr Dunning to become the full member and Cllr Chadd the deputy

2. Reason for the decision:

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

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:

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

**Date: 30 November
2023**

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3, 4, 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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