

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	5 December 2017
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to consider a request received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget. Details of this request are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

### 2. Budget Position

- 2.1 Following commitments made at previous meetings, the Policy and Resources grants budget available at the meeting on 5 December 2017 is £128,505.

### 3. Grants Criteria

- 3.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

### 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 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.

### 5. RECOMMENDATION:

- 5.1 That a grant of £25,000 be awarded to the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust as shown in Appendix 2 of the report.

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

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	n
<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

**Other Significant Links**

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

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Application forms and correspondence received from organisations	Director of Transformation and Governance - 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:**

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures. Further information may be found on individual requests.

### **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 THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Children's Services, etc.) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
  - District or Parish Councils
  - Government Institutions
  - Schools
  - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
  - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
  - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general grants will only be awarded to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

## **HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST (CG00014650)**

A sum of £25,000 is being sought by the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust to enable it to award smaller grants to churches within Hampshire to help with their individual restoration projects.

The Trust has confirmed that it has set aside £38,500 of its own funds and raised a further £4,500 from its "Ride and Stride" event, to distribute to churches.

### **APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£25,000

### **GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

#### **This budget:**

Grants of £25,000 p.a. have been awarded from this budget over the last four years.

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a countywide organisation.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services:** The grant awarded to the Trust last year assisted 10 churches in Winchester, East Hampshire, Rushmoor, Basingstoke, Test Valley and New Forest. Projects included installing a disabled pathway and interior facilities, both of which helped to improve community accessibility.

A grant of £25,000 for 2017/18 would allow the Trust to make a number of smaller grants to churches which are available for all churches regardless of denomination. This award would support the County Council's Strategic objective of enabling people in Hampshire to enjoy a rich and diverse environment by enhancing and protecting Hampshire's heritage and culture and maintaining the unique character of the county.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

£25,000