

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	17 January 2020
Title:	Investing in Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to consider a £100,000 bid against the Investing in Hampshire Fund in respect of the Bursledon Brickworks Museum.
2. Bursledon Brickworks is located in Swanwick and is the only surviving industrial scale Victorian brick works left in the country. Opened in 1897 using machinery powered by steam and employing a new method of drying bricks, patented by its original Quaker owners the Ashby family.
3. Part of the site includes brick drying sheds were innovative at the time they were built and were integral to the brick drying method patented by the Ashbys. Two of these ground-breaking sheds are currently derelict and at risk and without intervention it is clear that the sheds will deteriorate further, eventually collapse and a significant part of both Hampshire's and the nation's industrial heritage will then be lost for ever.
4. A £1.7m scheme has been developed that aims to ensure that these sheds are saved, restored, and given new uses that will help start-up businesses create jobs and generate income, ensuring their long-term survival and financial sustainability. A request has been made for £100,000 towards the cost of the scheme.

Recommendation

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources is recommended to :

5. Approves an award of £100,000 towards the scheme at Bursledon Brickworks.

Bursledon Brickworks

6. The Brickworks are managed by the Bursledon Brickworks Museum Trust, who are a registered charity. Under normal circumstances an Investing in Hampshire application form is produced to support bids against the Fund, but in this instance, the Trust have produced a paper that addresses all of the issues contained in the application form.
7. This paper is presented at Appendix 1 in support of the bid and in particular outlines the intention to create 14 new small business units and co-working spaces for rental.
8. This will create an economic benefit for Hampshire whilst also providing new and regular income for the museum which will help to enable the site to become self-sustaining and ultimately preserve all of the museum's historic buildings and its collections long term.
9. The application therefore meets several of the criteria for Investing in Hampshire bids as it not only supports the maintenance of a historically important site that is part of the nation's industrial heritage, but it also offers opportunity for employment and economic growth in the area.
10. The Executive Member for Policy and Resources is therefore recommended to approve the award of £100,000 towards the project as part of the fundraising required for the larger bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes/æ
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes/no
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes/æ
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes/æ
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>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.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

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 by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

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

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

2. *Equalities Impact Assessment:*

The scheme does not have any detrimental impact on people with protected characteristics and provides opportunities that support a thriving and diverse voluntary and community sector and body of volunteers.

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 for one-off funding only. 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 be considered for the items listed below, where these are within agreed priorities and generally only where other substantial funding exists:
 - Specific capital projects for the improvement or maintenance of significant assets or facilities within Hampshire
 - Projects that will support economic development and business growth within Hampshire.
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.
4. The wider economic and other benefits to the residents of Hampshire should be considered together with any complementary benefits for Hampshire County Council.
5. 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.
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.