

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	31 May 2012
Title:	Grants from Children's Services: Children's Centres
Reference:	3914
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Children's Services Children's Centres grants applications process be approved.
- b) That a provisional budget of £150,000 be allocated to the grants programme.
- c) That delegated decision making for the Director of Children's Services to agree grants over £5,000 for 2012/13 be approved, for organisations within Hampshire subject to their compliance with this process, with final amounts being reported to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day meeting on 17 July 2012.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Grants to organisations will enable them to provide local projects and services which have previously been delivered by them under the former management arrangements for the delivery of children's centre services. Supporting the sustainability of these community based programmes is in line with children's services commitment to working in partnership with the voluntary sector and the commitment made by the executive lead member for children's services to reinvest additional savings into the children's centre programme. These services will be required to retain a focus on improving outcomes for young children aged 0-5 years and grants will enable families and children to access continued services in their local area.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not establish a grants programme. This option was rejected as it places community activity at risk.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

31 May 2012

**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Councillor Roy Perry**