

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
Date:	23 March 2015
Title:	Short Breaks for Disabled Children – Grants for 2015-16
Reference:	6447
Report From:	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 Short Breaks grants to be allocated to the value of £2,230,610 to voluntary sector and other organisations in Hampshire for 2015/16.
- 1.2. Hampshire County Council undertook a consultation on proposals to reduce the budget for the short break programme during 2014. The outcome of this consultation was a decision to maintain the overall budget for Short Break activities during the financial year 2015/16 and for future proposals to be incorporated within the County Council Transformation to 2017 programme.
- 1.3. Grants awarded in this report 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.
- 1.4. Approval is also sought for the grants for the Parent Voice Information and Participation Service, incorporating the statutory Local Offer (information about all local health, education, social care and leisure services for children and young people with disabilities and special educational needs) to be extended for a further year. In addition, approval is sought for a grant to the Hampshire Parent / Carer Network to enable effective co-production and participation by parents / carers in service development and evaluation.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations bring into effect Paragraph 6(1)(c) of Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989 (inserted by section 25 of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008), requiring local authorities to

provide services to assist individuals who provide care for disabled children to continue to do so, or to do so more effectively, by giving them breaks from caring.

- 2.2. The Regulations state that “a child is disabled if he is blind, deaf or dumb or suffers from mental disorder of any kind or is substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity or such other disability as may be prescribed”.
- 2.3. The Regulations also define short breaks with the caveat that provision shall be made, in so far as is reasonable and practicable, for a range of services which are sufficient to assist carers to continue to provide care or to do so more effectively. In particular the local authority must provide, as appropriate, a range of:
 - day-time care in the homes of disabled children or elsewhere;
 - overnight care in the homes of disabled children or elsewhere;
 - educational or leisure activities for disabled children outside their homes;
 - services available to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during the school holidays.
- 2.4. The public consultation about short breaks (September – December 2014) created a shortened timescale for applications and scrutiny of grants. A local focus was retained for the 2015/16 grants round by inviting parent representatives to review applications for their own local areas, with panel meetings being held over three days in the north and south of the county. Unfortunately the shortened timescale meant that young people were not able to be involved directly in reviewing applications this time.
- 2.5. Funding has also 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 is not given as a grant. These funding amounts are identified in the table in Appendix 2 within each geographical area in the column titled “Other funding recommended (HCC)”, and these funding awards total £100,678. Together with the recommended Grant amounts, the total Short Breaks funding for activities detailed in this report is £2,230,610.

3. Budget position

- 3.1. The grants referred to in this report are proposed as part of the whole range of provision for children with disabilities short breaks services (including specialist services such as overnight breaks). The range of services is described in the council’s Short breaks Service statement. The budget allocation for these services was identified in the Revenue budget report for Children’s Services for 2015/16 approved on the 21st January 2015.
- 3.2. The short breaks programme supports around 5,000 disabled children and young people to access short breaks activities and services. This is the only grant round for larger grants (£5,000 and over) for Short Breaks for the forthcoming financial year 2015/16. As in 2014/15, grants of under £5,000 will

continue to be awarded by officers under delegated powers following this report. The funding remaining for smaller grants for 2015-16 is £221,690.

- 3.3. In line with guidance from the Children's Services Procurement Unit, a system for distribution of funding across Hampshire was applied. This was based on population figures for each area, weighted by deprivation, rural, and disability data. Small adjustments to the area allocations were made to ensure money was available to allocate to valued activities which cover the whole of Hampshire.

4. Criteria of grant

- 4.1. Short breaks grants are awarded to a range of organisations providing safe, fun and interesting activities for disabled children and young people aged 0-19 years, who live in Hampshire or attend a Hampshire school. The activities take place outside of school time (for school-aged children); during, evenings, weekends, holidays and after-school. Further information about eligibility to apply for short breaks grants is available at the Hampshire grants homepage www.hants.gov.uk/grants/childrens-services-grants.htm
- 4.2. The decision-making process was challenging for this grant round, where the total amount of money requested in grant applications far exceeded the amount of money the Panels had to allocate. The Panel's focus for decision-making included the following:
- Demand and interest from children, young people and their parents/carers, including uptake of current activities and their feedback
 - Ensuring a mix of activities that are specialist for children and young people with disabilities; and activities that include disabled children and young people in mainstream activities
 - Coverage for different age groups within areas, and for different disabilities and levels of support needs
 - Value for money
 - Continuity for existing activities that are successful and relied upon by families
 - A fair geographical spread of activities throughout Hampshire and within local areas.

5. Grants for Approval

- 5.1 Grants totalling £2,129,932 for Short Breaks activities are recommended to the Executive Lead Member for approval. The grants are recommended following the evaluation of bids received from providers following a request for a range provision from across the county, in order to provide services for April 2015 - March 2016 (including the school Easter holiday 2016, where applicable). Due to the large numbers of providers and grant awards, a table summarising the following grants has been provided, broken down by geographical areas (Appendix 2). Other Funding awards totalling £100,678 to Hampshire County Council organisations are noted in the same Appendix to provide a complete overview for each local area.

5.2 The Parent Voice Information and Participation Service, incorporating the statutory Local Offer, has received annual grants in recent years and it is proposed to award the same £250,000 level of grant in 2015/16 as was awarded in 2014/15. The Children and Families Act 2014 required all local authorities to provide accessible information about all local health, education, social care and leisure services for children and young people with disabilities and special educational needs in a single place. In addition, £35,000 is awarded to Hampshire Parent / Carer Network to continue enabling the participation of local parents/carers in Hampshire County Council's work on the planning, design and evaluation of services for disabled children and young people.

6. Recommendation(s)

- 6.1. That the Executive Lead Member approves those Grant applications totalling £2,129,932 to the organisations listed in Appendix 2; and also notes the funding allocations to Hampshire County Council departments totalling £100,678 also in Appendix 2 and described in Section 2.5 above.
- 6.2. That the Executive Lead Member approves the funding recommended for Parent Voice Information and Participation Service (£250,000); and Hampshire Parent / Carer Network (£35,000).

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<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 Allocations 2013-14	4197	23 January 2013
Short Breaks grant awards: Specialist playschemes in Basingstoke (2013-14)	4685	25 March 2013
Short Breaks activities for Disabled Children - Grants for the remainder of 2013-14	4707	12 June 2013
Short Breaks for Disabled Children - Grant Awards for 2014-15	5195	22 January 2014
Revenue budget report for Children's services for 2015/16	6286	21 January 2015
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Children Act		1989
Short Breaks: Statutory guidance on how to safeguard and promote the welfare of disabled children using short breaks		2010
Breaks For Carers of Disabled Children Regulations		2011
Short Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children: Departmental Advice for Local Authorities		2011

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.3. 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 were 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.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. N/A

Details of grant applications

SHORT BREAKS RECOMMENDED GRANT ALLOCATIONS BY AREA

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
All of Hampshire		
AACT Climbing Calshot	AACT Climbing Calshot Small group climbing sessions for children and young people with additional needs	£25,000
AACT Climbing Hayling Island	AACT Climbing Hayling Island Small group climbing sessions for children and young people with additional needs	£18,000
The Rainbow Centre for Conductive Education	Rainbow Centre Saturday Club Term-time Saturday activity club for children and young people with cerebral palsy and siblings	£8,000
[SONUS]	Deaf F A variety of activities and trips for young deaf people	£15,602
The Rose Road Association	Bradbury Holiday Scheme A contribution to holiday playschemes for 6 – 19 year olds with severe/complex disabilities	£16,522
YMCA - Fairthorne Group	YMCA Fairthorne Manor Daycamps Additional support to join outdoor activities at daycamps in the holidays	£50,394
Hampshire County Scout Council	Supporting Young People with special needs to participate in scouting activities Additional support for scouts/cubs with disabilities	£8,500
Wessex Children's Hospice Trust	Play and Activities Services at Naomi House Play sessions and activities for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions	£30,497

UK Youth (Avon Tyrrell)	Avon Tyrrell Short Breaks Programme Family short breaks – outdoor activity weekends	£30,305
Action for Blind People	Hampshire Actionnaires Monthly activities for visually impaired children, young people and their families	£6,935
Sub Total		£209,755
All of Hampshire– other funding recommended (HCC)		
Calshot Activities Centre	No Limits Holiday and weekend Outdoor Activity Club for disabled children and young people and their siblings	£13,125
Total for All of Hampshire		£222,880

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
Winchester and Eastleigh		
Friends of In Touch	Friends of In Touch After-school youth and summer holiday groups Term-time youth groups and holiday activities for young people with autistic spectrum conditions aged 9+ years	£10,995
KIDS	KIDS @ Osborne Extended Services After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for 11-19 year-olds disabled young people	£85,000
KIDS	KIDS @ Shepherds Down Extended Services After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for 4-11 year old disabled children	£87,000
KIDS	KIDS Thumbs Up Youth club and holiday activities for young people with disabilities	£15,000
The Point	Access for Art Multi-arts/dance after-school and holiday sessions	£12,690
Disability Challengers	Challengers Eastleigh Saturday and holiday playscheme for disabled children including complex needs; and holiday youthscheme for disabled young people	£60,000
Solent Youth Action	In-Clued Youth clubs, holiday activities and volunteering for young people with learning disabilities	£28,390
GO! (Great Opportunities)	GO! Club Eastleigh and GO! Club Eastleigh Minis Fortnightly term-time Saturday clubs for disabled children aged 5+ years; and for disabled children aged 0-5 years	£11,356
Eastleigh Youth & Community Trust	Cycles4all Inclusive cycling sessions at weekends and holidays	£13,616

Sensecere	Family Sensory Sessions (Eastleigh) Sensory workshop and activities for disabled children and their families	£5,000
Integr8 Dance	Integr8 for Children and Young People with Disabilities Saturday and holiday dance sessions for 6-16 year old disabled children	£9,000
Total for Winchester and Eastleigh		£338,047

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
Test Valley		
Valley Leisure Ltd	3Smiles Respite and Activity Programme Weekend multi-activity club at leisure centre for disabled children & siblings	£13,520
The Mountbatten Activity Club	The Mountbatten Activity Club Holiday club for children with additional needs aged 6-19 years	£30,000
Disability Challengers	Challengers Andover Saturday and holiday youthscheme for disabled young people	£35,000
Andover and District Mencap	Andover and District Mencap Short Breaks Program Saturday, after-school and holiday clubs/playscheme for disabled children and young people aged 3-19 years	£110,000
Total for Test Valley		£188,520

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
Havant and Waterlooville		
Horizon Leisure Trust	Supported Swimming Lesson Individual and small group swimming lessons in Havant & Waterlooville	£7,800
KIDS	KIDS @Rachel Madocks Extended Services Specialist after-school, Saturday and holiday club activities for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 years	£75,795
KIDS	HYPP (Havant Young Peoples Project) Youth club, Saturday club and holiday days for disabled young people	£24,974
Starlight ASD Support	Starlight Youth Clubs Term-time youth clubs for children and young people with social communication difficulties	£8,261
KIDS	KIDS Gateway Project Term-time youth club for teenagers with severe disabilities, and holiday days	£15,000
Hawks in the Community	Hawks in the Community Multi-sports after-school clubs at Havant special schools	£6,320
GO! (Great Opportunities) Together	GO! Havant Minis Fortnightly term-time Saturday clubs for disabled children aged 0-5 years	£7,000
Chaos Support	Saturday Club, Holiday Scheme and Friday Night Youth Club Activities for young people aged 13+ with learning disabilities and autism	£32,405
Community Childcare Centres	Holiday Club Additional support for disabled children at holiday club	£9,788
Enable Ability (PALS)	PALS Fun Activities Havant Areas 2015-16 Volunteer-supported trips and outings for children and young people with physical disabilities	£4,697

Sub Total		£192,040
Havant and Waterlooville – other funding recommended (HCC)		
Riverside Community Special School	Extended School Activities After-school and summer holiday activities for disabled children	£24,297
Glenwood School	Summer School and After School Clubs Summer activities and hiking/sports clubs for 11-16 year-olds with moderate learning disabilities	£15,000
Prospect School	Prospect School After School Clubs Saturday and after-school rock club for boys with special needs	£14,296
Sir George Staunton Country Park	Sensory Play Day Sensory play area & activities for disabled children and their families	£5,000
Total for Havant and Waterlooville		£250,633

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
Fareham and Gosport		
KIDS	Kids @ Heathfield Extended Services After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for 4-12 year-old disabled children	£72,300
KIDS	Y2G (Youth 2 Gosport) Youth club, Saturday and holiday activities for 8-19 year old disabled children	£28,000
KIDS	KIDS @ St Francis extended Services After-school and Saturday clubs for 4-19 year old disabled children	£50,000
Let Us Play (LUPS)	Summer and Easter Playscheme 2015, Easter 2016 Holiday club for children with complex needs and disabilities aged 0-19	£43,000
The Rose Road Association	Baycroft Holiday Scheme and Saturday Activity Scheme School holiday and Saturday activities for young people with learning disabilities and autism	£41,269
Everyone Active (Fareham Leisure Centre)	E A Short Breaks Individual and small group swimming/sports lessons in Fareham	£8,000
KIDS SE	KIDS Early Years Support Services - Fareham 0-5 Years Play sessions for 0-5 year old disabled children	£32,000
Family Autistic Spectrum Support (FASS)	FASS Fun for All 2015-16 Supported activities for children with autism and their families	£7,000
Sensecere	Family Sensory Sessions (Fareham) Sensory workshop and activities for disabled children and their families	£7,420
Enable Ability (PALs)	PALS Fun Activities Fareham & Gosport 2015-16 Volunteer-supported trips and outings for children and young people with physical disabilities	£6,757

Woodpeckers Childcare LTD	Woodpeckers at Brune Park Holiday Play Scheme Additional support for disabled children at holiday club	£8,000
Total for Fareham and Gosport		£303,746

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
Hart and Rushmoor		
Parkside (Aldershot & District Learning Disability)	2015/16 Short Breaks Activities After-school club and Summer holiday specialist playscheme for disabled children; and 2 Saturday clubs for disabled children and young people	£43,747
PAG (Parent Action Group)	MADD (Music, Art, Dance and Drama) Club Weekly term-time performing arts club for disabled children and siblings; plus holiday activity days	£9,427
The Zone! (Formerly NAS Hart and Rushmoor)	The-Zone! Weekend, holiday, and evening sessions and trips for children and young people with autism and their families	£7,826
Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre	Holiday Activity Clubs April 2015 - March 2016 Support to attend holiday club at outdoor/environment education centre	£11,845
Disability Challengers	Challengers Farnham Weekends, after-school and holiday specialist playscheme for disabled children including complex needs Weekends, after-school and holiday specialist youth scheme for disabled young people including complex needs	£132,273
Go! (Great Opportunities)	Go! Club Fleet; Fleet GO! Club Minis; GO! Club Aldershot Fortnightly term-time Saturday clubs for disabled children aged 0-5 years; and aged 5+ years	£22,293
National Autistic Society (NAS)	Social Skills Clubs for children and young people Saturday and evening fun social skills activities for children/young people with autism	£7,430
KIDS	KIDS Rushmoor Scheme Holiday specialist playscheme for disabled children and young people	£23,895
Total for Hart and Rushmoor		£258,736

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
New Forest		
Parent Link	LINKS Saturday club, family club, fishing club, holiday clubs for disabled children & young people and their families	£12,500
First Opportunities	Learning Through Play (0-3 Years) Play sessions for children with disabilities aged 0-3 years	£9,319
Linwood School	After School Clubs/Holiday Clubs After-school and holiday clubs, swimming youth groups and holiday play sessions for disabled children and young people aged 5-19 years	£15,500
KIDS	KIDS @ Forest Park Extended Services After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 years	£94,054
SCARF	SCARF Activity Programme 2015 Activities for disabled children, young people and their families: youth club, monthly family activities, Saturday multi-sports club, holiday activities, drama club	£20,000
The Rose Road Association	Ringwood Holiday Scheme Holiday playscheme for 5-19 year old disabled children and young people	£23,547
The Rose Road Association	Oak Lodge Holiday Scheme & Saturday Activity Scheme Saturday and holiday activities for 6-19 year old disabled children & young people	£37,224
New Forest District Council	Swimming Lessons Individual and supported group swimming lessons across five leisure centres	£17,000
The Gap Club	An inclusive Ofsted Registered Holiday & After School Play Scheme Additional support for disabled children at after-school & holiday play sessions	£26,000

New Horizons EAL CIC	Equine Assisted Learning Saturday club and holiday horse-handling days	£9,499
Total for New Forest		£264,643

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
Basingstoke		
Basingstoke Sports Centre	Leisure Activities for Children and Young people Swimming lessons at the Sports Centre and Maple Ridge school; and Multi-Activity evenings	£11,965
Disability Challengers	Challengers Basingstoke Weekends and holiday specialist playscheme for disabled children including complex needs Weekends, evenings and holiday specialist youth scheme for disabled young people including complex needs	£136,396
GO! (Great Opportunities)	GO! Club Basingstoke Mini's & Basingstoke GO! Club Fortnightly term-time Saturday clubs for disabled children aged 0-5 years; and disabled children aged 5+ years	£15,000
Romsey Community School Ltd	Basingstoke Play Additional support at inclusive holiday play sessions; Family fun days and additional support and facilities at August Play Day	£8,879
KIDS SE	KIDS - Basingstoke Inclusive Short Breaks Holiday play sessions for disabled children and siblings aged 0-8 years at nursery	£19,393
Dove House School Academy Trust	After School Clubs, Easter and Summer Holiday Camps, Link Club for 16-19 SEN After-school and holiday clubs for disabled young people, and evening club for young people aged 16+	£33,828
Basingstoke & Deane Community Leisure Trust	Basingstoke & Tadley Active Gateway Swimming lessons at Aquadrome and Tadley pools; pool parties; and small group golf sessions	£6,216
NAS Basingstoke	2015 Short Breaks A variety of outings and activities for children and young people with autism	£4,088

	and their families	
Sub Total		£235,765
Basingstoke -other funding recommended (HCC)		
Maple Ridge School	Play at Maple Holiday and Saturday specialist playscheme for disabled children	£28,960
Total for Basingstoke		£264,725

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2015-16
East Hampshire		
The Oaks Playscheme	The Oaks Holiday Playscheme Specialist playscheme for disabled children in rural area – Easter & Summer holidays	£20,000
KIDS	East Hants Project Holiday club & outings for disabled children & young people aged 8-19 years old	£17,280
Disability Challengers	Challengers East Hampshire Weekend and holiday specialist playscheme for disabled children in Alton; and weekend and holiday specialist youthscheme for disabled young people in Petersfield.	£83,800
Queen Elizabeth Country Park	Family Workshops Holiday family activity at the country park	£2,600
The Kings Arms	SuperKINGS and SuperSONIC Weekly/fortnightly term-time youth club sessions for young people with disabilities, including autism	£15,000
Total for East Hampshire		138,680

Total other funding for HCC:

Calshot Activities Centre	£13,125
Riverside Community Special School	£24,297
Glenwood School	£15,000
Prospect School	£14,296
Sir George Staunton Country Park	£5,000
Maple Ridge School	£28,960
Total other funding (HCC)	£100,678