

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	11 March 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Annual Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
<b>Reference:</b>	5595
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

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#### 1. The decision:

1. That the annual grants in 2014/15 from the Policy and Resources budget be awarded to the voluntary and community organisations as set out in section 3 of this report. Following discussion at the meeting, and as requested, it was agreed to set the reduction for the recently merged organisation Community First Havant and East Hants CVS's at 12%.
2. That the grant agreements with the Councils of Voluntary Service and Community Action Hampshire, which come to an end in 2013/14, are extended by a further year to enable time for the County Council to consider the findings from the review of support to the voluntary and community sector and to assess the approach adopted by Winchester City Council.
3. That Winchester Area Community Action are allocated 12 months core funding provisionally, to be reviewed at six months, to give the County Council time to assess the outcome of Winchester City Council's new commissioned service.
4. That a report on the review of support to the voluntary and community sector and future options be presented in mid 2014 /15.
5. That any future, funding for Victim Support should be reviewed in consultation with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

2.1. The County Council recognises the value of working with voluntary and community organisations and the contribution they make to help the County Council deliver its aims and objectives.

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

3.1. Not to agree the grants. This would have a detrimental impact on the Council's ability to support smaller voluntary organisations who provide valuable services to local communities. It would also have a detrimental affect on individuals in the community who use the Services of Citizens Advice Bureaux, Relate and Victim Support.

**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 Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

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

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

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**11 March 2014**

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources  
Councillor R. Perry**