

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	13 June 2012
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	3746
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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**1. Executive Summary**

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider 6 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 13 June 2012 is £369,747 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. Recommendation:**

- i. That grants totalling £52,500 be awarded 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

**CAMBERLEY DISTRICT OPEN MIND ASSOCIATION  
HOG ORG NO:1141****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Camberley District Open Mind Association (CDOMA) are seeking funding for the Open Mind Club, which is a day centre for people with mental health problems three mornings per week. The club provides social contact and increases their self confidence through taking part in activities.

**Total Expenditure:** £9,300 (£2,200- hire of premises, £1,500- car mileage costs, £4,700-organiser salary, £600- pension, phone calls, liability insurance, miscellaneous, £300- refreshments for sale at club)

**Total Income:** £4,700 (£2,250- Surrey County Council, £750- Frimley Allotments, £200- St Mary's Church, Camberley, £1,500- subscriptions)

**Shortfall:** £4,600

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£2,500

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

This budget- 2011- £2,500- The Open Mind Club  
Adult Services- 2010- £2,500- The Open Mind Club

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Collett is in full support of this application. CDOMA do a great job for a group of people who would otherwise really struggle, and as half the catchment area and clientele are in Hampshire it would be a great shame if we cannot help to keep the group open.

**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 Adult Services:** We have supported the Camberley Open Mind Club in previous years and believe it is a worthwhile facility, but have not been able to for the last two financial years.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£2,500

**THE BLUE LAMP TRUST**  
**HOG ORG NO:3946**

### **PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Blue Lamp Trust (formerly Hampshire Bobby Trust) was launched in 1998 to provide home security and peace of mind for the elderly and vulnerable who have been victims of burglary. The Blue Lamp Trust are seeking funding to purchase home security and safety hardware that can be used to operate the scheme.

**Total Expenditure:** £73,000 (£36,000-Bobby Scheme fitters, £17,000- Bobby Scheme Co-ordinator, £10,000- security/safety hardware, £10,000- operating vans)

**Total Income:** £29,000 (£9,000- Trusts, £5,000- Police Property Fund, £15,000- Sponsorship ADT for vans)

**Shortfall:** £44,000

### **APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

### **GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

This budget- 2008- £5,000- Home Security for elderly, vulnerable and disabled victims Adult Services- 2008- £4,999, 2009- £3,000, 2010- £18,000 (Community Safety grant) - Home Security for elderly, vulnerable and disabled victims/ salaries of two fitters and a co-ordinator

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The Blue Lamp Trust operates Hampshire wide and there is no local Member.

### **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 Adult Services:** Fully support the necessary work that the Blue Lamp Trust does. It is very important to make vulnerable people feel safer. Previously rejected their bid a few years ago because thought that there were better ways of delivering the service through existing home improvement agencies and other service providers. This is no longer the case.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**BE YOUR BEST FOUNDATION****HOG ORG NO: 1438****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Be Your Best Foundation encourages young people to take an active role in building safe and healthy communities by delivering the annual Rock Challenge, a fun music competition run through schools. The funding will go towards the delivery of Rock Challenge 2013.

**Total Expenditure:** £148,000 (£76,000- venue hire, £28,000- production staff, £34,000- technical hire, £7,000- insurance, travel, miscellaneous, £3,000- prizes)

**Total Income:** £140,000 ( £10,000- own funds, £10,000- Children's Services Grant, £10,000- Southampton City Council, £10,000- Hampshire DAAT and PCT, £75,000- ticket sales, £25,000- Hampshire Police Authority)

**Shortfall:** £8,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

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

This budget- 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011 - £5,000- Be Your Best Challenge  
Since 2009 this organisation has received grants totalling £32,500 from Children's Services department for the Be Your Best Rock Challenge.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a Countywide organisation and therefore, there is no local Member,

**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 project works well towards all three corporate priorities. The improved outcomes for participants engaged in this project support the Children's and Young People's Plan priorities. The project is Hampshire wide involving schools from across the county. The organisation is contributing £10,000 from their reserves. A grant from the Policy and Resources budget will secure the delivery of the project for 2012/13 by covering most of the shortfall.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**KINGSTON UNIVERSITY HIGHER EDUCATION CORPORATION  
HOG ORG NO: 3452****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Kingston University's (Kingston-upon-Thames) "Reading Force" project aims to promote communication within and between service families and their communities by creating reading groups in the Aldershot area. Service families will share and discuss books, both as individuals and collectively.

The funding will pay towards the cost of an administrator, publicity materials, books, writing materials, stationary, conferences, data and despatch

**Total Expenditure:** £91,000 (£11,000- design and printing of leaflets and sticker sheets, £34,000- staffing, £7,000-website, £10,000- database and despatch, £4,000- books, £22,000- admin/ contingency, £3,000- conference/ PR events)

**Total Income:** £81,000 (£80,000 MOD, £1,000- own funds)

**Shortfall:** £10,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£10,000 from 2012/13 for three years

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

This budget- 2011- £5,000- Reading Force 2011.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillors Kimber and Councillor Neal are the local members and are fully supportive of this application.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Children's Services:** This project is targeting a key vulnerable group and support to services families is welcomed. The proposal has clearly evidenced excellent engagement with Hampshire families as part of the pilot project and significantly benefited service families over the last year. Children's Services would support this ongoing engagement and would encourage the project to work with the department to further evidence the outcomes achieved.

**Chief Executive.** This request is for 3 years, the budget is usually awarded on a one off basis, so suggest invite them to reapply in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£10,000 from 2012/13 for three years

**AERONAUTICA AT SOUTHAMPTON  
HOG ORG NO:3878****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Aeronautica at Southampton (formally the RJ Mitchell Museum) is a registered charity which works towards the conservation, display and interpretation of the aviation history of the city of Southampton and the County of Hampshire. The funding will be used to create a new information documentary of Hampshire aviation heritage for use on touch screens in the museum and a copy of the documentary in DVD form will be sent to all primary and secondary schools in Hampshire as a precursor to visiting the museum. The need has arisen as the museum is constantly being asked for material to explain Hampshire's aviation heritage. Revenue from the sale of the documentary would go to offset production costs.

**Total Expenditure:** £19,000 (£3,000- research, royalties, photographic skills, £14,500- employment of professional production company including editing, cameraman and voice over, £1,500- production of DVD)

**Total Income:** £11,000 (£5,000- own funds, £4,000- sponsorship, £2,000- volunteer support)

**Shortfall:** £8,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£8,000

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

This budget- 2011 - £5,000- exhibition to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Great Britain claiming victory in the Schneider Trophy Contest  
Culture, Communities and Business Services- 2012- £15,000- conditional on progressing with accreditation. £15,000 per annum up until 2010 for general support.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This organisation is based in Southampton and therefore, there is no local Member

**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 aviation holdings of Aeronautica are of significant importance but we have concerns regarding the effectiveness of the Trustee Board and governance arrangements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£8,000, on condition on progressing with accreditation and demonstrating greater benefit to Hampshire residents.

**BLACKWATER VALLEY DISTRICT SCOUTS****HOG ORG NO: 3949****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

A partnership exists between Hampshire County Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and Blackwater Valley District Scouts who meet regularly in a Partnership Advisory Group to ensure the Runways End Outdoor Centre is well managed and serves the community.

The funding will be used to deliver the scout activities run at the Runways End Outdoor Centre, Aldershot, as well as ongoing access of the Blackwater Valley District Scouts to use meeting rooms for their district Headquarters meeting for a period of three years.

**Total Expenditure:** £22,000 (year 1- £10,000, year 2- £7,000, year 3- £5,000)

**Total Income:** none

**Shortfall:** £22,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£22,000 (year 1- £10,000, year 2- £7,000, year 3- £5,000)

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

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Wall is in support of this application for funding.

**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:** Runways End is a new outdoor centre providing outdoor education and challenge for schools and young people in North East Hampshire. It supports corporate and policy commitments to supporting the education and development of young people as well as innovative partnership development in terms of service delivery. The local scout group will continue to use the facility and unlike before will have to contribute towards centre costs on an agreed basis. This tapered grant support has been sought to help the scouts maintain their level of activity while moving to a new operational model over three years.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£22,000 tapering over 3 years (year 1- £10,000, year 2- £7,000, year 3- £5,000) This is subject to the grant directly supporting use of the Runways End Outdoor Centre and the approval of the detailed terms of use agreement for the Blackwater Valley Scouts agreed and monitored by the local management Advisory group.