

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

29 September 2006

IMPROVEMENT - UPDATE

Report by the Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the DCLG/LGA national Improvement Board's decision to approve the HIOW Consortium bid of £1,310,000 2006-2008 be welcomed.

BACKGROUND

1. The Association agreed a Consortium bid for the capacity building fund at its last meeting. Members established an Improvement Board with terms of reference to champion efficiency across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight and ensure that best practice is shared and implemented where possible. The Board is chaired by Councillor Mel Kendal (New Forest) and met in June to finalise the bid. The Board represents all members of the HIOW Consortium including the New Forest National Park Authority i.e. all local authorities except Fire and Police Authorities which are covered by separate arrangements.
2. The Consortium bid for £1,310,000 has been approved by the national Improvement Board operated by the Local Government Association and Department for Communities and Local Government. It awaits formal Parliamentary approval.

THE CONSORTIUM BID

3. The HIOW submission was prepared under the leadership of the lead Chief Executive, Will Godfrey (East Hampshire). It is entitled "Transforming Local Government Service Delivery in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight - a Strategy for Sustainable Service Improvement" and very largely reflects what members approved at the last meeting.
4. The bid consists of the following elements:

Theme	Projected Cost (£'000)	Total (£)
Collaborative Service Delivery	330	
(a) Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates Collection		
(b) Planning/Development Control		
(c) Test Valley/New Forest partnership		
(d) Waste Management		

Theme	Projected Cost (£'000)	Total (£)
Organisational Development	600	
(a) Well-being		
(b) Leadership and Management Capacity		
(c) Project management capability		
(d) Regional recruitment portal		
(e) Regional learning portal		
Member Development/Community Engagement	150	
Procurement	80	
Project Support	150	
TOTAL BID		1,310,000

In addition the Planning Advisory Service is providing additional support of £50,000 towards the Planning and Development Control part of the collaborative service delivery theme. IDeA is also providing some consultancy time for the Consortium.

5. The Improvement Board will be building upon existing e-Government and efficiency work, including for example “Hampshire Market Place” which provides an electronic procurement portal for member authorities.

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Annex: 0

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