

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	18 January 2016
Title:	Adult Services Grant Programme
Reference:	7183
Report From:	Interim Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval is given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care to proceed with the development and implementation of the proposed changes, as outlined in the report:
 - I. That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care agrees to a grant totalling no more than £75,000 to an organisation to administer the Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant;
 - II. That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives delegated authority to the Director of Adult Services, in consultation with the Executive Member, to select and to make the grant of £75,000, to the organisation to fund and administer the Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant;
 - III. That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care, approves transitional grant awards totalling £231,626 to be given to 13 organisations shown in Appendix C for a period of 6 months between 1 April 2016 and 30 September 2016.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. In 2015-16 Adult Services began a review of the grant programme, engaging with all relevant stakeholders. This review is still ongoing.
- 2.2. The requirement for longer-term grant funding of infrastructure organisations and short-term grants to enable innovation, identified as part of the review will require further consideration before they can be fully implemented. As a result some organisations the department has supported in 2015–16 will require transitional grant support from Adult Services to support their continued operation whilst this process is finalised.

- 2.3. The review also identified the need to continue to offer smaller grants The Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant approach responds to the request of the voluntary sector for a clearer focus on smaller grants. The level of funding for the Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant in 2016-17 is similar to the level of small grant funding provided in 2015-16.
- 2.4. Tests in 2014-15 and 2015-16 highlighted the ability of voluntary sector organisations administering the grant to support applicants to access funding through their ability to leverage alternative or more appropriate funding opportunities. Using a voluntary sector organisation to administer the Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant will also release departmental resource to develop and more closely manage larger Adult Services grants in the future.
- 2.5. Voluntary organisations were invited to submit initial applications to administer the Fund in December 2015. It was not possible to select the organisation in time for the Executive Member Decision cycle in January 2016. As the organisation chosen to administer the Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant will require sufficient time to advertise and award grants to successful applicants to the fund in April 2016, it will be necessary to select the administering organisation in January 2016.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To continue the grants programme as offered by the Adult Services in previous years. This option was rejected following the engagement with all relevant stakeholders as part of the review.

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: 18 January 2016
Executive Member for Adult Social Care Councillor Liz Fairhurst	