

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Adult Social Care |
| Date: | 17 September 2015 |
| Title: | Village Agents Project – extension request |
| Reference: | 6934 |
| Report From: | Director of Adult Services |

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care, approves a grant to Age Concern Hampshire for the extension of the Village Agent project from November 2015 to March 2016 (5 months) for £33,352.00.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The additional 5 months will allow alternative models of the Village Agent activity to be explored and developed as part of the Supportive Communities programme.
- 2.2 To prevent an interruption to the Village Agent activity that would result from any hiatus in the funding stream for the project.
- 2.3 To align with the timescale for the development of the Supportive Communities programme and its links to the Target Operating Model for Adult Services.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 That the Village Agent project cease from October 2015. This option has been rejected as to lose upwards of 55 Village Agent volunteers recruited over a three year period across the County prior to a decision about their place in the Supportive Communities programme would damage the positive impact of the project and lose the good will of the volunteers themselves.
- 3.2 That immediate alternative funding is sourced for the Village Agent Project. This was rejected as there is insufficient time and resource to create a new funding model which will however, form part of the Supportive Communities work baseline planning over the next few months
- 3.3 That an immediate alternative model be put in place for the Village Agent project. This was rejected because as part of the Supportive Communities

programme community based development will take place to build capacity and maturity for alternative models of community information and support provision.

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: Not applicable

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:

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| Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Adult Social Care Councillor Liz Fairhurst | Date: 17 September 2015 |
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