

## NOTICE OF MEETING

<b>Meeting</b>	Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs Decision Day
<b>Date and Time</b>	Monday, 14th January, 2019 at 2.00 pm
<b>Place</b>	Chute Room, EII Court, The Castle, Winchester
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## AGENDA

**1. 2019/20 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR COUNTRYSIDE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (Pages 3 - 10)**

To consider a report of the Directors of Culture, Communities and Business Services and Corporate Resources – Corporate Services setting out proposals for the Countryside and Rural Affairs budget for 2019/20 in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

**2. DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER APPLICATION POLICY AND PROCESS (Pages 11 - 22)**

To consider a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services seeking approval to a new policy and process for definitive map modification orders.

**3. RURAL COMMUNITIES FUND - COMMUNITY HUB IN THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEST END DEVELOPMENT (Pages 23 - 34)**

To consider a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services seeking approval to provide grant funding from the Rural Communities Fund.

**4. HAMPSHIRE TALENTED ATHLETE SCHEME (Pages 35 - 44)**

To consider a report from the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme.

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2019
<b>Title:</b>	2019/20 Revenue Budget Report for Countryside and Rural Affairs
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services and Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

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#### 1. Recommendations

To approve for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:

- 1.1. The revised revenue budget for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2. The summary revenue budget for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1.

#### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The purpose of this report is to set out proposals for the 2019/20 budget for Countryside and Rural Affairs portfolio in accordance with the Councils Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) approved by the County Council in September 2018.
- 2.2. The deliberate strategy that the County Council has followed to date for dealing with grant reductions and the removal of funding that was historically provided to cover inflation, coupled with continued demand pressures over the last decade is well documented. It involves planning ahead of time, through a two-yearly cycle, releasing resources in advance of need and using those resources to help fund transformational change.
- 2.3. This strategy has served the County Council, and more particularly its services and community well, as it has delivered transformation programmes on time and on budget allowing maximum planning time and minimising disruption. Put simply, it is an approach that has ensured Hampshire County Council has continued to avoid the worst effects of funding reductions that have started to blight other local authorities.
- 2.4. In line with this financial strategy there were no new savings proposals presented as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process and the budget was

balanced through the use of the Grant Equalisation Reserve (GER). Targets for 2019/20 based on a reduction of approaching 19% in cash limited spend, were approved by the County Council in July 2016 as part of the MTFS to 2020. Proposals to meet these targets were approved by Executive Members, Cabinet and County Council in October and November 2017 and are being implemented through the Transformation to 2019 (Tt2019) Programme.

- 2.5. The report also provides an update on the financial position for the current year. Overall the outturn forecast for the service for 2018/19 is a saving against budget of £116,000. This figure will be included in a consolidated position for the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department in the report to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.
- 2.6. The proposed budget for 2019/20 analysed by service is shown in Appendix 1.
- 2.7. This report seeks approval for submission to the Leader and Cabinet of the revised budget for 2018/19 and service budgets for 2019/20 for the Countryside and Rural Affairs portfolio. The report has been prepared in consultation with the Executive Member and will be reviewed by the Culture and Communities Select Committee. It will be reported to the Leader and Cabinet on 1 February 2019 to make final recommendations to County Council on 14 February 2019.

### **3. Context and Priorities**

- 3.1. The current financial strategy which the County Council operates works on the basis of a two year cycle of delivering change to release resources and close the anticipated budget gap. This provides the time and capacity to properly deliver major transformation programmes every two years, with deficits in the intervening years being met from the Grant Equalisation Reserve (GER) and with any early delivery of resources retained by departments to use for cost of change purposes or to cash flow delivery and offset service pressures. The model has served the authority well.
- 3.2. The County Council's strategy placed it in a very strong position to produce a 'steady state' budget for 2018/19 and safely implement the next phase of changes through the Transformation to 2019 (Tt2019) Programme to deliver savings totalling £140m.
- 3.3. The Tt2019 Programme is progressing well and to plan, but it is clear that bridging a further gap of £140m is extremely difficult and will take longer to achieve in order to avoid service disruption. The Chief Executive's report entitled Transformation to 2019 – Report No. 5 was presented to Cabinet in December 2018 and outlined the positive progress being made.
- 3.4. The anticipated delay in the delivery of some elements of programme has been factored into our medium term planning to ensure that sufficient one-off funding exists both corporately and within departments to meet any potential gap over the period. Taking up to four years to safely deliver service changes rather than being driven to deliver within the two year financial target requires the careful use of reserves as part of our overall financial strategy and further emphasises the value of our reserves strategy.

- 3.5. Budget setting for 2019/20 will therefore be different in that the majority of decisions in respect of major changes to the budget were taken early. However other factors will still affect the budget, such as council tax decisions and inflation, but these will not be as significant as the transformation programme that has already been put in place.
- 3.6. The MTFs approved by the County Council in September 2018 flagged that the expectation was for minimal change to the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2019/20, the final year of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR). However, it was acknowledged that the Budget in the autumn could potentially contain some additional information that could impact our planning assumptions.
- 3.7. In overall terms, the announcements in the Budget had very little impact on the revenue position reported in the MTFs, although there were some welcome announcements in respect of one off additional funding for both adults' and children's social care and for highways. Although this funding falls far short of the amount required and is only one off, it does however signal that some of the pressures on local government are being recognised by the Treasury and the hope is that this will feed through to further changes within next years CSR.
- 3.8. The provisional Local Government Settlement announced on 13 December confirmed the grant figures for 2019/20 broadly in line with the four year settlement and there has been no change to the council tax thresholds, with the exception of the police precept. The other key elements of the provisional settlement were:
  - The County Council's Revenue Support Grant (RSG) was reduced to zero in 2019/20 as part of the original four year settlement. On top of this a further £1.6m was lost as a result of 'negative RSG' which reduced the top up grant from business rates. The Government has announced that there will be no 'negative RSG' in 2019/20 and this therefore represents a benefit of £1.6m to the County Council next year.
  - A £180m surplus from the business rates levy account will be distributed pro rata to the Settlement Funding Assessment (SFA) which is a proxy for the relative need of each local authority - the County Council's allocation is £1.8m.
  - The continuation of 100% pilots in Devolution Deal Areas and fifteen 75% business rates retention pilots. Hampshire County Council's bid was unsuccessful but Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight have had their existing pilot extended, albeit at a lower retention level (2018/19 was 100% retention).
  - £20m has been added to the settlement to maintain the New Home Bonus (NHB) baseline at 0.4% (only growth in new homes above this baseline level attract the NHB). Hampshire will receive approaching £4.9m from the NHB and this is already factored into the MTFs for next year.
  - The provisional settlement confirmed the allocations of adult social care funding announced in the Budget but the Green Paper for adult social

care which was originally due to be published in summer 2018 has been delayed further until next year.

- 3.9. Countryside and Rural Affairs services have been developing plans and budgets for 2019/20 and future years in keeping with the County Council's priorities and the key issues, challenges and priorities for the Department are set out below.

#### **4. Departmental Challenges and Priorities**

- 4.1. Countryside and Rural Affairs services are delivered by the Culture Communities and Business Services (CCBS) Department. The Department delivers a wide range of services with gross expenditure in the region of £83m a year and income streams of around £52m, leaving a cash limit of £31m. In addition, the Department is responsible for:
- Managing the repairs and maintenance of the corporate estate (£8.4m).
  - Service level agreements with 504 schools, including 32 Academies (£18m).
  - HM Coroner Service in Hampshire (£1.8m).
  - The relationship with various major Trusts including the Hampshire Cultural Trust.
  - Responsibility for the delivery of the Broadband programme of £30m and an annual programme of capital projects of circa £20m.
- 4.2. The cash limited budget for this portfolio covers the statutory Rights of Way service which has previously been reported as part of a wider Countryside Service budget (the remainder of the service budget is reported to the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage).
- 4.3. In addition to the cash limited budget the Executive Member is responsible for approving business cases seeking funding from the recently established Parish and Town Council Investment Fund.

#### **5. 2018/19 Revenue Budget**

- 5.1. The budget for 2018/19 included the early achievement of Tt2019 proposals of £35,000 during the year. This and any further early delivery achieved during the year can be transferred to cost of change reserves and used to fund future transformational change or to cash flow delivery and offset service pressures.
- 5.2. Enhanced financial resilience reporting, which looks not only at the regular financial reporting but also at potential pressures in the system and the achievement of savings being delivered through transformation, has continued through periodic reports to the Corporate Management Team (CMT) and to Cabinet.
- 5.3. The expected outturn forecast for 2018/19 is a saving against budget of £116,000. This figure will be included in a consolidated position for the

CCBS Department in the report to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

- 5.4. The budget for the Countryside and Rural Affairs portfolio has been updated throughout the year and the revised budget is shown in Appendix 1.

## **6. 2019/20 Revenue Savings Proposals**

- 6.1. The Rights of Way service forms part of the CCBS Department which was given a savings target for 2019/20 of £6.304m which was approved by the County Council in July 2016 as part of the MTFs to 2020. Proposals to meet these targets were approved by Executive Members, Cabinet and County Council in October and November 2017 and have been developed through the Tt2019 Programme. For Tt2019 savings of £32,000 were targeted from the Rights of Way service and this will be achieved in full by 2019/20.
- 6.2. Progress against the CCBS Department's overall Tt2019 target is also reported to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources and the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage. During the last year, the Department has been progressing the implementation of these proposals, which have been subject to regular reporting to Cabinet and CMT.

## **7. Budget Summary 2019/20**

- 7.1. The budget update report presented to Cabinet in December included provisional cash limit guidelines for each department. The cash limit for CCBS in that report was £28.958m which was a £4.266m decrease on the previous year. The share of this budget relating to the Countryside and Rural Portfolio is £1.115m.
- 7.2. At that stage the cash limit guidelines did not include an allowance for the second year of the two year pay award covering the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years. However, the required allocations have now been finalised and have been added – full details will be included in the February budget setting report. For Countryside and Rural Affairs this amount is £31,000 and increases the cash limit to £1.146m.
- 7.3. Appendix 1 sets out the proposed budget for the service activities in the Countryside and Rural Affairs portfolio for 2019/20 and show that these are within the cash limit, including provision for the 2019/20 pay award, set out above.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	Yes/No
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	Yes/No
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	Yes/No
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	Yes/No

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Transformation to 2019 – Revenue Savings Proposals (Executive Member for Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside) <a href="https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&amp;MId=287">https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&amp;MId=287</a>	18 September 2017
Medium Term Financial Strategy Update and Transformation to 2019 Savings Proposals <a href="https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=3194#mgDocuments">https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=3194#mgDocuments</a>	Cabinet - 16 October 2017 County Council – 2 November 2017
Looking Ahead - Medium Term Financial Strategy <a href="https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieIssueDetails.aspx?IId=10915&amp;PlanId=0&amp;Opt=3#AI8687">https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieIssueDetails.aspx?IId=10915&amp;PlanId=0&amp;Opt=3#AI8687</a>	Cabinet - 18 June 2018 County Council – 20 September 2018
Budget Setting and Provisional Cash Limits 2019/20 (Cabinet) <a href="https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&amp;MId=3479">https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&amp;MId=3479</a>	10 December 2018

**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.)**

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	



## **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:**

The budget setting process for 2019/20 does not contain any proposals for major service changes which may have an equalities impact. Proposals for budget and service changes which are part of the Transformation to 2019 Programme were considered in detail as part of the approval process carried out in October and November 2017 and full details of the Equalities Impact Assessments relating to those changes can be found in Appendices 4 to 7 in the October Cabinet report linked below:

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=737>

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1 The report does not contain any proposals which impact on crime and disorder.

#### **Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The report does not contain any proposals which impact on our carbon footprint or energy consumption.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer-term impacts?

The report contains no proposals which will impact on climate change.

**Budget Summary 2019/20 – Countryside and Rural Affairs**

<b>Service Activity</b>	<b>Original Budget 2018/19 £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget 2018/19 £'000</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2019/20 £'000</b>
Countryside – Rights of Way	1,075	1,041	1,112
Net contribution to Cost of Change	35	(20)	34
<b>Net Cash Limited Expenditure</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>1,146</b>
Total Recreation & Heritage	19,848	20,151	17,480
Total Policy & Resources	12,266	13,054	11,972
<b>Total CCBS Net Cash Limited Expenditure</b>	<b>33,224</b>	<b>34,226</b>	<b>30,598</b>

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member Countryside and Rural Affairs
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Definitive Map Modification Order Application Policy and Process
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Community and Business Services

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#### 1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs:

- 1.1. Approve the new Policy for determining claims made under s53(5) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 known as Definitive Map Modification Orders
- 1.2. Support a review of the application process to ensure better quality applications, improved customer self service and more effective use of existing resources.

#### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to present the context and the current issues concerning applications made under s53 Wildlife and Countryside Act.
- 2.2. This report seeks approval for a change in the current policy for dealing with claims to amend the definitive map of public rights of way (Definitive Map Modification Orders – DMMOs), which are made under s.53(5) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- 2.3. The recommendations build upon Hampshire County Council's existing claims policy, whilst introducing new provisions. These include the ability to consider network benefit, public safety improvements and the type of evidence provided in support of applications.

2.4. The new policy seeks to:

- Amend the format of the current claims list, splitting it into two lists containing historic and user-based applications.
- Update the mechanism for prioritising the order in which claims are processed

### **3. Contextual information**

3.1. The Definitive Map and Statement are the legal record of public rights of way. Under the provisions of Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981, Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to keep the Definitive map and Statement “*under continuous review*” and make any modifications to it that are necessary.

3.2. Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 enables any member of the public to make application to the County Council to modify the definitive map and statement if they believe there is evidence to show that it is in error, this can involve the recording of new unrecorded routes, or the amendment of existing ones (e.g. changing of status from footpath to bridleway).

3.3. The County Council has a statutory duty to investigate all applications made under Section 53 ‘as soon as reasonably practicable’, and determine whether or not to make a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO). There are two main types of application:

- User Claims, which generally have resulted from a conflict over access on a route, where members of the public feel that they have a public rights.
- Historic Claims, where evidence is identified that shows that the Definitive Map and Statement are incorrect and should show a currently unrecorded route or a path should be recorded at a different status.
- On occasions applications include a combination of both user and historical evidence.

3.4. The investigation process includes consultation with a wide array of consultees, the evaluation of forms or statements provided by path users and historic documentary evidence (or in some cases, both). The level of investigation varies depending upon the complexity of the case and the availability of certain sources of evidence – under current legislation, it is necessary for it to be ‘reasonably alleged’ that a public right subsists for a new route to be recorded on the definitive map.

- 3.5. Upon completion of the investigation, officers write a report recommending whether the application should be accepted and present their findings either to the Regulatory Committee or to senior managers (under the Countryside Service’s scheme of delegation).
- 3.6. If the application is to be determined by Hampshire County Council, the order is made and advertised. If objections to the order are received during this period, the application will be referred to the Secretary of State to determine. If the application is refused by Hampshire County Council, the applicant can appeal to the Secretary of State to determine.
- 3.7. Most county councils investigate claims in chronological order, according to the date they were received. Applicants who have been waiting for longer than twelve months for the determination of their claim can appeal to the Secretary of State, asking them to direct the authority to do so immediately.
- 3.8. Many authorities (including Hampshire County Council), have introduced ‘claims policies’ to enable claims to be taken out of order where they meet a stated public need – a claims policy does not eliminate the risk of an appeal, but does allow the Council to use its resources more effectively and target those claims with the greatest public benefit/interest.
- 3.9. When considering a Schedule 14 appeal the Secretary of State may consider any relevant policies that are in place, and a policy which provides greater clarity with regard to the targeting of resources will enable the Council to provide a more robust response to the Secretary of State, as and when such appeals are made.
- 3.10. Under the County Council’s current claims policy, new applications are by default added to a list which is processed in chronological order (‘List A’). The policy allows for prioritisation to be given to application routes which are at risk of being lost to development (‘List B’), or to applications which meet one or more objectives set out in the Council’s Countryside Access Plan (‘List C’).

List A	List B (priority)	List C (priority)
Chronological List (historic and user) in date receipt order.	Applications affected by development	Applications which meet criteria in CAP.

- 3.11. Under the current policy, the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate that their claim should be prioritised by identifying that one or more of the criteria is met (for example, improving connectivity of the rights of way network or taking users off busy roads).

#### **4. Application Workload and Performance**

- 4.1. Currently there are 119 applications awaiting investigation, 66 on chronological List A and 53 on priority List C (there are none in List B). The oldest application awaiting investigation was submitted in 2007.
- 4.2. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 introduced a 'cut-off date' for historic routes to be recorded on the definitive map (2026). As a result, the rate of historic applications being submitted has increased significantly as the cut off date draws nearer, and particularly during the last couple of years.
- 4.3. From 2011 to 2016 an average of 3 applications per year were received for historic claims. This has risen by 160% to an average of 26 applications in 2017 to 2018. Nationally many authorities are seeing an increase in applications, but this level of activity is unique to Hampshire and it is anticipated that it will continue at this pace until the cut off date in 2026.
- 4.4. In the majority of these cases, these applications have been placed in the priority list because the applicant has been able to identify criteria within the current policy. This has had a knock-on effect on the projected determination of other claims already awaiting investigation.
- 4.5. User claims will be affected the most by these further delays, as they are more challenging to investigate after a certain period of time (due to witness availability).
- 4.6. The Deregulation Act of 2015 made a number of changes to rights of way legislation. These amendments have not yet been introduced on account of the associated regulations not having been finalised, although Parliament has indicated this may occur in the first half of 2019. Changes will include the introduction of a 'Basic Evidential Test' for new applications (meaning that the County Council will be able to reject applications which do not meet a minimum standard) but also tougher penalties for authorities who fail to determine applications within the timeframe specified by legislation (and who will have to defend themselves at local magistrates' courts, rather than to the Planning Inspectorate).
- 4.7. User claims generally result from conflict over access to a route which local people may have been using for a number of years. In these instances, there is a widespread desire amongst users and the landowner for the matter to be

resolved promptly, and so the local community looks to the County Council to expedite the investigation of the claim. However, the current policy does not provide for such action to be taken but given the level of local interest (when compared with some historic claims for routes which may not have existed on the ground for a considerable period of time), it could be argued that these are the sorts of applications that the County Council should be prioritising.

## **5. Proposed Changes to Processing Applications**

- 5.1. As a result of changes in legislation and the resulting impact on the numbers and types of Definitive Map Modification Order applications now been received, a LEAN review was commissioned. To achieve a target of reducing the waiting list to 5 years by 2024 the review made the following main recommendations:
  - a) Take steps to improve the quality of applications received
  - b) Review the level of research undertaken in investigating applications
  - c) Review and amend the current claims policy
- 5.2. With regard to recommendation (a) the Definitive Map team will review the guidance made available online with the aim of improving customer self-service and the quality of applications received.
- 5.3. A review of the investigation process will aim to target the existing resources more effectively. There is a balance to be achieved to ensure that the amount of effort invested by the determining authority (HCC) is proportionate and does not expose the authority to risk of challenge which could be costly and time consuming as well as have reputational impact.
- 5.4. A change to the existing claims policy would provide greater clarity for both officers and applicants and ensure that resources are channelled into applications which deliver the greatest public benefit. This change will not impact on the availability of resources within the service however, a policy that separates user and historic claims may enable resources to be targeted more effectively.
- 5.5. A draft of the proposed new Claims Policy is attached (Appendix 1). In drafting the proposed policy, officers have had regard to the models employed by other county councils but have also considered the unique pressures experienced in Hampshire. An illustration of the proposed amendment to the claims lists is shown below:

List A (User)	List A1 (User - Priority)	List B (Historic)	List B1 (Historic Priority)
Default list for new user claims - processed in chronological order	List for prioritised user claims – processed in chronological order	Default list for new historic claims - processed in chronological order	List for prioritised historic claims – processed in chronological order

5.6. The proposed policy **retains** the capacity to expedite claims where:

a route is at risk of being lost to development (and no provision has been made to deal with the route through the planning process), although it is considered that such claims no longer warrant their own list;

the investigation of a claim which involves the collation and appraisal of evidence that is also relevant to another claim on the list.

5.7. The proposed policy would **introduce**:

- i) a new ‘user claim’ list, for those applications that are partly or wholly supported by user evidence. It is proposed that, in light of the issues raised above, applications are taken from this list at a greater frequency than historic claims, at a ratio to be determined at various intervals;
- ii) a change in emphasis which would see all applications assessed by officers against specific criteria (including network benefit, potential safety improvements and anomaly resolution);
- iii) provision for applications which do not meet the specified criteria to nevertheless be taken out of turn if it is considered to be in the public interest (to be determined by Head of Service).

5.8. The proposed policy would **remove**:

- i) The specific waiting list associated with routes threatened by development, on account of it not having been used for a number of years;
- ii) the requirement for applicants to make a case for prioritisation.

5.9. It is considered that the fairest way to introduce the new policy is to apply the new system to all claims currently in the waiting list, as well as new applications. The result of introducing the policy in this way is that it is unlikely to have any effect on claims received by the authority prior to 2016 which had already been prioritised – based on preliminary modelling of the new policy.



These claims would remain in a priority list (although as a result of the addition of claims from the chronological list, they may be determined slightly later than originally projected).

- 5.10. Of the 53 applications currently in the priority list, 48 were submitted after 2016, and it is feasible that some of these claims would not retain priority status once the new policy is implemented. In these instances, there is a risk that the applicant may seek a direction to determine under Schedule 14, which may have a knock on effect on the rate at which claims that have risen to the top of the list can be taken up for investigation. However, this risk should be offset against the benefits a new policy would introduce (including the more robust investigation of user claims and consistent prioritisation process).

## **6. Consultation and Equalities**

- 6.1. This proposal has been prepared following an initial consultation with the Hampshire Countryside Access Forum and The Ramblers. Both groups were generally supportive of a system which prioritised user-based claims, although The Ramblers have expressed concerns about historic claims, which could potentially add value to the network, being given less priority.
- 6.2. In preparing this report officers have reviewed and had regard to the policies at other local authorities (including Surrey, Buckinghamshire, Kent and Hertfordshire County Council).

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### **1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

Definitive Map Modification Order Application Policy and Process, Reference: EIA99062764

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. No impact.

### **3. Climate Change:**

N/A

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**Policy guidelines for determining claims under  
s.53(5) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

Applications are processed in accordance with the following priority guidelines.

1. A claim made under s.53(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 will be placed in one of two waiting lists. Claims for which the determination relies partly or wholly upon user evidence shall be placed in 'List A', and claims which rely solely upon historic documentary evidence shall be placed in 'List B'. A claim not in the form prescribed by Schedule 14 of the 1981 Act will not be added to the list, and will normally be given lower priority.
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- b) The extent to which the claimed route would provide a link between existing public highways, population centres or places of interest
- c) Whether the determination of the claim would contribute to resolving an anomaly on the definitive map and statement

In cases where applications are placed in either List A1 or B1, these will be ranked in date order, with the oldest claim being given greater priority.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 2, a claim may be taken out of turn and processed immediately if it can be demonstrated that the route is at risk of being physically lost (for example, to development\*).

*\*A route is unlikely to be considered to be in danger of being lost to development unless planning permission for the relevant development has been granted and officers are satisfied that there is a genuine intention to implement the development immediately.*

4. In instances where none of the above criteria applies, a claim may nevertheless be taken out of turn and processed immediately if, upon consideration of the circumstances, it is considered expedient to do so. It is anticipated that such instances will be exceptional, and decisions on such prioritisation will be taken by the Countryside Access Group Manager.
5. In each case, the County Council will make a full investigation of the evidence submitted with an application and any other evidence considered by it to be relevant. The investigation will be completed as soon as reasonably practicable and the claim recommended for acceptance or refusal.
6. When investigating any claim which involves the collation and appraisal of evidence that is also relevant to another claim on the list (such as investigation of evidence relating to a single route, different parts of which are the subject of separate claims,

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or where the same witnesses are involved in more than one claim) the County Council, may, at its discretion, investigate both claims simultaneously, notwithstanding that one will thereby be taken otherwise than in chronological order.

7. Claims in all lists shall be progressed at a ratio to be determined from time to time.

*Notes: It is acknowledged that, owing to the number of claims made under s.53(5) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the current resources allocated to their determination, the County Council has a backlog of such claims waiting to be dealt with. The provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 will cause this backlog to increase for the foreseeable future. Thus, although claims are dealt with as soon as reasonably practicable, this is not always within 12 months of their being made (as envisaged by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981). The purpose of these guidelines is to clarify, for applicants and officers alike, the basis on which, and order in which, claims will be processed.*

*The investigation of claims to amend the Definitive Map is only one aspect of the work of the Countryside Service. The priority given to the investigation of claims made under s.53(5) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as opposed to other aspects of rights of way work will depend on the Countryside Service Strategy and Statement of Priorities published from time to time.*

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Rural Communities Fund – Community Hub in the Holy Trinity Church, West End Development
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1. It is recommended that the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs approves a grant award between £10,000 and £15,000 from the Rural Communities Fund providing a contribution towards the development of a community hub within the Holy Trinity Church in Colden Common.

#### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to outline an application for funding from the Rural Communities Fund 2018/19, under the 'Other' theme.

#### 3. Contextual information

- 3.1. The Rural Communities Fund offers small grants to support Parish Councils, groups and organisations in rural Hampshire and small market towns. Applications are accepted to support one of four themes. The aim of the 'Other' theme is to help build community resilience and/or encourage self-help in rural areas. The grant scheme criteria and eligibility are set out in Appendix C.
- 3.2. Colden Common is a rural community in Hampshire made up of 4000 residents. Research conducted by the Church Group (as the Applicant) has identified 25% of Colden Common residents are elderly and live alone, and the 1 in 12 children live in poverty.
- 3.3. The project's objective is to better support the community of Colden Common, widening the inclusivity, welcome and use of the church building to all by creating a hospitable multi-purpose community hub open to all residents & visitors.
- 3.4. Permission has been granted by the owners of the church building, the Diocese of Winchester, recognising that the improvements will support the buildings role in tackling the community's social challenges in; supporting older and

vulnerable people, young families in need and individuals experiencing social isolation.

3.5. Specifically, the project will deliver:

- A new, wider welcome to all new visitors and regulars of all ages, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion and mobility.
- An economical and sustainable heating system.
- Strong, safe and flat, easy-clean, accessible flooring.
- An accessible toilet suitable for wheel chair use and with child changing facilities.
- A small kitchen with serving hatch and drinking and waste water connections.
- A well-equipped Children's play zone.

3.6. A volunteer team has been established to develop and coordinate an effective activity programme making best use of the new facilities in tackling the social issues in 3.4. Full DBS checks are in place and further qualifications in progress to expand on the groups existing ability to provide counselling and community services with examples to include; bereavement support, Dementia carers and family support through subsidised day care.

#### 4. Finance:

4.1. Financial Summary:

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>£ 87,346</b>
Actuals raised to date (incl. £10,500 from Parish Council)	£ 47,846
Current shortfall	£ 39,500
<b>Further Sources identified:</b>	
National Churches Trust	£ 17,000
Taylor Wimpey Southern	£ 3,000
Forecast Shortfall	£ 19,500
<b>PROPOSED RCF GRANT</b>	<b>£ 10,000 (minimum)</b>
Forecast Shortfall (assuming minimum award)	<b>£ 9,500</b>

4.2. To meet the forecast shortfall of £9,500 (assuming the award proposed in this report of £10,000), the applicant is continuing with their Fundraising campaign over the Christmas period and are expecting to raise a further £5,000 to £15,000. Full evidence of the fund-raising activities and resulting income generated will be made available to the County Council.

4.3. Depending upon their success, the applicants would ask the Executive Member to consider up to an additional £5,000 to address any remaining shortfall which will be confirmed before final consideration of this paper at the Decision Day.

4.4. The Diocese of Winchester have granted permission for the works to be undertaken to the west end of the church. Their condition is that no works



commence until all the funding is in place, and this would also be a condition of HCC's grant.

**5. Additional Support:**

- 5.1. The local member, Councillor Humby, strongly supports the application.
- 5.2. The application is also supported by the Parish Council who have already provided £10,500 towards the cost of the project (see 4.1. Financial Summary).

**6. Alternative Options Considered:**

- 6.1. The Rural Communities Fund was identified as the most suitable County Council Grant or Fund available given the projects primary aim of providing local resources and initiatives which address social issues in a rural community.

**7. Rural Community Fund - General Finance:**

£15,000 is currently available from the 'Other' theme of the Rural Communities Grant identified for 2018/19.

**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
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<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> Rural Delivery Strategy – rural delivery funding Hampshire County Council’s Rural Delivery Strategy	<u>Date</u> March 2018 March 2014
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

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1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The proposals are expected to have a high positive impact on people living in rural areas. No negative impacts are anticipated.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. More vibrant and active communities are likely to suffer less crime and anti-social behaviour.

### **3. Climate Change:**

3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? Supporting rural retailers encourages residents to shop locally thus reducing car use.

3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer-term impacts? The initiative proposed supports the culture of self-help and community resilience in rural areas.

### Rural Communities Fund 2018-19

Supports Parish Councils, groups and organisations in rural Hampshire and small market towns

The Rural Communities Fund supports Parish Councils, groups and organisations in rural Hampshire and small market towns. The priorities of the scheme are to build community resilience and encourage self-help.

Applications are welcome to support three specific themes as well as general projects or initiatives supporting the scheme priorities.

- **Community-led flood alleviation** – we want to help rural communities deliver solutions to flooding in their local areas to benefit both people and property
- **Countryside access** – we want to help communities deliver improvements to their local access network
- **Rural retailers and community enterprises** – we want to help them grow, increase their productivity and ultimately improve the services that are offered to communities in rural areas
- **Other** – we are keen to support other projects or initiatives that will help build community resilience and/or encourage self-help in rural areas e.g. supporting vulnerable and older people; supporting innovative transport solutions to access services. Contact us to discuss your project ideas before making an application and we can advise if it will be eligible  
Email: [ruralcommunitiesfund@hants.gov.uk](mailto:ruralcommunitiesfund@hants.gov.uk)

When to apply

#### **Applications for funding up to £5,000:**

Accepted throughout the year and decisions will typically be made within eight weeks of receiving a completed application.

#### **Applications for funding over £5,000:**

Funding criteria

We typically fund up to a maximum of £5,000, although larger grants are available to support applications for community-led flood alleviation schemes and retailer and community enterprise schemes (typically up to £10,000).

The minimum grant is typically £1,000 however awards may be for less if this is felt to be appropriate, in particular for applicants to the countryside access theme.

Organisations seeking funding of less than £500 are generally recommended to look at [County Councillor Grants](#).

The organisation must have actively sought funding from other sources; this must include district, borough, town or parish council funding where available. Priority will be given to applications which have partner funding in place from other sources, particularly district, borough, town or parish council funding where available.

An element of match funding can be 'in-kind' (e.g. through volunteer time). Any in-kind contributions must be accounted for as part of the total cost of the project/activity, for example the total cost is made up of expenditure (e.g. materials, contractors) and the value of in-kind contributions.

- For applicants to the countryside access theme we typically ask for 50% match funding. This can include in kind contributions made up of volunteer labour (excluding Community Service Payback Teams) and/or contributions from landowners. Match funding of less than 50% may be considered in some circumstances
- For applicants to the retailer and community enterprise theme we ask for a minimum of 50% match funding of the total eligible costs. For commercial businesses, the match funding cannot be sourced from any other grant making authority. For community enterprises, the match funding can be sourced from other grants

#### Grant criteria and eligibility

We will fund applications which meet all of the following criteria. It is a competitive process, so grants will be approved on their merits.

- Projects/activities must deliver measurable results against the priorities of the Fund
- The project/activity must take place in rural Hampshire, a small market town, or directly benefit rural communities

- Applications must have support from the local community and Parish/Town Council
- Applicants must have a clear management structure within its constitution or suitable governance/terms of reference (with the exception of landowners applying to the countryside access theme)
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that without support from Hampshire County Council the project/activity would not be able to proceed at all or to the extent outlined in the application
- Applicants with significant funds in place or higher levels of reserves must demonstrate why funding from Hampshire County Council is needed.
- Applications must include a project plan, business plan or specification (where applicable)
- If the application is successful, it is expected that you will have a plan to continue the project/activity after the end of the funding period (where applicable)
- Successful applicants must provide appropriate reporting and/or monitoring for their projects/activities
- Successful applicants must acknowledge the support of Hampshire County Council in all publicity and media coverage relating to the project, and in the organisation's next annual audited statement of accounts
- Applicants must have appropriate policies, procedures and insurance in place
- Applications for community-led flood alleviation schemes must:
  - demonstrate the benefit to people and property, without any increase in risk elsewhere
  - have the necessary consents from the Environment Agency and Hampshire County Council

- Applications for countryside access schemes must adhere to the detailed scheme guidance
- Applications for rural retailer and community enterprise schemes must adhere to the detailed scheme guidance

#### Financial eligibility

Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold unallocated reserves in excess of one year's running costs. In cases where reserves held exceed this level, a reduced level of funding may be agreed. All charitable organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

#### What we can fund

If you are applying to the rural retailer and community enterprise theme, or the countryside access theme select the scheme guidance below to find out more about the eligible activities and any additional criteria.

#### **[Rural retailers and community enterprises – scheme guidance](#)**

#### **[Countryside access – scheme guidance](#)**

#### What we can't fund

- Projects that receive funding from other Hampshire County Council sources (except for County Councillor grants)
- Individuals (with the exception of landowners applying for countryside access schemes)
- Profit making events/activities (with the exception of applications for rural retailer and community enterprise schemes)
- Projects or activities solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council

- Non-constituted organisations (with the exception of landowners applying for countryside access schemes)
- Projects/work that has already been carried out, you must apply for a grant and receive an offer from us before starting any work or making any purchases
- General/core running costs of an organisation



## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs (as deputed by the Leader due to a declaration of interest declared by the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage)
<b>Date:</b>	14 January 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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### 1. Recommendations

That the Executive Member:

- 1.1. Approves the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS) recommendations for 215 athletes as outlined in Appendix 2.
- 1.2. Notes the impact that HTAS athletes are having in school assemblies to raise the aspirations, build resilience and inspire pupils, teachers, athletes and parents alike.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks endorsement to the award recommendations for the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme in 2019. 215 athletes are recommended to be awarded support with 123 to receive grant funding. The total of this grant funding across the 123 athletes is £34,000. The report also outlines the progress of talented athletes attending school assemblies and attending sport science and lifestyle workshops.

### 3. Contextual information

- 3.1 Athletes from over 70 sports are eligible to apply for HTAS to receive funding and support services to help them to progress to world class competition at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games. There are five levels of support for athletes depending on their stage in the performance pathway. Full details about the levels are provided in Appendix 1.

3.2 Applications for 2019 grants opened on 4 September 2018. The panel, consisting of colleagues from Energise Me, Children's Services, University of Winchester and a Local Authority representative, met on 14 November 2018. They made recommendations on award levels based upon the criteria set by the individual National Governing Bodies of sport in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Energise Me.<sup>1</sup> National Governing Bodies provided a recommended award level for each athlete to inform the panel meeting.

#### **4. Finance**

- 4.1. The £46,000 HTAS budget for 2018 is provided from the Recreation and Heritage budget.
- 4.2. In addition to the £46,000 budget, a number of in kind and sponsored services have been negotiated to reduce athletes' costs. These include free annual leisure centre memberships and annual bus passes from Bluestar and Stagecoach.
- 4.3. Athletes receiving HTAS grants can choose to opt into the fast-track physiotherapy service and have £60 deducted from their grant. All athletes performing at county level or above can buy into the scheme for £60 per year, which represents excellent value for money.
- 4.4. Athletes are offered presentation and public speaking training in order to be able to deliver school assemblies. For each assembly the athlete receives an extra £50 grant.
- 4.5. Tier 2 athletes will receive £450 and tier 3 athletes will receive £200. Please see Appendix 1 for the general criteria for tier 2 and tier 3 support.

#### **5. Athlete Assemblies/Sport Science & Lifestyle Workshops**

- 5.1. 29 athletes attended presentation and public speaking training in February and June 2018. Athletes were asked to use the themes of 'aspirations and resilience' in their presentations. Having consulted with SportsAid, athletes benefit from being supported in telling "their story" so this was the focus throughout the training.
- 5.2. The aim is to introduce school children to local athletes who have already had significant achievements and have aspirations to progress further, for example by winning an Olympic gold medal. The athletes explain how resilience is vital for them during injuries and set backs. The children are then asked to think about what they would like to achieve in their lives and how they will overcome challenges.

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<sup>1</sup> Energise Me is the County Sports Partnership for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, funded through a variety of partners including Sport England, Local Authorities and National Governing Bodies of sport. It provides the sports development service for the county in partnership with the County Council.

- 5.3. All Hampshire's Schools who use Schools Communications were offered the opportunity for an athlete to attend an assembly and the opportunity was promoted through the Energise Me Primary School magazines. So far 11 schools across Hampshire have received an assembly in 2018, and more will be arranged. Some athletes have provided demonstrations of their sports and even coaching. The feedback has been incredibly positive from schools, athletes and athletes' parents. A selection of feedback is listed below.

"Dom was inspirational from start to finish! I think our students would rather he stayed and I left them to it.

He spoke so passionately about his swimming and his entire life around it. Such a mature head on young shoulders. The students were incredibly engaged and had so many questions which he answered beautifully. He really brought a sense of professionalism to the day and for some of these athletes who aren't 100% committed to their sport and their studies he was a real eye opener for them. Describing the commitment and dedication required to stand a chance of excelling in any sport.

Dom openly talked about his disability and the barriers that he faces on a daily basis. But he also spoke about the enjoyment and the challenges that he sets himself. I know that our students learnt a lot from such a talented and inspirational young man."

Daniel Gates (Brookfield Stars Coordinator, Brookfield Community School)

"The children were amazing. There were about a million questions. Charlotte actually really enjoyed it and is going to approach the Westgate Lower School Head to see if there are interested in an assembly before the end of term."

Marie Prince-Rayner (Parent of HTAS athlete)

- 5.4. 8 sport science & lifestyle workshops have been delivered in 2018 on topics such as Energy Management, Building Confidence and Identifying the Performer you want to be. Following the successful trial of parent workshops last year, we delivered 2 more workshops (Understanding the Adolescent Brain and Developing Great Coach – Parent Relationships).

## **6. Applications for HTAS 2019 Grants**

- 6.1 230 applications were received for the 2018 scheme. 15 athletes were not eligible due to their performance level, sport, local authority or for providing inaccurate information. Rushmoor and Gosport have a lower number of athletes. Due to the nature of talent development, the scheme is unable to influence the proportion of talented athletes across the local authorities. Talent is indiscriminate and it is difficult to predict where talent will emerge.

This year we did target all National Governing Body to identify if there are eligible athletes who are currently unaware of the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme. We have maintained good relationships with leisure providers in these areas to make the scheme appealing to athletes from these local authorities.

A breakdown of applications by sport, number and local authority is provided in Appendix 2.

- 6.2. Once required documentation has been returned, grant payments will be administered via Energise following a transfer from Hampshire County Council. Athletes eligible for a grant will receive them early January.

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### **1.2 Equalities Impact Assessment:**

Looking to get best from the resource available and diversifying its use to support reaching a wider audience to develop talent and participation in high level sport for the future.

Funding is awarded based on the level of performance. The criteria does not discriminate on any equality grounds. We do not data monitor certain characteristics that are not relevant to performance.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. This has been considered and is unlikely to make an impact.

### **3. Climate Change:**

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This has been considered and is unlikely to make an impact

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

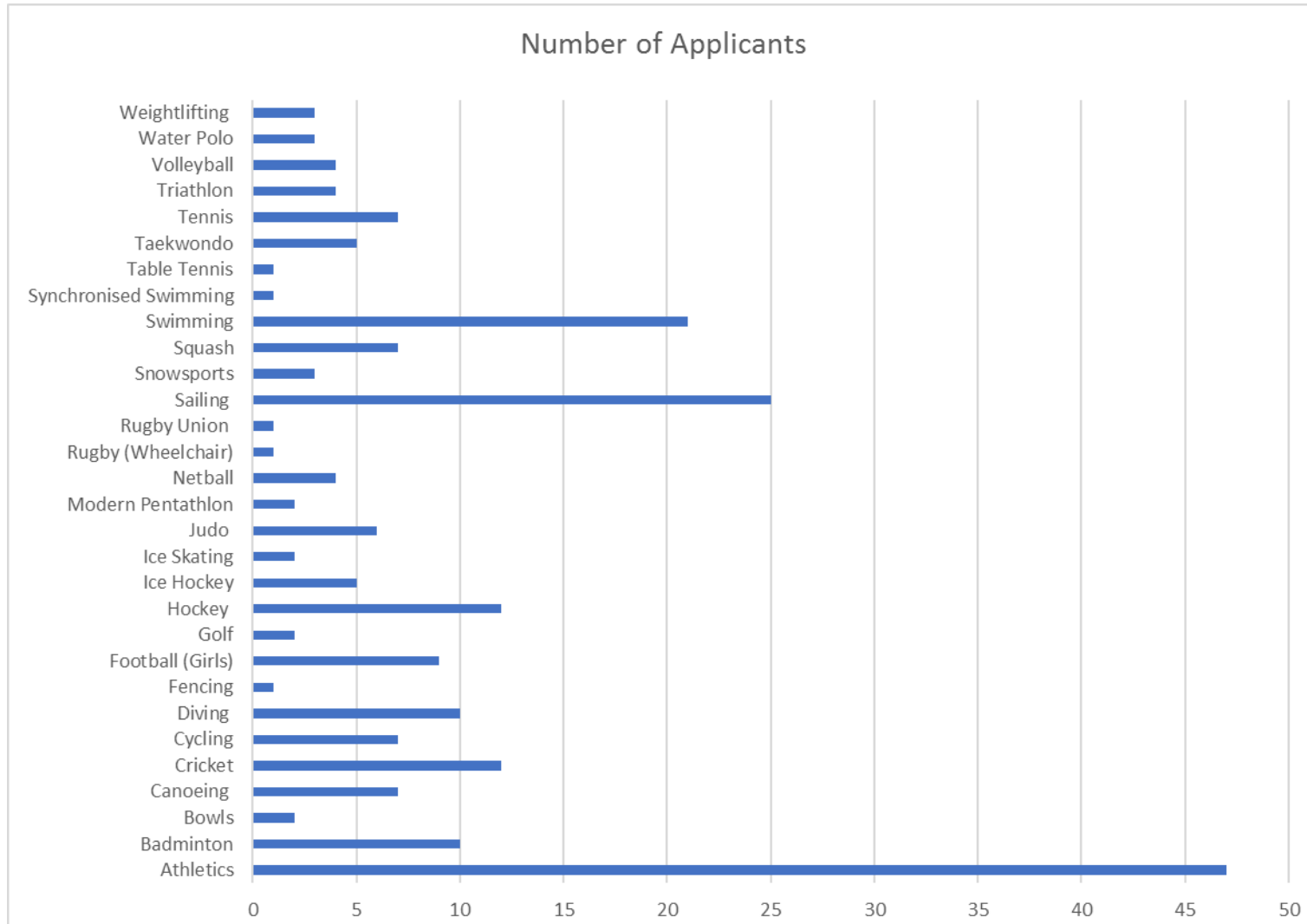
This has been considered and is unlikely to make an impact.

### Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme structure

HTAS award level	Performance level	Eligible for the following support services
Level 1	A top 5 ranked national performer or a member of a national team Receiving over £7500 via the National Governing Body of sport or through the World Class Programme.	Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (£60 payment by athlete) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 2	A top 5 ranked national performer or a member of a national team Competing internationally. Placed top 5 at a national championships.	Grant up to £450 Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (if requested, £60 deducted from grant) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 3	A top 10 ranked national performer or member of a national team. Placed top 10 at a national championships.	Grant up to £200 Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (if requested, £60 deducted from grant) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 4	A top 15 ranked national performer or member of a national squad. Placed 15 at a national championships.	Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (£60 payment by athlete) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 5	A member of a regional or county team.	Fast-track physiotherapy (£60 payment by athlete) Free sports science workshops

Appendix 2

2019 applicants by sport





## 2019 applicants by Local Authority

Local Authority	Number of Applications
Basingstoke & Deane	41
Eastleigh Borough Council	24
East Hampshire District Council	21
Fareham Borough Council	17
Gosport Borough Council	5
Havant Borough Council	20
Hart District Council	12
New Forest District Council	30
Rushmoor Borough Council	3
Test Valley Borough Council	29
Winchester City Council	28
Total received	230
Total awarded support via HTAS*	215*

### **\*Reasons for athletes not being awarded**

Athletes have not been awarded an HTAS grant because they do not have a top 15 national championship ranking or do not compete at the correct level or are not recognised by their national association.

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