

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	19 January 2012
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	3537
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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**1. Executive Summary**

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider five applications received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget whose details are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

**2. Budget position**

2.1. The balance available for allocation at 19 January 2012 is £126,067 after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

**3. Criteria of grant**

3.1. A copy of the criteria used for allocating grants is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

**4. Recommendations:**

That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves grants of £17,863 to those voluntary organisations and other bodies as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

## Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

**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.)

DocumentLocation

Application form received from organisations

Chief Executive's Department

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1 The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

## FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Children's Services, etc) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
  - District or Parish Councils
  - Government Institutions
  - Schools
  - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
  - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
  - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general only award grants to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds

**SWAY YOUTH CLUB**  
**HOG ORG NO: 1788**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

To expand the opening times of the current Youth Club by opening a café after school and in the evenings. The funding will be used to provide furniture and equipment.

Total Expenditure: £973

Total Income: £100

Shortfall: £873

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£873

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS**

2010/11- £2,000- decoration (local Member).

2010/11- £1,200- purchase equipment (Children's Services).

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The Local Member is Councillor Thornber.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This organisation is a voluntary and community group and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Children Services: The application demonstrates a commitment to fundraising and it is encouraging that the organisation has already secured a proportion of the funds needed to ensure the premises are fit for purpose. The service benefits young people of Hampshire and meets the Department's priorities in delivering a service that enables young people to make a positive contribution and enjoy and achieve.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£873

**PORTCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
HOG ORG NO: 1418**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The funding will go towards the Portchester People Volunteer Project and will be largely spent on a part time Co-ordinator, training and volunteer expenses.

Total Expenditure: £6,240 (£3,440 salary, £750 training, £1,200 equipment/promotion, £850 volunteer expenses)

Total Income: £1,250

Shortfall: £4,990

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£4,990

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS**

2009- £4,410 - Older People's Lunch and IT Club (P&R)  
2009- £1,485 - (CCBS- Hampshire Learning Funding)  
2011, 2010, 2009 - £11,760 – Annual running costs(CCBS)  
2011- £1,900 – Sports coach and equipment- (Councillor Price)  
2011- £535- HPAT testing kit (Councillor Price)

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The local Member, Councillor Price, is in full support of the application and the amount requested in order to obtain more volunteers.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: The department is in support of this application. The organisation has been very successful at managing volunteering projects in the past, and a grant is therefore recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£4,990- one-off sum for 2011/12 only.

**HAMPSHIRE MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES TRUST  
HOG ORG NO:2659**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The funding will go to the Edge Project, which encourages young people aged between 14 and 24, who are classed as non traditional users or visitors, to use the public facilities in galleries and museums in Hampshire.

The project will include a series of workshops over the spring and summer, culminating in three evening performances at Queen Mary's College and other venues.

Total Expenditure: £36,550 (£10,000- theatre production, £25,000- staff costs\*,  
£1,500-venue hire costs) \* these will be reimbursed back to the  
County Council

Total Income: £30,000 (Parent Organisation)

Shortfall: £6,550

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS**

Local Members in 2011: £750 - Councillor Reid, £750 - Councillor Gurden,  
£750 (Councillor Burgess)

£20,000 p.a. (CCBS). The grant for 2012/13 will be considered at a meeting later this month.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This organisation is County wide and benefits the whole of Hampshire.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: Hampshire Museums and Galleries Trust supports the development of the cultural infrastructure across the county. The Edge Project has been very successful to date in inspiring young people to take a unique perspective on the county's heritage and we fully support this application.

**RECOMMENDATION**

One-off sum of £5,000 for this year only

**NAOMI HOUSE, SUTTON SCOTNEY (WESSEX CHILDREN'S HOSPICE TRUST)**  
**HOG ORG NO:1483**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Naomi House has had its doors open to children, young people and their families for over 15 years. The existing layout of the garden needs to be re-designed to make it a safer and more enjoyable environment. The work involves resurfacing the paths and landscaping which includes levelling the circular lawn and replacing the lawn edging.

Total Expenditure: £13,176

Total Income: £8,176 (£3,000 from Network Rail)

Shortfall: £5,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS**

2010/11- £18,000- 1 to 1 sibling support and peer group support (Children's Services)

2011/12- £10,000-1 to 1 sibling support and peer group support (Children's Services)

2011- £8,750- Adult Carers Grant (Adult Services)

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The local Member, Councillor Porter, is very supportive of the work of Naomi House and endorses the grant being awarded.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Children's Services:** The application demonstrates a clear commitment to fundraising and it is encouraging that the organisation has already secured a large proportion of the overall funds needed to restore the gardens. The service benefits young people across Hampshire and meets the Department's priorities in delivering a service that supports vulnerable young people. A grant of £5,000 is recommended.

**Chief Executive Department:** Families from all over the Wessex region use this facility and it therefore may be appropriate for the Trust to approach other local authorities in this area for potential funding. It is also recommended that the Trust approach the Hampshire Gardens Trust for possible assistance with this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**GOSPORT BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**HOG ORG NO: 1776**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

In 2007, a grant of £3,000 was awarded to Gosport Borough Football Club towards the cost of the Harry Mizen Stand. This grant was subject to the Club meeting several conditions including raising the remainder of the funds required. The project is now complete and due to the length of time taken and an arson incident to one of its huts, costs have increased. The Club is seeking an increase to the original grant.

Total Expenditure: £200,000

Total Income: £174,000 (£76,000 - F.A. and £98,000 from Gosport Borough Council)

Shortfall: £26,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

Not specified

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS**

2007- £3,000 - towards the Harry Mizen Stand.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Comments are awaited from the local Member Councillor Edgar.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 as the activities are incidental to the functions of the County Council.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: The Club provides a programme to the young people of Gosport. An increased grant to £5,000, in view of the arson attack, may be appropriate on this occasion.

**RECOMMENDATION**

A total of £5,000 (includes earlier sum awarded)