

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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

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1. The decision:

- 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 the 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 of the report.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a contribution from the Invest in Hampshire Fund towards the Hampshire Cultural Trusts' project to create a Cultural hub in the Old Grammar School building, Gosport.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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.

The New Forest and Hampshire County Show is 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.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To provide no funding for the projects.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources declared an interest in this Item and took no part in the discussion. Under Part 3: Chapter 2: Para 2.3 of the County Council's Constitution, the Deputy Leader agreed to depute this decision to the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

7.1. In taking the above decisions, the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs noted that in relation to the Hampshire Cultural Trust bid, Gosport Borough Council was committed to the two-tier working system of Local Government that currently exists.

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs

24 July 2018

(on behalf of the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, Councillor Roy Perry)