

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

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b>     | Executive Member for Policy and Resources              |
| <b>Date of Decision:</b>   | 18 April 2013  |
| <b>Decision Title:</b>     | Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies     |
| <b>Decision Reference:</b> | 4801   |
| <b>Report From:</b>        | Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services |

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**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to consider 7 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 of funding from 2012/13 was £288,990 after grants that were approved at the last decision day. The intention is to transfer any grant monies remaining at the end of 2012/13 to the Policy and Resources designated under spending reserve and this will be available to the Executive Member to call on if required in the future.
- 2.2 The total budget for 2013/14 is £294,800 which reflects the £50,000 saving made as part of the 2013/14 budget setting process. Of this amount, the Leader has agreed to set aside £100,000 for World War 1 commemorations leaving £194,800 for grant awards in the year.
- 2.3 The following commitments have already been made against this sum:-

|  | <b>£'000</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Solent Sea Rescue                                | 41.5         |
| Kingston University Higher Education Corporation | 10.0         |
| Blackwater Valley District Scouts                | 7.0          |
| Blue Apple Theatre Company                       | 6.0          |
| Evelyn Mace Scholarships                         | 0.6          |
| Holy Trinity Church, Penton Mewsey, Andover      | 5.0          |
|  | <b>70.1</b>  |

Some of these amounts were subject to certain conditions being met and may therefore change in the future, however, based on these values, there remains £124,700 available for other grant awards during the year.

## **2.4 Use of the Great Hall**

For many years the County Council has helped voluntary and community organisations towards the cost of using the Great Hall for their functions. From 2012/13 this was increased to £9,000.

## **2.3 UK Youth Parliament**

For many years the County Council has set aside £7,000 to support the UK Youth Parliament to ensure that its Members are part of relevant youth events. The funding supports the county wide election process, attending regional trainings, and residential events.

## **4. Criteria of grant**

- 4.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from this Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

## **5. Recommendations:**

- i. That the grants totalling £39,650 recommended as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.
- ii. That a sum of £9,000 be set aside in 2013/14 for voluntary and community groups to use the Great Hall in Winchester for events.
- iii. That a sum of £7,000 be set aside in 2013/14 to support the UK Youth Parliament.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

## Links to the Corporate Strategy

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| 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

Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

## **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. Further information can be found on individual requests.

### **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

**ANDOVER NEIGHBOUR CARE  
HOG ORG NO:2556****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Andover Neighbourcare is a charity providing services to the local and wider community by offering help and support with transport, shopping, cleaning, gardening, relieving carers. It also operates a "Meals On Wheels" service, Lunch Club, Craft Club, Afternoon Tea & Games and the Time Out Club.

The organisation is requesting funding for free internet training for the over 50's and people with disabilities with objectives of getting people on-line and assisting eradicating digital exclusion. The Internet Café has 25 volunteers who provide sessions for up to 200 training hours per week.

**Total Expenditure:** £39,000 ( £25,000- staff costs for 3 part time employees, £10,400- rent and utilities, £1,400- volunteer expenses, £2,200- office, marketing and capital equipment)

**Total Income:** £29,000 (£7,500-own funds, £2,000- Borough Council, £7,500- UK online centre foundation grant, £7,000- donations)

**Shortfall:** £10,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£10,000

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

2011- Devolved Members Budget- Councillor Mutton- £900- Refurbish St Anne's Hall

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Mutton is in full support of this application.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION**

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:** Should Adult Services have had unlimited resources it would be something that would fall within the remit of our grant funding stream but resources for grant funding are limited and have had to prioritise other activity that more closely meets our priorities so could not fund it.

**Director of Policy and Governance:** This budget is not normally used to support running costs. It should be noted that there are free silver surfer taster sessions at many libraries, schools, community centres around Hampshire for the over 50's.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£10,000 for this financial year only, subject to a satisfactory Business Plan being submitted.

**BARTON STACEY PARISH COUNCIL, WINCHESTER**  
**HOG ORG NO: 2691**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Barton Stacey Parish Council is requesting funding for the replacement of play equipment (spring rocker and an OXO game) for a play area. The area is well used by village children and those of neighbouring communities.

**Total Expenditure:** £1,000 (£180- oxo game, spring rocker- £220, £600- installation, delivery and play matting)

**Total Income:** nil

**Shortfall:** £1,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£1,000

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

2009- Devolved Members Budget- £200- improvements to Barton Stacey playground

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Gibson is in full support of the funding request

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under S1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do. This includes the power to give grants.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Children's Services:** The organisation is investing its reserves in the maintenance work so that is a positive contribution. The project will give daily benefits to the local community who use the resource.

**Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services:** Parish Councils are not normally supported through this grants budget and therefore a grant is not recommended on this occasion.

**RECOMMENDATION**

NIL

**THE RAINBOW CENTRE FOR CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION, FAREHAM  
HOG ORG NO:1558**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Rainbow Centre helps people with motor disorders (Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Disease) towards independence by helping them acquire essential motor skills using a system of learning called conductive Education.

The funding request is to replace the current IT infrastructure which is no longer fit for purpose, the existing server is 7 years old. The proposed new system is both a practical and cost effective solution, incorporating a new more powerful server.

**Total Expenditure:** £26,400 ( £6,262-server and hardware, £5,709- end user equipment, £1,895- hardware, £6,150- installation, £1956- software, £4,400- VAT  
**Total Income:** £30,000 (£25,000-Tesco Charity Trust, £5,000- Rainbow Centre event income (awaiting result)  
**Shortfall:** £-3,598 (dependent on outcome of Tesco Charity Trust)

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£10,000

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

2008- Devolved Members Budget- Councillor Ellis- £1,000- IT equipment

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Bryant is in full support of the application and states that the centre has helped many Hampshire children with Cerebral Palsy and people suffering from Parkinson Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

**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:** An IT system is an integral part of their service delivery, which has a lot of beneficiaries. They are unable to contribute any funding themselves as insufficient reserves.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000 subject to the outcome of the grant bid to the Tesco Charity Trust

**THE MARITIME WORKSHOP, GOSPORT  
HOG ORG NO: 1956**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Maritime Workshop maintains, preserves and restores historical ships, yachts and boats using traditional materials and techniques. The funding request is for the refit of Steam Pinnace, a 102-year old, 50 foot naval gunboat being refitted by local community volunteers known as Group 199.

**Total Expenditure:** £118,000 (£60,000- hull restoration, £36,000- mechanical refit, £22,000- re-tube boiler)

**Total Income:** £90,700 (£50,000- Heritage Lottery Fund, £30,000- Friends of the National Museum of the R.N, £2,500- Princess Anne Charities Trust, £7,500- donors, £700- open day)

**Shortfall:** £27,300.

**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**

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Edgar supports the application and states the project is remarkable

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION**

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 project is community focused and directly benefits Hampshire residents to some extent. The project involves a range of volunteers including those with disabilities and unemployed. The organisation has had considerable success in raising funds from other sectors and it is recommended that this application is supported.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£10,000

**BASHLEY VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND  
HOG ORG NO: 3957**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Bashley Village Hall is more than 25 years old and although the building has been well maintained the toilet facilities need updating, particularly for its disabled users, to bring them up to current standards.

**Total Expenditure:** £18,276- refurbishment of toilet facilities

**Total Income:** £13,250- own funds

**Shortfall:** £5,026

**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**

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The local Member is Councillor Thornber

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION**

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 application meets the Hampshire County Council priority; Enhance community engagement and partnership working by enabling local people access to improved community facilities A grant of £5,000 is recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**PORTCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
HOG ORG NO:1418**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Portchester Community Association is requesting funding to fit out and equip new premises to provide an internet café, community learning, resource and information centre in a high street location. This new resource will support IT classes, e- learning, job search capacity, second hand book shop, community family leaning resource, toy library and an outreach volunteer centre service.

**Total Expenditure:** £6,882 (£339- noticeboards, £2,016- computers and hardware, £3,751- computer desks and chairs, £397- signage, £379- blinds)

**Total Income:** £1,882

**Shortfall:** £5,000

**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**

Executive Member for Culture and Recreation- January 2012 - £4,797 – Building maintenance.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Price is in full support of this application. The Association has set up in a shop in the Portchester Precinct and a small amount of funding will help them in fitting out costs and for them to provide extra services to the community.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION**

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:** This organisation helps support the County Council to meet the following priorities through the valuable work they deliver for the vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community:

- Improve outcomes for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.
- Enhance community engagement and partnership working.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**QUEENS INCLOSURE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA , WATERLOOVILLE  
HOG ORG NO:3958**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Queens Inclosure Primary School PTA, Waterlooville are requesting funding to create a quiet memorial garden area, to include a sun dial as a memorial to their school crossing man.

**Total Expenditure:** £4,650 (£3,300- fencing to enclose garden, £400- shades to screen garden, £600-sun dial and plinth, £350- garden shed)

**Total Income:** nil)

**Shortfall:** £4,650

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£4,650

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

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Beagley is in full support of this funding request

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION**

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 activity detailed in the application would be beneficial to the children of the school. The PTA have been proactive in securing other support to enable the purchase of equipment and they have also been able to secure in-kind support via a community action day, both of which are positive contributions to the project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£4,650