

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	19 April 2018
Decision Title:	Investing in Hampshire Bids
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. Recommendations:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member approves the application for a further Investing in Hampshire award to the Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust for £50,000.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member approves the application for an Investing in Hampshire award to the proposed hospice at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital for £250,000.
- 1.3 That the Executive Member approves the application for an Investing in Hampshire award towards a statue of Jane Austen at Winchester Cathedral for £25,000.
- 1.4 That the Executive Member approves the application for an Investing In Hampshire award towards the Fields of Battle Touring Exhibition of £10,000.
- 1.5 That the Executive Member approves the revised criteria for Investing in Hampshire awards outlined in Appendix 1.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report considers four requests for funding under the Investing in Hampshire Fund. The first two deal with requests for funding contributions towards the provision of hospices in the County, the third considers a request for funding to support a statue of Jane Austen to be sited in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral and the final bid requests a contribution to the hosting of the Fields of Battle Exhibition, also at Winchester Cathedral.
- 2.2 These projects are very different in nature but reflect both the rich and diverse heritage of the county and the strategic importance of the range of facilities provided for the benefit of residents.

2.3 The County Council has always sought to provide support and develop strong links with the organisations that have responsibility for running and maintaining the most significant facilities and heritage assets across the county and the Investing in Hampshire Fund was established to facilitate financial contributions to key projects that meet the criteria outlined in Appendix 1.

2.4 The criteria have been updated to provide further flexibility in the operation of the fund, reflecting both the value and wide range of requests that have been submitted and which the County Council has been keen to support.

3. The Countess of Brecknock Hospice (Appendix 2)

3.1 The existing hospice, located in Andover, was opened in 1990 and has been providing services to the local community in partnership with Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust for over 25 years.

3.2 For several years, hospice in-patient capacity has been insufficient with waiting lists for admission, which has on occasion meant that people have been admitted to an acute hospital, potentially impacting on the system of health and social care in the area.

3.3 A request for £1m was made from this fund last year towards the £6m scheme. The aim was to bring the fund raising level to a point that the NHS would then move to the next stage of development and design. An eventual award of £500,000 was made taking into account the total cost of the scheme and the criteria applied to Investing in Hampshire applications.

3.4 Whilst good progress has been made since this point, both in terms of developing the project and further fundraising, a second request for a contribution of £50,000 to help close the current funding gap has been made.

3.5 Given the overall importance of the scheme in supporting the County Council and NHS in looking after vulnerable adults and given that the original award was below what had been requested, it is recommended that a further £50,000 be awarded to the hospice scheme.

4. New Winchester Hospice (Appendix 3)

4.1 At the present time there is no local hospice that serves the residents of Winchester and surrounding villages. People requiring hospice care are required to travel to Southampton, Andover or Basingstoke and often means they are unable to access these services.

4.2 Demand for hospice care as with most elements of health and social care for older people is growing at a significant rate and more provision is required to serve the residents of Hampshire.

4.3 A request for a contribution of £250,000 has been received towards the provision of a new Hospice facility situated at the Royal Hampshire County

Hospital. The aim is to convert an existing building on the site to provide a 10 bedded hospice with day therapy and community facilities.

- 4.4 The total scheme cost is £2.5m and therefore the award requested equates to a 10% contribution, which is line with the funding ratio for the Countess of Brecknock Hospice above.
- 4.5 Given the need for additional beds and facilities and the strong links with the provision of health and social care in the wider area, it is recommended that the award of £250,000 be approved.

5. Statue of Jane Austen (Appendix 4)

- 5.1 Winchester Cathedral has commissioned a sculpture of Jane Austen that will be sited in the cathedral grounds. It is felt that this will be a significant visitor attraction and cultural icon, which will strengthen the Jane Austen trail across the County, building on the impact of the bicentenary of Jane Austen's death.
- 5.2 An internationally acclaimed sculptor is currently working on a scale model of the proposed statue and once completed, it will form the basis of a fund-raising campaign.
- 5.3 Winchester City Council has already agreed to support this venture to the value of £25,000 and has also offered to work with the Cathedral in publicising the project and campaign.
- 5.4 The total cost of the project is expected to be around £200,000 and a request for the County Council to match Winchester City Council's contribution of £25,000 has been made.
- 5.5 Given the historical and cultural significance of Jane Austen to the County of Hampshire it is recommended that the award of £25,000 is approved.

6. Fields of Battle Touring Exhibition (Appendix 5)

- 6.1 This touring exhibition marks 100 years of the end of the first world war and is being hosted in major cities across the country. The organisers are keen to come to Winchester and the Cathedral have agreed to host the exhibition as part of wider plans for their own commemorations.
- 6.2 The exhibition is in place for a month at a time and the main costs are associated with the initial set up. Winchester City Council has already agreed to contribute £10,000 towards the installation costs and a matching contribution from the Investing in Hampshire Fund has been requested.
- 6.3 This is seen as an excellent opportunity for the County Council to support this important commemoration on top of the other plans it is putting in place in its own right.

7. Financial Arrangements

- 7.1 Any awards approved under the Investing in Hampshire Fund are only paid out after evidence has been provided to the Director of Corporate Resources of appropriate expenditure on the relevant project.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

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

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	
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong and inclusive communities:	Yes

Other Significant Links

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

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

Correspondence received from organisations

Location

Director of Corporate Resources -
Corporate Services

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

There is not expected to be any equalities impact as a result of this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

There is no significant link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

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. 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 generally only be considered for specific capital projects for the improvement or maintenance of significant assets or facilities within Hampshire, within agreed priorities and where other substantial funding exists.
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.
3. The wider economic benefits to the residents of Hampshire should be considered together with any complementary benefits for Hampshire County Council. Awards would normally only be given to projects within the remit of Policy and Resources.
4. 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.
5. Applications will only be considered from faith groups where the application is in respect of a historically significant asset.
6. Apart from exceptional circumstances, the requesting body would be expected to provide their own funding towards the project.
7. As a general rule, grants in excess of £250,000 will not be awarded unless significant benefits and funding are available. In exceptional cases, where the benefits are significant and directly relate to services and functions close to the County Council's key objectives, then an award greater than the level above would be considered.
8. Given the longer term nature of capital projects, requests can be considered well in advance, but funding will only be released once evidence of capital expenditure has been provided to the County Council or other arrangements made consistent with the agreement of the Director of Corporate Resources

Investing in Hampshire – Countess of Brecknock Hospice

Applicant	Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust		
Name / Location of Project	Expansion of the Countess of Brecknock Hospice		
Summary of Project / Bid	<p>The existing hospice was opened in 1990 and has been providing services to the local community in partnership with Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust for over 25 years.</p> <p>For several years, hospice in-patient capacity has been insufficient with waiting lists for admission which has on occasion meant that people have been admitted to an acute hospital.</p> <p>The extension will connect with the existing building and will provide three new fully equipped wings which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 single ground floor en-suite in-patient rooms, with space for family members to stay overnight. • A relative's room for visiting family and friends. • A quiet multi-faith room for those seeking spiritual support • A purpose built multi-use treatment room • An improved and enlarged spacious day care centre 		
Funding Requested	£50,000	Financial Year	TBD
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	<p>The request for funding has been made by the Trust as part of an appeal to raise £6m to fund the extension.</p> <p>A previous IHH award of £500,000 was made to the scheme.</p>		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>The system of Health and Social Care across the county and indeed the country as a whole is under extreme pressure in the face of increasing demography and complexity of the older population. Facilities and additional capacity of the type identified here will provide a valuable resource as the numbers of people requiring hospice support in future years, given the demographic of our population, will increase.</p> <p>Increasing the number of in-patient beds and the range of care, day procedures, physiotherapy and occupational therapy will be of significant benefit to meet the overall needs of people in a palliative / end of life phase. Furthermore, the health and social care system in the area will benefit through being able to access this facility for those people and their families / carers who require</p>		

	such care. This application will directly provide a high quality of care to those extra residents who will benefit from the extended facilities.
What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	The County Council already has an excellent working relationship with the Hospice and Foundation Trust and will continue to work with them to offer integrated health and social care services in the area.
Any other relevant factors?	<p>The development and integration of health and social care in the face of immense pressure is one of the most important challenges facing this country at the present time.</p> <p>Projects of this type will become more and more necessary and the fact that the bulk of the funding for this project will not come from the public purse is an important factor in considering this one-off award. There is no requirement for revenue funding from HCC and the capital request, in this particular case, represents a positive development of palliative and end of life support for people and their families in a high quality environment.</p>

Investing in Hampshire – Hospice Facility at Royal Hampshire County Hospital

Applicant	Hampshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust		
Name / Location of Project	New hospice facility at Royal Hampshire County Hospital		
Summary of Project / Bid	The aim is to convert an existing building on the site to provide a 10 bedded hospice with day therapy and community facilities		
Funding Requested	£250,000	Financial Year	TBD
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	<p>The request for funding has been made by the Trust as part of an appeal to raise £2.5m to fund the conversion.</p> <p>Over £800,000 has already been raised and a contribution of 10% is being requested from the Investing In Hampshire Fund.</p>		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>The hospice will provide much needed facilities in this part of Hampshire and there are obvious benefits of it being on a wider hospital site, but in a separate building that can focus on the delivery of holistic palliative care.</p> <p>The hospice will be a local hub of palliative care in Winchester, delivering care and support to patients and their loved ones within the hospice and in their homes. This highly successful model of care is based on the Countess of Brecknock Hospice model of care delivered in Andover.</p>		
What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	<p>The County Council already has an excellent working relationship with the Foundation Trust and will continue to work with them to offer integrated health and social care services in the area, which currently lacks adequate hospice facilities.</p> <p>The day services and community facilities are complementary to the services that the County Council provides and will represent new provision in this location.</p>		
Any other relevant factors?	<p>The development and integration of health and social care in the face of immense pressure is one of the most important challenges facing this country at the present time.</p> <p>Projects of this type will become more and more necessary and the fact that the bulk of the funding for this project will not come from the public purse is an important factor in considering this one off award. There is no requirement for revenue funding from HCC and the capital request, in this particular case, represents a positive development of palliative and end of life support for people and their families in a high quality environment.</p> <p>It is based on a successful model that is already in place.</p>		

Investing in Hampshire – Statue of Jane Austen

Applicant	Winchester Cathedral Trust		
Name / Location of Project	Provision of a new statue of Jane Austen in cathedral grounds		
Summary of Project / Bid	<p>Winchester Cathedral has commissioned a sculpture of Jane Austen that will be sited in the cathedral grounds.</p> <p>An internationally acclaimed sculptor is currently working on a scale model of the proposed statue and once completed, it will form the basis of a fund-raising campaign.</p>		
Funding Requested	£25,000	Financial Year	TBD
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	<p>The total cost of the project is expected to be around £200,000.</p> <p>Winchester City Council has already agreed to support this venture to the value of £25,000 and has also offered to work with the Cathedral in publicising the project and campaign.</p> <p>A request for the County Council to match Winchester City Council's contribution of £25,000 has been made to the Investing in Hampshire Fund.</p>		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>Both the Cathedral and Jane Austen are important parts of Hampshire's culture and heritage and this new statue sited in the cathedral grounds is expected to be a significant visitor attraction and cultural icon.</p> <p>This addition will also help to strengthen the Jane Austen trail across the County, building on the impact of the bicentenary of Jane Austen's death, which has created significant public interest in her work and history.</p>		
What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	There will be wider benefits within Hampshire in terms of tourism and economic development as a result of the addition of this piece as part of the Jane Austen trail.		
Any other relevant factors?	Contributing to this piece will retain Hampshire's position as a major contributor to culture and heritage within the County and its long standing relationship with the Cathedral.		

Investing in Hampshire – Fields of Battle Touring Exhibition

Applicant	Fields of Battle Charitable Trust		
Name / Location of Project	Hosting of touring exhibition in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral.		
Summary of Project / Bid	<p>This touring exhibition marks 100 years of the end of the first world war and is being hosted in major cities across the country.</p> <p>The organisers are keen to come to Winchester and the Cathedral has agreed to host this open-air exhibition, with a particular focus on education, as part of wider plans for their own commemorations.</p> <p>The exhibition is expected to come to Winchester in July and will be in place for a month.</p>		
Funding Requested	£10,000	Financial Year	2018/19
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	<p>The total initial set up costs for the exhibition are expected to be around £20,000 and the Trust relies on hosting organisations to fund this.</p> <p>Winchester Cathedral are happy to host the exhibition but do not have the resources to fund the set up costs.</p> <p>Winchester City Council has agreed a contribution of £10,000 and a matching sum from the Investing In Hampshire Fund has also been requested.</p>		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>The exhibition is a fitting commemoration to the end of the first world war and will form part of wider commemorations that will take place both at the Cathedral and within Hampshire County Council itself.</p> <p>The exhibition is expected to attract large numbers of visitors over the Summer and will add to the attraction of Hampshire as a place to visit.</p>		
What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	There will be wider benefits within Hampshire in terms of tourism and economic development as a result of this exhibition.		
Any other relevant factors?	Given the County Council's ongoing relationship with the armed forces and the historic significance of the event, it is considered entirely fitting that the County Council should support the hosting of the exhibition in Winchester.		