

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	26 September 2012
Title:	Youth Support Service Grants 2013/14
Reference:	4075
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services for a 12 month extension from 1st April 2013 until 31st March 2014 of the Youth Support Services grant allocation process to voluntary and independent sector organisations within Hampshire (though not the specific grant allocations for which approval will be sought when the 2013/14 revenue budget is approved).
- 1.2. These grants will enable providers to continue to provide local projects and services which have been steered by the Local Children's Partnerships in line with the government's commitment to the 'Big Society'. These services retain a focus on young people who are the most vulnerable enabling them to access targeted services in their local area.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The Youth Support Services grant budget was a result of the re-design of Youth Support Services across the County. The grant approach was adopted whilst requirements were being clarified and the market matures with a view to moving to a contractual basis for the larger awards in the medium term. Following feedback from young people, current providers and potential providers regarding continuity of service and achieving the best outcomes for young people, the recommendation is to extend some of the current grants (subject to meeting grant monitoring conditions and specifications) for a further 12 months whilst the contractual arrangements for future years are finalised.

- 2.2. It is the intention that priority youth support services from April 2014/15 onwards will be commissioned via a competitive tender process.

3. Budget position

- 3.1. It is expected that the budget available will be £1,798,800 subject to approval of the 2013/14 revenue budget by County Council in February 2013.
- 3.2 As per arrangements in 2012/13, it is also expected that Eastleigh Borough Council will contribute an additional £75,000 to support services commissioned across the Eastleigh District.

4. Criteria for extension of grant funding

- 4.1. The criteria for the extension of individual projects will include monitoring, budget available, the meeting of grant conditions, outcomes for young people and LCP priorities.
- 4.2. Providers will need to demonstrate their ability to deliver priority services as detailed in locally prescribed specifications and undertake a review of the progress of the service. These criteria and awards for 2013/14 funding will be signed off by the local panel.

5. Recommendation(s)

- 5.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the extension of the use of a grant award process for the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because: N/A	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Youth Support Service Re-design	2993	29/07/11
Children's Services Grants 2012/13	3442	20/02/12
Youth Support Service Grants 2012/13	3904	31/05/12
Youth Support Services Grants 2012/13	4034	17/07/12
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Every Child Matters		2003
Children Act		2004
Children's Plan		2007

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. The funding of projects targeted at supporting priority groups of vulnerable children and young people across the county is expected to have a positive impact on improving outcomes for equalities groups.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The funding of projects directly impacting on more vulnerable groups of young people is expected to impact positively to reduce potential crime and disorder.