

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	24 July 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Investing in Hampshire Funding
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services and the Director of Corporate Resources

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### 1. Recommendations:

- 1.1. To award the Hampshire Cultural Trust a grant of £400,000 from the Investing in Hampshire fund towards the development of a cultural hub in the Old Grammar School building, Gosport, as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 1.2. To approve an award of £10,000 for the New Forest and Hampshire County Show from the Investing in Hampshire Fund as outlined in Appendix 3.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to two contributions from the Investing in Hampshire Fund towards the Hampshire Cultural Trusts' project to create a Cultural hub in the Old Grammar School building, Gosport and to support the New Forest Show.

### 3. Hampshire Cultural Trust – Old Grammar School Gosport

- 3.1. The Hampshire Cultural Trust are an independent Trust who manage, operate and develop the County Council's cultural assets and offers.
- 3.2. The Old Grammar School, Gosport is a listed building of great local significance located in Gosport Town Centre and is owned by the County Council. The building is currently poorly utilised and in need of refurbishment. The proposed project would create a sustainable local use. The building is very close to the Council's Discovery Centre and the proposed Cultural Hub would complement the facilities and services provided in the Discovery Centre.

- 3.3. Gosport Town has a negative socio-economic profile and of the 35 lower output areas in Gosport 20 are in the most deprived nationally in terms of education, skills and training.
- 3.4. As an important and valued part of Hampshire the County Council has actively invested in the Borough to support initiatives that address this context. This project represents further commitment, in partnership with others, to draw in external investment to support the town.
- 3.5. The overall project cost is £1.950m plus fees of £150,000. The Trust plans to raise the bulk of the funding through external grant funding applications including to the Heritage Lottery and Arts Council. This will see external investment of £1.4m coming into Gosport in support of the project. The Trust itself will contribute £200,000 and Gosport Borough Council have already confirmed their match funding contributions.
- 3.6. On completion of the project, the building would be leased to the Trust saving the Council at least £40,000 of operating costs a year.

#### **4. New Forest and Hampshire County Show**

- 4.1. 2018 marks the 98th year since the establishment of the New Forest Agricultural Show Society – a registered charity and organisers of the New Forest Show.
- 4.2. The show attracts over 98,000 visitors across the three days and is rated among the top ten agricultural shows in the country. This year the show is increasing the number of interactive and ‘hands on’ activities and displays across the showground to engage and educate children and families.
- 4.3. The show is also an important and well established Hampshire event which makes a positive contribution to the rural and farming economy – promoting and encouraging the development of agriculture, forestry, equestrianism and horticulture, and the improvement in the breeding of livestock.
- 4.4. The County Council will be represented at the show to inform and advise residents about a wide range of services including Connect 2 Support Hampshire, Shared Lives, Falls Prevention, Reablement, Public Health, Waste Prevention, Road Safety, Outdoor Centres, Fostering & Adoption, Libraries and HC3S.
- 4.5. A request has been made to the Investing in Hampshire fund for £10,000 to help meet the running costs of the show and to reflect the County Council’s wider representation at the event.

#### **5. Grants Criteria**

- 5.1. A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Investing in Hampshire fund is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

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

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

DocumentLocation

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:**

No negative impact has been identified. EIA82181130 Refers and will be published on 24 July 2018.

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

2.1. None

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

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

N/A

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

N/A

## 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 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. 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. Apart from exceptional circumstances, the requesting body would be expected to provide their own funding towards the project.
6. As a general rule, grants in excess of £100,000 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.
7. 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

## Hampshire Cultural Trust – Gosport Old Grammar School

Applicant	Hampshire Cultural Trust		
Name / Location of Project	Old Grammar School, Gosport Multi-Purpose Cultural Hub		
Summary of Project / Bid	<p>The project aims to develop the Old Grammar School building as a multi-purpose Cultural Hub. The aims of the project are to provide an inspiring location that provides great cultural and heritage opportunities for the local community and develop skills and learning useful to young people in gaining employment.</p> <p>The project will transform the current facilities which are fragmented, hidden from view due to poor access and are increasingly outdated with a growing disconnect between the current offer and local residents. In summary the project will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A museum focussed on local heritage</li> <li>• A gallery to government indemnity standards</li> <li>• Education and training spaces including SEARCH</li> <li>• A sculpture park</li> <li>• Artists studios</li> <li>• Cafe bar and retail</li> </ul>		
Funding Requested	£400,000 which includes professional fees up to £150,000	Financial Year	TBD
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	Heritage Lottery Fund		£950,000
	Gosport Borough Council		£100,000
	Hampshire Cultural Trust		£200,000
	Big Lottery Coastal communities Fund		£200,000
	Arts Council		£100,000
	Trusts and Foundations		£100,000
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>Gosport Town has a negative socio-economic profile and of the 35 lower output areas in Gosport 20 are in the most deprived nationally in terms of education, skills and training.</p> <p>As an important and valued part of Hampshire the County Council has actively invested in the Borough to support initiatives that address this context. This project represents further commitment, in partnership with others, to draw in external</p>		

	<p>investment to support the town.</p> <p>The project outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New learning and skills development opportunities to grow participation in cultural activities and heritage based learning.</li> <li>• Reinforce and develop community identity, belonging, distinctiveness and local pride through the use of cultural heritage.</li> <li>• Protect and sustain an attractive and important local asset.</li> <li>• Develop and support the use of a cohort of volunteers.</li> <li>• Develop a stronger heritage and cultural offer to attract visitors, changing the cultural profile of Gosport.</li> </ul>
<p>What are the complementary benefits for HCC?</p>	<p>The Old Grammar School, which is a listed building of great local significance, is in the ownership of the County Council and up until recently was jointly used and occupied by the Library Service and Cultural Trust. The Library no longer requires the use of the building and no other sustainable alternative use has been identified. Upon completion of the project, the proposal is to lease the building to the Cultural Trust which would save operating costs of at least £40,000 a year. The project would complement the use of the close-by Gosport Discovery Centre which has just re-opened following refurbishment.</p>
<p>Any other relevant factors?</p>	<p>The HLF application is to be submitted before 31 August this year. The application to the Big Lottery fund will be made by Gosport Borough Council in 2019/20.</p>

### New Forest and Hampshire County Show

Applicant	New Forest Agricultural Show Society (NFASS)		
Name / Location of Project	New Forest and Hampshire County Show - Brockenhurst		
Summary of Project / Bid	The New Forest and Hampshire County Show is seeking a contribution of £10,000 from the County Council to support its showground at the event on 24, 25 and 26 July.		
Funding Requested	£10,000	Financial Year	2018/19
Funding Arrangements (including matched funding)	<p>The NFASS is a registered charity and principally relies on income generated by the event to support the overall running costs.</p> <p>Hampshire has provided funding in the past to help support the running costs of the event to recognise its importance in contributing to the rural and farming economy and to reflect its own wider participation in the show.</p>		
What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents?	<p>In addition to making a positive contribution to the rural and farming economy, the show promotes and encourages the development of agriculture, forestry, equestrianism and horticulture, and improvements in the breeding of livestock.</p> <p>This year the show is also increasing the number of interactive and 'hands on' activities and displays across the showground to engage and educate children and families.</p> <p>The show also helps to raise funds to support the New Forest Agricultural Show Society and other local and national charitable organisations.</p>		
What are the complementary benefits for HCC?	<p>The County Council will be represented at the show and this provides an excellent opportunity to inform and advise residents about a wide range of services including Connect 2 Support Hampshire, Shared Lives, Falls Prevention, Re-ablement, Public Health, Waste Prevention, Road Safety, Outdoor Centres, Fostering &amp; Adoption, Libraries and HC3S.</p> <p>This has wider benefits in informing residents how to appropriately access services and provides help and advice to reduce the eventual financial impact on the County Council in areas such as adult social care and waste disposal.</p>		



Any other relevant factors?	This is a long running show and has been supported by the County Council for many years.
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