

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	25 April 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Invest in Hampshire
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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### 1. The Decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

- i) awards the Hampshire Cultural Trust a revised grant of £375,000 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.
- ii) awards a final grant of up to £50,000 to the Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust to provide start-up and garden equipment for the planned opening in early 2020, estimated to cost £50,000 in total, £25,000 to be approved as a 50% contribution with the remaining balance of up to £25,000 dependant upon the success of the fundraising activity.

### 2. Reason(s) for the decision

2.1 The Hampshire Cultural Trust are an independent Trust who manage, operate and develop the County Council's cultural assets and offers.

2.2 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.

2.3 The Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust has successfully raised the target sum of £4.2 million to substantially extend and enhance the facilities, of which £550,000 was awarded from the Invest in Hampshire Fund. Achieving this target is an exceptional achievement. Construction is progressing with a planned handover by October which will aim to see the facility operational in early 2020.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. None

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

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

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**25 April 2019**

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**Councillor Roy Perry**  
**Executive Member for Policy and Resources**