

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member Policy and Resources
Date:	12 March 2015
Title:	Annual Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
Reference:	6494
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

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1. The decision:

In agreeing these grants in (a) and (b) below, the Director confirmed that the awards to local Councils for Voluntary Service clusters for 2015/16 represented a 3.5% reduction on the awards made in 2014/15 and that this would be reduced by a further 3.5% in 2016/17.

- a) The annual grants in 2015/16 from the Policy and Resources budget be awarded to the voluntary and community organisations as set out in section 3 of the report.
- b) The grant to local CVSs be made through four self selecting clusters for two years subject to a further reduction of an additional 3.5% in 2016/17 and to an agreed annual development plan.
- c) The grant to Action Hampshire be subject to an agreed development plan for 2015-16 and subject to further review for 2016/17.
- d) The proposed awards to Relate South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Citizen's Advice Hampshire, and Hampshire Association of Local Councils be made for 2015/16 pending further work during 2015 to understand the opportunities for enhanced joint working and to determine proposed grants for 2016/17 and beyond.

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 effect on individuals in the community who use these services.

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:

12 March 2015

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor Roy Perry**