



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Hitchin Area Committee**

2. Date: **15 Nov 2011**

3. Summary of application: **Community Enterprise and Training Shop**

Name of organisation: **Hitchin Town Centre Initiative**

Sum requested: **£1,500**

Total project cost: **£8,000**

Brief details:

Hitchin Initiative wish to establish a Community Enterprise and Training Shop which will provide life skills training for 18 - 25 year olds. Specific retail skills training, opportunities for embryonic local businesses to gain experience through mentoring and marketing, profiling for local community groups to ensure their sustainability and encourage volunteering especially in young people. This will be for a six month period initially. This could potentially benefit up to 2,500 young people as well as the wider community.

Matched / linked funding: **£0**

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or DRR

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Comments from Development Officer:

There is a great need for support to young people to give them the skills required for their future and also involving local business to mentor and coach the young people would increase the young people's understanding of what is required for working life but also help the businesses recruit suitable candidates. Current interest from North Herts College and North Herts Minority Ethnic Forum in partnership working on this project.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: