

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	25 June 2013
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	4863
<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 seven 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 available for allocation from 2013/14 grant budget at 13 June 2013 is £278,800, after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

**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 £28,900 recommended as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

## Links to the Corporate Strategy

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

**WESSEX CHILDREN'S HOSPICE TRUST**  
**HOG ORG NO:1483**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The funding request is towards the costs of hosting a Royal Visit. The Royal Highness, the Duchess of Cambridge visited Naomi House, Sutton Scotney during Children's Hospice Week on the 26 April- 3 May. Whilst there, she visited the hydrotherapy pool, children's bedrooms and the gardens and had tea with brothers and sisters of children cared for at the hospice and listened to a live performance of 'Free' a song written by a Naomi House sibling.

**Total Expenditure:** £6,000 (£2,500- marquee, £1,000-toilets, £2,000- catering, £500- flowers/entertainment)

**Total Income:** £1,000 (own funds)

Further information is being sought on income received/applied for towards this visit

**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**

2011- this budget- £5,000- garden restoration

2010- Children's Services Integrated Grant- £10,000- sibling support service

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Porter is in support of the application but has concerns over the cost of the toilet facilities.

**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:** As the activity in the application has already taken place, the Leader may wish to award a grant to the organisation which will then be used to fund this Royal visit.

**Director of Policy and Governance:** This grants budget does not usually award grants retrospectively.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THE BLUE LAMP TRUST**  
**HOG ORG NO:3946**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Blue Lamp Trust (formerly Hampshire Bobby Trust) was launched in 1998 to provide home security and peace of mind for the elderly and vulnerable who have been victims of burglary. The Blue Lamp Trust is seeking funding to purchase home security and safety hardware that can be used to operate the scheme.

**Total Expenditure:** £53,000 (£38,000-Bobby Scheme fitter wages, £7,000- security/safety hardware, £8,000- vehicle fuel/maintenance)

**Total Income:** £52,900 (£10,000- own funds, £3,300-BLT, £4,100- Comic Relief, £8,000-Police and Fire Service vehicle costs, £20,000- proceeds of Crime Act Sponsorship ADT for vans, Members Devolved Budgets- £7,500)

**Shortfall:** £100

**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**

**This budget-** 2008- £5,000- Home Security for elderly, vulnerable and disabled victims  
**Adult Services-** 2008- £4,999, 2009- £3,000, 2010- £18,000 (Community Safety grant) salaries of two fitters and co-ordinator

**Devolved Members Budget –** 2012/13- £7,500 (Cllrs Knight, Dickens, Gurden, Joy, Ellis, Tucker, Frankum, Thornber, Simpson, Harrison, Broadhurst, Wall, Collett, Radley, Bryant (£500 each)

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The Blue Lamp Trust operates Hampshire wide and there is no local Member

**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 Adult Services:** Fully support the necessary work that the Blue Lamp Trust does. It is very important to make vulnerable people feel safer. Previously rejected their bid a few years ago because thought that there were better ways of delivering the service through existing home improvement agencies and other service providers. This is no longer the case.

**Director of Policy and Governance:** This budget is not normally used to award grants to pay organisations staffing costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**SWANMORE TENNIS CLUB  
HOG ORG NO:3959**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Swanmore Tennis Club has 550 members and six tennis courts. Due to the location of the club, planning permission for floodlighting is not possible and the Club has joined forces with the Swanmore College to install lights on their courts.

**Total Expenditure:** £30,000- installation of lighting posts

**Total Income:** £24,500 (£5,000- Hampshire LTA, £1,000-member donations, £1,500- Hampshire Playing Fields, £15,000- Lawn Tennis Association (awaiting result- September 2013), £2,000- Swanmore Parish Council (£900 granted)

**Shortfall:** £5,500

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£2,500

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

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Huxstep is in full support of this application.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This organisation is a voluntary and community group and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Culture, Communities and Business Affairs:** Floodlights will provide for all year round tennis. Added value is provided due to the need to locate the floodlights on Swanmore School site. Both the club and the school will benefit from their use and also a strong school to club link can be formed, enabling pupils to make the transition from school lessons and after school activity into community club activity. The application is a good fit with a new national project 'satellite clubs' -an extension of a community sports clubs which brings sport out to young people in very local venues.

**Director of Children's Services:** Floodlighting will extend both school and community use and also compliment existing and proposed future developments at the school for both the benefit of the school and the community it serves.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£900 which matches the funding received from the Swanmore Parish Council

**CARECONFIDENTIAL, BASINGSTOKE  
HOG ORG NO:3960**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

CareConfidential provides pregnancy choices counselling and is seeking funding to develop and produce a new course and present it as a web based programme with online training modules combined with the option of small group learning support. The course will be accredited to the Open College Network and will enable volunteers to gain a certificate that allows them to work as a volunteer adviser to people facing unintended pregnancy.

**Total Expenditure:** £51,000 (£36,600- staff time for writing and development, £3,400- travel and subsistence for review panel meetings, £10,000- IT and multimedia production, £1,000- office overheads)

**Total Income:** £41,000 (£1,000- own funds, £40,000- UK Trust,

**Shortfall:** £10,000

**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**

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

CareConfidential operates Hampshire wide and there is no local Member

**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 Services:** The County Council already offers voluntary organisations access to free training opportunities for sexual health related courses via the Youth Support Services Commissioning.

**Director of Policy and Governance:** Grants are not normally awarded from this budget towards an organisation's staffing costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

NIL

**FIVE CHIMNEYS TRUST, BOLDRE, LYMINGTON  
HOG ORG NO:3961**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Five Chimneys Trust is affiliated to the Almshouses Association and provides low cost housing for people 55 years and over who have connections to the local community. The funding request is to replace the original 1920's steel single glazed windows with double glazing which will then be visually compatible with the existing windows.

**Total Expenditure:** £13,140 (£9,850-replacement windows, £750- square lead pattern, £350-A rated glazing to dwellings, £2,190- VAT).

**Total Income:** £6,500- own funds

Further information is being sought on income received/applied for towards this visit

**Shortfall:** £6,640

**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 Thornber 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:** Adult Services do not provide funding for building works so would not recommend funding through Adult Services grant streams. However, we recognise the need to ensure older people are able to live in good quality accommodation and improvements such as this should enable that to happen.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**AERONAUTICA AT SOUTHAMPTON  
HOG ORG NO:3878****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Aeronautica at Southampton (formerly the RJ Mitchell Museum) is a registered charity which works towards the conservation, display and interpretation of the aviation history of the city of Southampton and the County of Hampshire. The funding will be used to create a new information documentary of Hampshire aviation heritage for use on touch screens in the museum. A copy of the DVD documentary will be sent to all schools in Hampshire as a precursor to visiting the museum.

The organisation receives numerous requests for information relating to Hampshire's aviation heritage.

**Total Expenditure:** £19,000 (£3,000- research, royalties, photographic skills, £14,500- employment of professional production company including editing, cameraman and voice over, £1,500- production of DVD)

**Total Income:** £11,000 (£5,000- own funds, £4,000- sponsorship, £2,000- volunteer support)

**Shortfall:** £8,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£8,000

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

**This budget-** 2011 - £5,000- exhibition to commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in the Schneider Trophy Contest

**Culture, Communities and Business Services-** 2012- £15,000- conditional on progressing with accreditation. £15,000p.a. up until 2010 for general support.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This organisation is based in Southampton and therefore, there is no local Member

**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 Culture, Communities and Business Services:** The aviation holdings of Aeronautica are of significant importance. It has recently gained accreditation (Oct 2012) and developed a Business Plan to take the organisation forward which the County Council has received.

**Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services:** This application was deferred in June 2012 to gather further information on the organisation's business and marketing plans, governance structure and geographical spread.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£8,000

**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 seven years old.

**Total Expenditure:** £26,400 (£6,284-server and hardware, £5,710- end user equipment, £1,900- hardware, £6,150- installation, £1,956- software, £4,400- VAT  
**Total Income:** £10,000 (£5,000- Rainbow Centre event income, £5,000- Fareham Community Fund)  
**Shortfall:** £16,400

The funding request was considered at the April meeting where it was agreed up to £10,000 dependent on the outcome of a grant bid to the Tesco Charity Trust. Unfortunately they were not successful in their, however were successful in securing £5,000 from Fareham Community Fund.

**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  
2013/14- Children's Services- 38 weeks of a Saturday Club for children with Cerebral Palsy

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillors Latham and Ringrow are in full support of this application.

**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**

£10,000