

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	23 October 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Grants from Children's Services – children's centres 2012/14
<b>Reference:</b>	4302
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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### 1. The decision:

- a) To note grant awards of £60,641 that were approved under delegated authority by the Director of Children's Services in accordance with the Executive Lead Member decision regarding the children's centre grant (CSCCG) of the 31 May 2012.
- b) To approve the balance of £89,359 from the CSCCG to be integrated into the Young Children's Community Support Grant.
- c) To approve the Young Children's Community Support Grant (YCCSG) process, and in particular to note the proposal for discretionary awards of funding for amounts under £5,000 from the YCCSG to support services at risk, whilst their substantive application for funding is being considered.
- d) To approve a total indicative budget allocation for the Young Children's Community Support Grant of £200,000 in 2012/13 and of £350,000 in 2013/14, subject to agreement of the 2013/14 budget by the County Council.
- e) To approve the amended "Guidance Notes" at Appendix 1 of the report.

### 2. Reason for the decision:

- a) Grants to private, voluntary, independent and social enterprise organisations will allow them to delivery local projects and services through children's centres which offer wider provision for children under five and their families. These services will complement and not duplicate the children's centres core offer. They may be universal but will increase engagement and participation of vulnerable groups with children's centres, they will enhance preventative services and offer opportunities to trial innovative approaches to support families in need. This grant strengthens the involvement of local organisations in services delivered through children's centres and affords an opportunity to create employment.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- a) To not establish a grants programme. This option was rejected as it would not enable children's centre funding to be used to maximise the engagement of local voluntary organisations in services linked with children's centres.
- b) To direct the funding through contracts currently held by Action for Children and 4 Children and require these organisations to locally commission services. This option would place significant pressure upon the administrative capacity of the organisations and was therefore rejected.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- a) Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- b) Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: TBC

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None**

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

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Councillor Roy Perry</b>	