

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Culture and Communities Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	12 July 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Grant Funding to Culture and Recreation Organisations in Hampshire
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### **Purpose of this Report**

1. The report considers three awards for Grant Funding to Culture and Recreation organisations in Hampshire.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Culture and Communities Select Committee support the grant awards as outlined within the report, and recommend to the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs that he:

2. Approves a grant of £68,000 to Energise Me for the financial year 2022/23.
3. Approves in principle a final grant of £68,000 to Energise Me for the financial year 2023/24 subject to approval of the Council's budget in February 2023, this concluding the funding arrangement with Energise Me under the terms of the Funding Agreement dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
4. Approves a grant of £45,000 to The Spring, Havant for the financial year 2022/23.
5. Approves in principle two further awards of £45,000 per year for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 subject to approval of the Council's Budget in February 2023, these being the final awards payable to The Spring.
6. Approves a one-off grant of £24,730 to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens.

## Contextual Information

### Energise Me

7. At his Decision Day on 16 July 2015, the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside agreed that the County Council's Sports team, known as SHIOW, would form as a Community Interest Company (now Energise Me) and move out of the Council in April 2016. As part of the Funding Agreement of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (the Agreement), a three-year funding package was agreed for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 (Period 1 of the Agreement).
8. Period 2 of the Agreement runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. In Period 2 the County Council *must* continue to pay LGPS contribution and *may* continue to pay core funding as agreed by the County Council and Energise Me.
9. On 7 December 2017 the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside agreed a further £100,000 for 2019/20 and on 14 January 2019 the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs agreed a further £100,000 for 2020/21. In January 2020 the Executive Member agreed to fund £87,000 for 2021/22 (reflecting a 13% reduction for T21).
10. In addition to the core funding, in each year of the agreement the County Council has paid a supplemental contribution to the Talented Athlete Scheme under the terms of the Financial Arrangement. The full breakdown is shown in Table 1:

Table 1:

	<b>2021/22 funding</b>
	<b>£'s</b>
Energise Me	
LGPS Employer Contribution	48,000
2021/22 Core Grant	17,000
Coaches, Officials & Volunteers Scholarship Scheme - core grant	11,000
Hampshire Talented Athletes Scheme - core grant	11,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>87,000</i>
Hampshire Talented Athletes Scheme - additional contribution	29,000
	<u><b>116,000.00</b></u>

11. In return for funding from the County Council, Energise Me runs the Hampshire County Council Talented Athlete Scheme and Hampshire County Council Coaching Bursary scheme.
12. The Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS) provides:
- Grants
  - Free access to participating leisure centres
  - A fast-track physiotherapy scheme
  - Sports science support
  - Sport psychology and lifestyle workshops for athletes, parents and coaches
  - Presentation and public speaking skills (in part to prepare the athletes for school visits in Hampshire)
13. The Coaching Bursary scheme provides grants to coaches (usually level 2 upwards), volunteers and officials to increase the number of qualified and skilled people working in clubs, schools and other community settings. Exceptions are made for under-represented groups in the workforce e.g. women.
14. For 2022/23 the approved budget remains at £116k as there is no approved SP23 saving to be applied. However, within this the LGPS pension contribution is currently assessed at £nil against the £48k budget provision, following the last actuarial review. Given that HCC will benefit from this saving, it is proposed to maintain the core grant(s) and additional Talented Athlete Scheme contribution at current levels for the financial year 2022/23. If the LGPS pension allocation remains at £nil for 2023/24 then it is proposed to maintain the same core funding for 2023/24, the final year of the agreement. However, if the next triennial actuarial review leads to an increase in the pension contribution from the £nil base in 2023/24, it is proposed to adjust the core funding to the scheme to offset the rise in pension contribution such that the overall cost does not exceed £68,000 in 2023/24:

Table 2

Energise Me	2022/23	2023/24
	funding	funding*
	£'s	£'s
LGPS Employer Contribution	nil	nil
2021/22 Core Grant	17,000	17,000
Coaches, Officials & Volunteers Scholarship Scheme - core grant	11,000	11,000
Hampshire Talented Athletes Scheme - core grant	11,000	11,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>39,000</i>	<i>39,000</i>
Hampshire Talented Athletes Scheme - additional contribution	29,000	29,000
	<b>68,000</b>	<b>68,000</b>

\*assuming the LGPS contribution remains at £nil.

## **The Spring, Havant**

15. The Spring is the only professional Arts Centre and Museum in Havant Borough. The Spring delivers activities and cultural engagement opportunities that:
  - tackle disadvantage
  - raise levels of aspiration and educational attainment
  - create stronger, more cohesive communities
  - improve people's health and wellbeing
  
16. As part of a restructure of grant schemes, on 14 January 2019 the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage took a decision to transition from ongoing revenue funding to cultural organisations through the Culture and Recreation Investment Fund to one-off awards through the newly created Recreation and Heritage Community Fund. 9. As part of this decision, it was agreed there would be a phased reduction in awards for five organisations. Final awards were made to each organisation in 2021/22. The Spring, Havant was one of these organisations, it being awarded £75,000 in 2021/22.
  
17. Since that decision, it is considered that material differences to the situation in Havant specifically mean that consideration should be given to a further 3 year funding agreement with The Spring:
  - The Spring is considered the key strategic cultural partner in Havant Borough (Hampshire Cultural Trust, part of the County's extended organisation and a key partner in supporting the shaping of cultural strategy across Hampshire does not work across Havant).
  - Havant Borough has been recently designated a Levelling Up for Culture Place, indicating the DCMS and Arts Council consider this is a place where cultural engagement is low, but the opportunity to increase it is high. The Spring is one of the Arts Council's National Portfolio Organisations in recognition of the impact it makes in the Borough.
  - In July 2020 it was recognised that although Leigh Park Library and Havant Library were amongst the County Council's poorest performing libraries, due to local community need it would not be appropriate to close them. Instead, the Library Service agreed to look at other ways of delivering library services, including though working creatively with partners.
  
18. In view of the above, the Culture and Communities Select Committee has previously indicated its desire to support The Spring in its strategic role. Officers of the County Council and The Spring have met to discuss how The Spring can support Hampshire County Council in achieving its priorities and propose a partnership whereby the County Council provides Grant Funding to the Spring to deliver the following core activities:

- a strategic role in cultural placemaking and the development of cultural engagement in Havant Borough
  - a unique partnership with Havant Borough libraries, testing new models and driving engagement to and with library services
  - support of the delivery of Hampshire's cultural strategy in Havant Borough, in an extended delivery model
19. It is recommended that The Spring is awarded £45,000 per year for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 to deliver the activities specified above. This shall be the final award made to The Spring, Havant from this budget.

### **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens**

20. Sir Harold Hillier Gardens is a registered charity under the sole trusteeship of Hampshire County Council.
21. Sir Harold Hillier Gardens were due to have tills replaced as part of a Memberships and Booking project that included a new tills system. This project was originally planned to be implemented during 2020 and later delayed to 2021, this has been further delayed until late 2022. As older tills have not been replaced over the past 2 years, they have developed problems requiring them to be replaced urgently. In addition, new facilities have opened in the past year that required an interim till solution.
22. Fully functioning tills are vital to be able to operate the visitor facilities at Hilliers Gardens. A budget has been allocated by Hilliers for the Memberships and Booking project but these unforeseen costs, due to the delays have incurred an additional £30,000 spend.
23. Approval is sought to grant £24,730 to Hilliers Gardens.

### **Finance**

24. The recommended awards can be met from within existing budget provision.

### **Consultation and Equalities**

25. A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.
26. The corporate terms and condition of grant require that any organisation in receipt of funding shall ensure that at all times it complies with the Equality Act 2010 if applicable and shall ensure that it does not discriminate against

any person or persons on the basis of race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise.

### **Climate Change Impact Assessment**

27. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
  
28. The carbon mitigation tool decision tree indicates it is not suitable for the assessment of a programme. The decisions in this report are financial decisions in relation to a programme of one-off grant opportunities. Therefore, the tool is not suitable for this Climate Change Impact Assessment and has not been used.

### **Other Key Issues**

29. Legal Implications: Section 1 (1) of the Localism Act gives the County Council the power to do anything that individuals may generally do. This includes the power to make grants.'

## REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

### Links to the Strategic Plan

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

### Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<a href="#">2020-01-16 EMRH Grant Funding to Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire (hants.gov.uk)</a>	16 January 2016
<a href="#">2021-01-12 FINAL EMRHCRA Grant Funding to Culture and Community Organisations.pdf (hants.gov.uk)</a>	12 January 2021

### 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.)

Document

Location

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:**

2.1. A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.