

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 17 October 2011 |
| Title: | Grants to meet transitional arrangements for Youth Services in 2011/12 |
| Reference: | 3360 |
| 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 transitional grant recommendations over £5,000 totalling £223,434 to voluntary sector organisations within Hampshire as listed in Appendix 2. A further £69,356 will be awarded in sums of £5,000 and under within officer delegated powers (listed for information in Appendix 3) bringing the total grants awarded to the voluntary sector for these transitional arrangements in 2011/12 to £292,790.
- 1.2. The report provides information about the work of the organisations who we are seeking to be awarded the transitional monies within this financial year.
- 1.3. The awarding of grants was the agreed process to meet the transitional arrangements as part of the Youth Support Services changes. Organisations within the voluntary sector have been approached to continue providing services that will target the most vulnerable young people. Hampshire County Council Children's Services Department are seeking to support the voluntary sector by offering financial assistance that would enable the sector to enhance provision.
- 1.4. From April 2012, when the full commissioning process is completed, the voluntary sector will deliver the services in partnership with the Local Children's Partnerships as set out within the Business case agreed by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 29 July 2011.
- 1.5. The awarding of these grants is no presumption that the organisation will be awarded the grant for 2012/13, as these awards will be subject to a full commissioning process.

- 1.6. The work that the transitional monies will secure has been identified. However, due to the requirement to seek providers and to build capacity, in some instances a potential provider has not been identified. Work is in hand with the Hampshire Alliance to secure providers from the voluntary sector. If these grants are approved, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services will be advised of the details at a future Decision Day.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The approved business case for the re-designed Youth Support Service is currently in the implementation stage. Plans for the recruitment to the targeted and Careers Guidance service are on track and should be ready for implementation from November 2011. It was agreed that, as part of the business case, and in partnership with the Local Children's Partnerships, local voluntary sector providers would be identified who could provide a continuation of the key services until the commissioning process was able to identify providers from April 2012 via the full grant process.
- 2.2. Priorities were given to projects that were seen by Local Children's Partnerships as key projects that should be commissioned to the voluntary sector from April 2012. Some other projects were also targeted whereby local arrangements were being made for local community groups to facilitate some open access provision within their own communities. These groups will be assisted by the new role of the Community Development Facilitator who will be in post from November 2011.

3. Budget Position

- 3.1. The budget monitoring report considered by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 28 September 2011, based on June 2011 figures, identified a forecast underspend on youth support services of about £500,000. This had arisen as a result of the earlier than planned departure of youth practitioners.
- 3.2. Further staff vacancies mean that this underspend is likely to increase. It has been possible, therefore, to create a provision within the 2011/12 budget to commission services up to 31 March 2012. The grants proposed within this report can be met from this provision.

4. Grants Criteria

- 4.1. All applications must meet eligibility criteria which ensures that the funding is aligned with the Local Children's Partnership priorities, linked to Every Child Matters and the Children and Young People Plan 2009-2012. All applications are supported where necessary by the Youth Support Team Manager and District Managers. All project applications over £5,000 must be approved by the Executive Lead Member. Local Children's Partnerships support all the grant award recommendations set out in this paper.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the grant applications over £5,000, totalling £223,434 for voluntary sector organisations within Hampshire, as listed in Appendix 2. The Executive Lead Member authorises the Director of Children's Services to settle detailed terms where applicable.
- 5.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services notes the grant applications under £5,000 totalling £69,356 for voluntary sector organisations that have been awarded within officer delegated powers, as listed in Appendix 3.

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

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| 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): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> Decision Report YSS | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> 29.07.2011 |
| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
| <u>Title</u> None | <u>Date</u> | |

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.)

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

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. A thorough Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out in order to inform the decision taken by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 29 July 2011 that has subsequently led to this decision.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. Youth Support Services continuously work to support work being carried out to reduce crime and disorder both committed by and impacting upon young people. It is not anticipated that this decision will impact the outcome of that work.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. It is not anticipated that this decision will have any significant impact on climate change or on the carbon reduction goals of the County Council.

Grants Criteria:

- The Children's Services grant process has been created to support projects delivered by the voluntary or not for profit sector.
- The services, projects or activities of the organisation are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of Hampshire County Council and the Children's Services Department as laid down in the Children and Youth People's Plan (CYPP) priorities for 2009-12, with particular focus on the Local Children's Partnership priorities.
- The services, projects or activities benefit people living in the county of Hampshire.
- The proposal is presented in the standardised form required by the Children's Services Department.

To be eligible for support the organisation must:

- Benefit children, young people and their families and carers in the Hampshire County Council area.
- Demonstrate how their work meets the outcomes of the CYPP and LCP's and the priorities, aims and objectives of the Children's Services.
- Have in place appropriate insurances.
- Have policy statements and guidelines in place for Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Child Protection and Quality Assurance (where applicable).
- Ensure all staff, both paid and voluntary, who have contact with children and young people have an up to date Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau clearance.
- Apply for funding from other sources such as trusts, district/borough councils, businesses or other sponsorship or contribute to the costs in kind.
- Comply with mutually agreed reporting and monitoring requirements.

Details of grant applications

The table below shows a summary of transitional grants over £5,000 recommended for 2011/12.

| Name of Organisation | Project Title | Recommendation for 2011/12 |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Basingstoke | | |
| 1. Basingstoke Voluntary Services | MAD Fridays | £6,912 |
| 2. Basingstoke Voluntary Services | The GAP Project | £5,932 |
| 3. Ridgeway Community Centre | The Jam Youth Project | £9,070 |
| 4. Tadley Community Centre | Tadley Youth Project | £9,070 |
| East Hants | | |
| Fareham | | |
| 5. Moving on Project | Fareham Careers Guidance | £15,750 |
| 6. Odyssey | Youth Provision – Odyssey | £18,000 |
| 7. Genesis Management Committee | Genesis | £18,000 |
| Gosport | | |
| 8. Moving on Project | I-Stop | £16,200 |
| 9. Lee on Solent Residents Association | Focus Youth | £10,000 |
| Hart & Rushmoor | | |
| 10. Clear Stone Trust | Domestic Violence Project | £15,000 |
| 11. Fleet Phoenix | The Point Youth Centre Project | £10,000 |
| Havant | | |
| 12. Wecock | Wecock | £14,000 |
| 13. Stakes | Stakes | £14,000 |
| 14. | Motiv8 | £20,000 |
| Test Valley | | |
| 15. Test Valley Community Services | Youth in Romsey | £33,000 |
| Winchester & Eastleigh | | |
| 16. Bumps and Beyond | Bumps and Beyond | £8,500 |
| Total over £5,000 | | £223,434 |

Details of Grant Applications

Basingstoke

1. Basingstoke Voluntary Services, MAD Fridays

This is a young parents targeted project that offers additional support and provides sexual health advice to prevent a second pregnancy. The LCP supports this project.

A grant of £6,912 is recommended.

2. Basingstoke Voluntary Services, the GAP Project

This project works with young people with learning difficulties giving them basic life skills and reduce isolation. The LCP supports this project.

A grant of £5,932 is recommended.

3. Ridgeway community Centre, The Jam Youth Project

The Jam Youth Project: Ridgeway Community Association will be delivering this project, they are a voluntary organisation. The grant requested, £9,070, is for staffing and recruiting. The organisation is responsible for a community centre in a community of high deprivation offering a range of activities for the local community, the money will fund a youth hub, offering services to those disaffected young people on the estate, reducing NEET and Teenage Pregnancy as two of its main aims as well as anti social behaviour. This has been LCP approved.

A grant of £9,070 is recommended.

4. Tadley Community Centre, Tadley Youth Project

Tadley Youth Project: Tadley Community Association will deliver this project. They are a voluntary organisation. The grant requested, £9,070, is for staffing and recruiting. The organisation is responsible for a community centre in a community of rural deprivation offering a range of activities for the local community including a large travelling community. The money will fund a youth hub, offering services to those disaffected young people in the area, reducing NEET and Teenage Pregnancy as two of its main aims as well as anti social behaviour. This has been LCP approved.

A grant of £9,070 is recommended

East Hants

Fareham

5. Moving on Project, Fareham Careers Guidance

This organisation has applied for charity status. Moving On Project is a counselling service for young people offering one to one appointments. The funding will provide an extension to service to provide community careers appointments focussing on NEET young people.

A grant of £15,750 is recommended.

6. Odyssey, Youth Provision, Odyssey

Currently working with the school on securing a provider. The organisation will provide youth work delivery. Three evening sessions to be delivered plus one to one drop in. This has been approved by the LCP.

A grant of £18,000 is recommended.

7. Genesis Management Committee, Genesis

The management committee intend to subcontract this. The organisation will provide youth work delivery. Three evening sessions per week, one after school drop in. The LCP has agreed this.

A grant of £18,000 is recommended.

Gosport

8. Moving on Project, I-Stop

The Moving On Project has applied for charity status. It will provide youth counselling. This is an extension to service to provide community careers appointments focussing on NEET young people. LCP support the grant award.

A grant of £16,200 is recommended.

9. Lee on Solent Residents Association, Focus Youthy

The potential organisation is the Lee on Solent Residents Association. This is a non profit making organisation who will deliver youth work delivery. Three sessions per week, including SEN project. The funds will help transition services upto 31 March 2012. The LCP support this grant award.

A grant of £10,000 is recommended.

Hart & Rushmoor

10. Clear Stone Trust, Domestic Violence Project

Rushmoor LCP supports this grant award. The delivery will be by staff currently undertaking this work, so the quality and consistency is known. The organisation supports young people who are at risk of, or are involved in Domestic Violence. The project is supported by the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator.

A grant of £15,000 is recommended.

11. Fleet Phoenix, the Point Youth Centre Project

Hart LCP supports this grant award. Fleet Phoenix has charitable status. The work targets vulnerable young people who are NEET, but also supports teenage pregnancy, sexual health and will undertake detached work that will focus on young people at risk of anti-social behaviour and drug and alcohol misuse.

A grant of £10,000 is recommended.

Havant

12. Wecock, Wecock

We are in discussions with Hampshire and IOW Youth Services, and are approaching Youth Options. The organisations all manage, support and deliver youth projects within Hampshire. The funding will contribute to staffing, activities and rental costs to maintain services in preparation for commissioned services from April 2012. LCP support this grant award. The project provides a hub activity for NEET, young people at risk of substance and alcohol misuse and sexual health drop in.

A grant of £14,000 is recommended.

13. Stakes, Stakes

We are in discussions with two voluntary organisations who will continue to deliver targeted services from this hub. Hampshire and IOW Services and Youth Options will work together to support the continuation of this targeted project. Sexual Health, NEET and crime prevention are major features of the service. The funding will contribute to staffing, activities and rental costs to maintain services in preparation for commissioned services from April 2012. LCP supports the grant award.

A grant of £14,000 is recommended.

14. Motiv8, Motiv8

This registered charity engages with young people and supports them in accessing better life chances. They do this to reduce offending and anti-social

behaviour and the risk of disengagement with learning. The funding is for staffing, activities and rental costs to maintain services for two months February and March 2012 in preparation for commissioned services from April 2012. LCP support this grant award.

A grant of £20,000 is recommended.

Test Valley

15. Test Valley Community Services, Youth in Romsey

The trustees provide support to the project, hold the lease on the building and fund raise. Test Valley Community Services are able to support the project through providing a payroll service to support the trustees. We are contributing to staffing and activities. Funding is predominantly to support staffing and maintain face to face delivery. The trustees fund raise for resources and equipment. The project is a multi agency targeted facility which engages vulnerable young people who are hard to reach. Crime prevention is a major feature.

A grant of £33,000 is recommended.

Winchester & Eastleigh

16. The Carrol Centre, Bumps and Beyond

The Carrol Centre runs this project, working with young parents. This is a targeted service that is well established and valued. The project is supported by the LCP and will be commissioned in April 2012.

A grant of £8,500 is recommended

Details of grant applications

The table below shows a summary of transitional grants under £5,000 recommended for 2011/12.

| Name of Organisation | Project Title | Recommendation for 2011/12 |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Basingstoke | | |
| 1. TBC | Freedom Youth (LGBT) Project | £1,000 |
| 2. Basingstoke Voluntary Services | Junction 6 | £4,950 |
| East Hants | | |
| 3. Kings Arms | Kings Arms | £2,520 |
| 4. Crossover | Crossover | £2,520 |
| 5. Youth Umbrella Group | Youth Umbrella Group | £1,680 |
| 6. Army Youth Group | Army Youth Group | £1,680 |
| 7. Woodlands | Woodlands | £1,680 |
| 8. Alton Communities | Alton Community Centre | £4,400 |
| Fareham | | |
| 9. Odyssey | Music Fusion | £2,650 |
| 10. Odyssey, partnership with Porchester School | SN-Odyssey | £1,000 |
| Gosport | | |
| 11. Music Fusion | Music Fusion - Rowner | £4,225 |
| 12. St Mary's Church | Open Access – Rowner | £1,600 |
| Hart & Rushmoor | | |
| 13. The Bus Project | The Bus Project | £3,500 |
| Havant | | |
| 14. Women's Aid | Havant Women's Aid | £4,950 |
| 15. Off the Record | Off the Record | £2,000 |
| 16. Leigh Park Baptist Church | Leigh Park Baptist Church | £2,000 |
| 17. TBC | Springwood | £4,950 |
| 18. TBC | Kids | £1,000 |
| New Forest | | |
| 19. Fawley Parish Council or connected Charity | Special Needs Youth Club, Fawley | £2,800 |
| 20. None identified | Special Needs Youth Club, New Milton | £2,800 |
| 21. Parent Link | Colours Special Needs Youth Club | £2,875 |
| Winchester & Eastleigh | | |

| Name of Organisation | Project Title | Recommendation for 2011/12 |
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| 22. Denmead Youth | Denmead Youth Project | £1,400 |
| 23. Solent Youth | NGS – Hype | £4,026 |
| 24. National Autistic | NGS-Yzone | £1,650 |
| 25. None identified | LGNT Group Winchester | £2,500 |
| 26. Street Reach | Micheldever Youth Project | £3,000 |
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| Total Under £5,000 | | £69,356 |