

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	09 April 2015
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies and Support Service Arrangements for the Hampshire Cultural Trust
Decision Reference:	6252
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report is to be considered in two parts: Part One covers Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies and Part Two covers Support Service Arrangements for the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

PART ONE

1. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES

- 1.1 To consider a request for financial assistance from the Wessex Children's Hospice Trust for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget. Details of this request are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

2. Budget Position

- 2.1 The budget allocation for 2015/16 is £247,000. However, from this, a sum of £34,000 is already committed to support the Financial Assistance to Talented Young People in Sport (£18,000) and Talented Athlete Programme (£16,000), reducing this figure to £213,000.
- 2.2 Following commitments of £42,000 already made against the 2015/16 budget at previous meetings (Hampshire Gardens Trust and Hants & IOW Historic Churches Trust), this further reduces the budget available at the 9 April 2015 meeting to £171,000.

3. Grants Criteria

- 3.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budgets are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

- 5.1 That a grant of £4,000 be awarded from the Policy and Resources grants budget to the Wessex Children's Hospice Trust as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report. It is also suggested that the Trust approach other local authorities who use their services for grant aid.

PART TWO

1. HAMPSHIRE CULTURAL TRUST – SUPPORT SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

- 1.1 The Hampshire Cultural Trust (the Trust) came into being last November following the transfer of arts and museums facilities and staff from Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council into the new organisation.
- 1.2 The transfer of service arrangements were approved by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside and matters relating to property and finances were approved by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.
- 1.3 The original intention for the provision of support services to the Trust was that these would continue to be provided by Hampshire County Council on an 'in kind' basis as part of the ongoing relationship and support arrangements between the organisations.
- 1.4 Since this time, ongoing discussions with the Trust have concluded that providing support services through this model to what is a relatively small organisation does not fully meet the specific needs of the Trust and is not cost effective to the County Council given its size and structure and the operating model it currently deploys.
- 1.5 The decision was therefore taken by the Trust that they will, in the main, provide their own support service arrangements outside of the County Council and work has been ongoing with the Trust to ensure that this happens in a planned and controlled manner to facilitate the continued stable operation of the Trust during this first full year of operation. Some services are being transferred from the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year, with the bulk of services transferring from October 2015 and some IT services extending to March next year.
- 1.6 From a financial point of view, this change in arrangements means that the Trust will move from a position of receiving 'in kind' services from the County Council to having to pay for their own support. To facilitate this, an additional grant payment needs to be made to the Trust on an ongoing basis and in line with previous grant

decisions, which needs to be formally approved by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

- 1.7 Following negotiations with the Trust's Chief Executive, a full year annual grant of £250,000 has been agreed, together with a one off contribution of £160,000 for new IT equipment and transitional costs that will reduce the ongoing costs of IT provision through this initial investment. The annual grant will also reduce in line with the reductions to the main grant levels set out in the Management Agreement.
- 1.8 For the 2015/16 financial year there will be a part year impact based on the profile of the services transferring across to the Trust and a figure of £75,600 has been calculated for this year. Negotiations are also ongoing with the Trust about the way in which the £160,000 will be provided as some of this may be given in the form of IT equipment up to this total value.
- 1.9 The additional costs to the County Council of making these grant payments will be met by ongoing savings within the Departments who currently provide the support services and the one off cost will be met from Corporate Resources cost of change reserves.
- 1.10 The Executive Member for Policy and Resources is being requested to approve these additional grants and to give delegated authority to the Director of Corporate Resources to agree final arrangements with the Trust and make the necessary changes to the formal documentation in consultation with them. Authority is also requested to make minor adjustments to the amounts or timing of the payments should there be any changes to the current transfer timetable, subject to consultation with the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Member for Policy and Resources is requested to approve:

1. Additional revenue grant to the Hampshire Cultural Trust of £75,600 in the 2015/16 financial year.
2. Further grant or IT equipment up to the value of £160,000 in the 2015/16 financial year.
3. An ongoing additional grant from 2016/17 onwards of £250,000 per annum as adjusted by the agreed grant reduction levels as set out in the Management Agreement.
4. Delegated authority to the Director of Corporate Resources to agree final arrangements with the Trust and make any changes to the formal documentation to reflect the changed arrangements for support service provision and consequential financial impact.
5. Delegated Authority to the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts to make minor changes to the

value or timing of payments to the Trust for the 2015/16 financial year to reflect any changes in the transfer timetable.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
None		
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
None		

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Application forms and correspondence received from organisations	Directors of Policy and Governance and Corporate Resources - Corporate Services

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:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) 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:

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:

The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

There is no significant link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

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 grants will only be awarded to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

WESSEX CHILDREN'S HOSPICE TRUST (CG00008614)**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Naomi House and Jacksplace in Sutton Scotney are hospices that provide care and support to life-limited and life-threatened children, young adults and families from seven counties in southern England.

Hampshire is predominantly the main user at 41% with the remaining families coming from Berkshire (10%); Dorset (10%); Southampton (20%); Portsmouth (6%); Isle of Wight (1.5%); West Sussex (2.5%) and Wiltshire (9%).

As part of the refurbishment programme, funding of £4,000 is being sought for one of the 18 hoists required by the Trust.

Total cost: £72,000

Total income: 0

Total shortfall: £72,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST:

£4,000

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

P&R: 2013/14 - £2,500 (Royal visit)

Child: 2013/14 and 2014/15 - £26,150 p.a. (play services) and £4,000 p.a. (sibling support services)

Adults: 2013/14 and 2014/15 - £10,000 p.a. – (carers service)

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide application and therefore no local member.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Children's Services: This is a modest request and worthy of support.

RECOMMENDATION

£4,000 and suggest the Trust approach the other local authorities who use their services for financial assistance.