

**Record of Decision by Executive Leader Delegated
Decision**

Wednesday, 2 September 2015

Portfolio	Executive Leader
Subject:	Use of Council Chamber for The Moving On Project's Networking Event
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Community Portfolio
Corporate Objectives:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

The report seeks approval for the Council Chamber to be used by The Moving On Project for their networking event.

The Moving On Project is a charity working in Fareham and Gosport, providing free counselling for young people in the area.

Based at X-perience Youth Centre, The Moving On Project offers confidential, discreet counselling and support to local young people aged 11-25. In addition, the organisation co-delivers drop-in health and wellbeing sessions at a number of local youth centres. Over 900 counselling sessions are provided annually to approximately 250 individual clients, with referrals received from GPs, Social Workers and School Welfare Officers.

All counsellors have a minimum professional qualification in the Diploma of Counselling and the majority are unpaid volunteers. Funding is received from commissioned work from Hampshire County Council, Fareham Borough Council and local education establishments.

The Moving On Project is currently looking at ways to generate income to enable them to continue to provide and develop their services for young people. They are proposing to hold a networking event enabling them to engage with a number of local businesses, with a view to securing direct funding or assistance with fundraising initiatives. The event will include a presentation explaining what the organisation does, their aims and suggestions on how local businesses can help.

The Moving On Project has requested the use of the Council Chamber in which to hold their event. The Executive Leader will be in attendance, acting as sponsor, and will address the meeting.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

That approval be given for the Council Chamber to be used by The Moving On Project for their networking event on a weekday (date to be agreed), for approximately two hours, with no fee to be charged.

Reason:

The Moving On Project's networking event is being held to promote the work of the organisation and to engage with local businesses to secure funding to sustain the project.

Confirmed as a true record:

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Councillor S D T Woodward
Executive Leader