

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	14 March 2013
Title:	Annual Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
Reference:	4677
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That grants to those organisations listed in Section 1 of the report be approved for 2013/14;
- b) That the current three year grant agreements with the Councils of Voluntary Service and Community Action Hampshire are extended by a further year to enable time for the County Council to consider the findings from the 2012 review and develop a future approach;
- c) That a strategic review of financial support to Relate’s services across Hampshire be undertaken to establish the longer term direction of financial support;
- d) That there be a three year funding agreement with Hampshire Association of Local Councils to run from 2013/14 to 2015/16 in return for an immediate and sustained 7.5% funding reduction;
- e) That an additional one-off net uplift of £19,000 be made to Citizens Advice Hampshire to meet a significant increase in demand for specialist advice, at the same time as work is undertaken with local Citizens Advice Bureaux to develop their capacity within existing resources to manage increased demand and complexity of cases.
- f) That in future, funding being awarded to 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 ever increasing 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 and Relate.

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:

14 March 2013

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**