



## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

### **INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **TOPIC - APPEAL FOR WINCHESTER HOSPICE**

#### **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Head of Legal Services (Interim), the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director: Resources are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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#### **SUMMARY**

Winchester Hospice Fundraising Charity (No. 1180948) is leading the campaign to raise funds for the establishment of the Winchester Hospice and has approached the Council for a donation. The Charity is a separate organisation to the NHS and has its own board of trustees.

The plans are that Burrell House, on Romsey Road will be renovated to become the home of the palliative care team, providing compassionate and specialist care for up to 10 inpatients as well as patients in hospital and in their own homes. The building is owned by the NHS and they will commission the contract work. The total cost of the project is £2.5m for refurbishment with an additional £500,000 for equipment fittings and beds.

The NHS has agreed to let the buildings works contract when 75% of the capital cost has been raised. It is expected that the work will take between 6 – 12 months, and a planning application has been submitted to the Council (Ref. No: 18/02229/FUL).

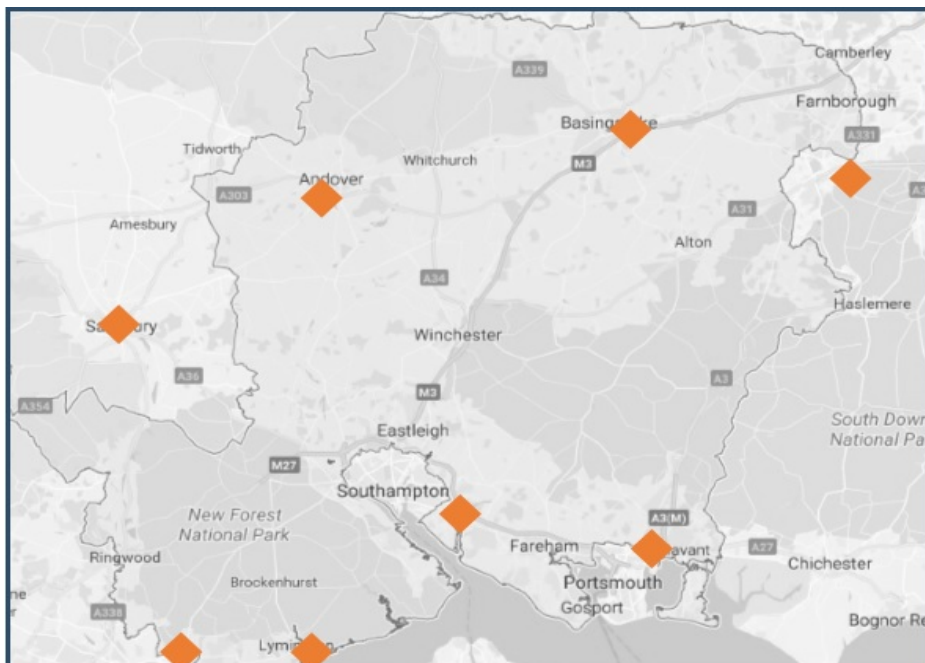
## **DECISION**

The recommendation is that:

- The Council agrees to make a donation of £50,000 to the Winchester Hospice Appeal, which will be funded from the major investment reserve.
- The Council transfer the funds to the Winchester Fundraising Charity when 75% of the construction cost has been raised.

## **REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's (HHFT) end of life care is rated “*Outstanding*” by the regulators, The Care Quality Commission. There is, however, an inequity of palliative care provision in Winchester, compared to Andover and Basingstoke. The need for the Winchester Hospice has been clearly identified and this gap can be easily seen on the map below showing provision in the wider local area.



Winchester Hospice will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and provide much needed local care and support to patients and their families, replicating the successful model of care at the hospice in Andover. This development offers an opportunity to improve the quality of end of life care in and around Winchester. It will ensure equity of provision of end of life care services and patients will be able to choose where they receive care in their last few days and weeks.

HHFT has produced a business case to support the project and this includes an options appraisal for the choice of location for Hospice. This is also supported by a fund raising strategy and to date £1.6m has been donated to the project.

The ways the Council could support the project include:

- Fundraising
- Donating
- Volunteering
- Corporate Sponsorship

In this case a donation is considered the most effective way to support the project. This gives certainty to the Charity of the funds that can expect; in contrast to volunteering and sponsorship, both of which will require a sustained effort and resource to raise funds from the Council and its employees.

#### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

A one-off donation of £50,000, to be funded by the Major Investment Reserve. There are no ongoing resource implications.

#### **DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT (If none, state "None required")**

None required

#### **CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION**

No consultation has been undertaken in association with this request. This is part of a public campaign to raise funds to which the Council is being asked to make a donation along with member of the public, businesses and organisations etc. A website with the projects public information is: [www.winchesterhospice.com](http://www.winchesterhospice.com)

Senior Officers and Council members have been consulted via the Portfolio Holder Decision Making process.

#### **FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

NONE

#### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED**

NONE

**DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

NOT APPLICABLE

**Approved by: (signature)**

**Date of Decision**  
12 March 2019

**Councillor HUMBY – Portfolio Holder for PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

**APPENDICES:**

None