

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	12 June 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Short Breaks and Children's Services Grants 2013-14
<b>Reference:</b>	4707
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services for grant recommendations from the Short Breaks grant programme, unallocated Youth Support Service funding and Children's Services base budget.
- 1.2 Approval from the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services is sought for funding awards totalling £147,166 from the Short Breaks grant programme as listed in Appendix 2.
- 1.3 Approval from the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services is sought for grant recommendations totalling £105,075 for additional Youth Support Services as listed in Appendix 3.
- 1.4 Approval from the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services is sought for a grant recommendation totalling £9,000 from Children's Services base budget to Spotlight UK.

### 2. Background

#### 2.1 Short Breaks Grants

The Short Breaks grant recommendations are part of the overall budget for children with disabilities and funds activities for young people aged 0-19 years who live in Hampshire or attend a Hampshire school. The Short Breaks grant recommendations in Appendix 2 will enable organisations to develop and continue to provide services for disabled children and young people as part of the range of services required to be provided within the framework of The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011.

2.2 The Short Breaks panel for this grant round included a number of Hampshire County Council Officers and parent representatives from Hampshire Parent/Carer Network. The Short Breaks panel also considers smaller grants throughout the year for smaller clubs and activities. These smaller grants also support individual disabled children and young people to access mainstream leisure and recreation activities and fund individual provision to enable their full participation. These Grants are all under £5,000 and allocated by Officers under delegated powers with Parent Voice representatives part of the recommendation panel.

2.3 Youth Support Services (YSS):

The Youth Support Services grant budget is a result of the re-design of Youth Support Services across the County and fund targeted youth support to young people aged 11-19 years old (up to 25 for a young person with a disability or Care Leaver). The grant approach has been adopted whilst requirements are being clarified and the market matures with a view to moving to a contractual basis for the larger awards in the medium term.

2.4 Spotlight UK engages with many disadvantaged young people across Basingstoke and provides greater access to support and activities that develop skills, increase confidence and improve health and wellbeing outcomes. Funding is sought to contribute towards staffing costs of the project.

**3. Budget position**

3.1 Short Breaks (Appendix 2)

Short Breaks Total Grant Budget 2013/14	Additional grants proposed	Balance Remaining
£2,522,300	£147,166	£267,455.67

The balance remaining for Short Breaks will be allocated as smaller grants throughout the rest of 2013-14, for activities and support as described in 2.2.

3.2 Youth Support Services (Appendix 3)

YSS Total Grant Budget 2013/14	Additional grants proposed	Balance Remaining
£1,798,799	£105,075	£ 20,338

The Youth Support Services balance will be made available to respond to local need and gaps identified by the Local Children's Partnership.

3.3 A grant of £9,000 to Spotlight UK will be provided from base budget.

#### **4. Criteria of grant**

4.1 Applications to the Short breaks grant programme must meet strict eligibility criteria as advertised via the corporate grants website and assessed to ensure that the provision offers value for money and covers a fair geographical area.

4.2 Applications to the Youth Support Service grant programme must demonstrate their ability to deliver priority targeted youth support services as detailed in locally prescribed specifications.

#### **5. Other considerations**

5.1 A proportion of the Short Breaks funding has been used to provide in-house (Hampshire County Council) projects and activities in some geographical areas. The same scrutiny process was followed, but this funding award cannot be given as a grant. These funding amounts are identified in the table in Appendix 2 in the column titled "Other funding recommended (HCC)", and these funding awards total £48,214. Together with the recommended Grant amounts, the total Short Breaks funding for activities detailed in this report is £147,166.

5.2 Organisations which applied for funding for 2013/14 but which were unfortunately unsuccessful have received individual feedback explaining why their application was not recommended for funding this round.

#### **6. Recommendation(s)**

6.1 That the Executive Lead Member approves the Short Breaks Grant recommendations totalling £98,952 to the organisations as listed in Appendix 2; and also notes the funding allocations to Hampshire County Council departments totalling £48,214 also in Appendix 2 and described in Section 5.2 above.

6.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the YSS recommendations totalling £105,075 for organisations within Hampshire as listed in Appendix 3.

6.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves a grant of £9,000 to Spotlight UK to contribute towards staffing costs.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>OR</b>	
<b>This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:</b>	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Short Breaks Grant Awards	3353	17 October 2011
Short Breaks Statement of Future Provision and Grant Awards	3153	
Short Breaks for Disabled Children	2589	6 April 2011
Short Breaks Grant Awards	3440	18 January 2012
Short Breaks Grant Allocations for 2012-13	3441	1 February 2012
Short Breaks Grant Allocations for 2012-2013	3717	17 July 2012
Short Breaks for Disabled Children: Service Statement Review	4120	6 December 2012
Short Breaks for Disabled Children: Grant Awards 2013-2014	4197	23 January 2013
Short breaks Grant awards: Specialist playschemes in Basingstoke (2013-14)	4685	25 March 2013
Youth Support Service Re-design	2993	29/07/11
Youth Support Service Grants 2012/13	3904	31/05/12
Youth Support Service Grants 2012/13	4034	17/07/12
Youth Support Service Grants 2013/14	4075	26/09/12
Youth Support Service Grants 2013/14	4331	23/01/2013
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulation 2011	2011	

**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

Short Breaks: Statutory guidance on how to safeguard and promote the welfare of disabled children using short breaks  
Short Breaks: Advice for Local Authorities

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DCSF-00183-2010>  
<http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/s/short%20breaks%20-%20advice%20for%20local%20authorities.pdf>

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed for the Short Breaks programme and along with our stakeholders we will continue to progress the action plan as agreed. The outcomes and action from the Equalities Impact Assessment are shared with all grants panels. The proposals support that the needs of disabled children and their carers are met within local services and that parents and their representatives have an opportunity to be consulted and to influence services
- 1.2 The funding of projects targeted at supporting priority groups of vulnerable children and young people across the county is expected to have a positive impact on improving outcomes for equalities groups.
- 1.3 Each applicant must declare that the organisation has an equal opportunities policy in place prior to funding being awarded.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1 The funding of projects directly impacting on more vulnerable groups of young people is expected to impact positively to reduce potential crime and disorder.

## Details of grant recommendations

<b>Short breaks activity provider</b>	<b>Activity title/details</b>	<b>Grants recommended for 2013-14</b>
SCARF	Contribution to the Saturday Multi-Sports club for children with disabilities run by a parent-led group in the west of the New Forest	£3,000
Totally Tennis	Contribution to an existing tennis club which includes disabled children, in Basingstoke	£3,470
Basingstoke & Deane Community Leisure Trust	One-to-one and fun group swimming sessions; and golf sessions for disabled children and young people in Basingstoke	£11,000
Starlight ASD Support	Weekly specialist youth/after-school clubs for children and young people with autistic spectrum disorders, in Havant and Fareham areas	£9,040
FISH 4 Kids	Contribution to supported places for disabled children at an inclusive holiday playscheme in the Havant area	£3,000
Hawks in the Community	Contribution to after-school multi-sports sessions at four special schools in the Havant area	£6,700
Hedgehogs Community Ltd	Contribution to supported places for disabled children at an inclusive holiday daycamp in the Eastleigh area	£7,000
The Rainbow Trust	Contribution to short breaks sessions for children and young people with life-limiting illness and complex health needs, provided at their home or in the local community, across Hampshire	£7,500
Parent Action Group (PAG)	Contribution to MADD club (music, arts, dance, drama) run by parent-led group in Hart & Rushmoor area	£9,653
NAS Hart & Rushmoor	Contribution to two services for children and young people with an autistic	

	spectrum disorder, and their families, run by a parent-led group in Hart & Rushmoor area. Zone Out – supported activities and outings for the whole family The Zone – a variety of after-school and Saturday clubs	£4,445 £12,509
Fareham Autistic Spectrum Support (FASS)	Contribution to supported activities and outings for children and young people with an autistic spectrum disorder and their families, run by a parent-led group in Fareham.	£5,200
Sport & Leisure Management (Fareham Leisure Centre)	Contribution to supported places at an inclusive holiday playscheme, supported swimming and sports clubs	£16,435
	<b>Total short breaks grants recommended:</b>	<b>£98,952</b>

<b>Short Breaks provider (HCC)</b>	<b>Activity title/details</b>	<b>Funding to be noted for 2013-14</b>
Oak Lodge School	Contribution to after-school clubs for children with learning disabilities and/or autism, in the New Forest area	£6,856
The Waterloo School	Contribution to a Saturday club and summer holiday club for primary aged children with behavioural and emotional needs, autism, moderate learning disabilities	£12,000
Glenwood School	Contribution to an after-school hiking club for children with learning disabilities; and a summer holiday scheme	£12,583
Prospect School	Contribution to an after-school music club, a holiday playscheme and some Saturday club sessions for secondary aged children with behavioural and emotional needs	£16,775
	<b>Total funding to HCC Short breaks providers:</b>	<b>£48,214</b>
	<b>TOTAL OF ALL GRANTS AND FUNDING:</b>	<b>£147,166</b>

**YSS Grant recommendations  
Test Valley Outreach Service**

7B Test Valley Outreach	Youth Options	£28,473
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**East Hampshire**

2 A1 Petersfield Hub	The Kings Arms	£17,160
2 A3 Bordon Hub	Community First HEH	£14,300
2 B1 Petersfield & Bordon Drop In	Community First HEH	£13,457

**Winchester**

6 A4 Alresford Hub	Groundwork South	£10,500
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**New Forest**

4A Fordingbridge Hub	It's Your Choice	£8,468
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**Rushmoor**

11C Health and Wellbeing Drop In	Step by Step Partnership	£2,717
5 A1 Detached Service	Fleet Phoenix	£6,000
12A Domestic Violence	Clear Stone Trust	£5,000

Total Recommended		£105,075
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