

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
Date:	18 March 2016
Title:	Short Breaks for Disabled Children – Grants for 2016-17
Reference:	7216
Report From:	Interim 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 £2,023,461 to voluntary sector and other organisations in Hampshire for 2016-17.
- 1.2. In 2015, the County Council agreed to continue funding the Short Breaks Activities programme at the same level as 2015-16, for 2016-17. Grants awarded in this report will enable organisations to continue providing and develop 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.
- 1.3. This report includes details of funding for 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). In addition, the report also includes details of funding for Hampshire Parent / Carer Network (HPCN) 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 grant process was initiated immediately after the County Council confirmed the budget and the application window commenced on 23 November 2015 and concluded on 8 January 2016. The scrutiny of the grant applications was undertaken by local parent panels with officer support during January and February 2016 to ensure local input into grant recommendations.
- 2.5. During 2014 and 2015, a public consultation took place about potential changes to the Short breaks service. During this time a Task and Finish group of County Councillors was set up who examined the Short Breaks programme and produced a report containing a number of recommendations with a view to achieving potential efficiencies and improvements to the scheme. Hampshire County Council is pleased to continue funding the Short Breaks programme at the same level as the previous years but is also working to adopt many of the recommendations produced by the Task and Finish group. We will continue to look for improvements in the way we deliver the scheme to ensure best value for families with disabled children from the funding available.
- 2.6. 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 £66,046. Together with the recommended Grant amounts, the total Short Breaks funding for activities detailed in this report is £2,089,507. The total funding allocated for Parent Voice and HPCN is £285,000.

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 the Short Breaks activities programme continues unchanged from 2015-16, as agreed at the County Council meeting on 22 October 2015.

- 3.2. The short breaks programme supports up to 7,000 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 2016-17. As in 2015-16, 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 2016-17 is £329,793.
- 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 SEN/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 and purpose of grant

- 4.1. The purpose of the short breaks grants programme is to support the council's duty under the Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations described in section 2 above.
- 4.2. 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
- 4.3. The decision-making process was challenging for this grant round, where the total amount of money requested in grant applications 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.
- 4.4. An Equality Impact Statement has been completed for Short Breaks (see Appendix 1) and the Short breaks Activities programme proactively supports

access to a range of activities and opportunities for disabled children and young people.

5. Grants for Approval

- 5.1. Grants totalling £2,023,461 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 of provision from across the county, in order to provide services from April 2016 to March 2017.
- 5.2. 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 £66,046 to Hampshire County Council organisations are noted in the same Appendix to provide a complete overview for each local area.
- 5.3. 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 funding in 2016-17 as was awarded in 2015-16. The Children and Families Act 2014 requires 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. An agreement has been drawn up to cover the ongoing service provided by Parent Voice. 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 all services for disabled children and young people.

6. Recommendation(s)

- 6.1. That the Executive Lead Member approves those Grant amounts totalling £2,023,461 to the organisations listed in Appendix 2; and also notes the funding allocations to Hampshire County Council departments totalling £66,046 also in Appendix 2 and described in Section Two 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
Short Breaks for Disabled Children – Grants for 2015-16	6447	23 March 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
Children and Families Act	2014

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>
None	

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:

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 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.

Further information and published EIA Summary for Short breaks:

www.hants.gov.uk/cs-equality-diversity.htm

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 2016-17
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	£11,413
GO! (Great Opportunities)	Basingstoke Go! Club: Fortnightly term-time Saturday clubs for disabled children aged 0-5 years; and disabled children aged 5+ years	£13,916
Fluid Motion Theatre Company	Fluid Motion Youth Theatre: Term-time inclusive theatre group; and inclusive summer school.	£2,447
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	£132,759
Muffin's Dream Foundation	Muffin Mini Breaks: Trips, outings and activity sessions for disabled children and their families.	£4,000
KIDS SE	KIDs – Basingstoke Inclusive Short Breaks: Holiday play sessions for disabled children and siblings aged 0-8 years at the nursery	£18,538
Basingstoke & Deane Community Leisure Trust	Basingstoke & Tadley Active Gateway: Swimming lessons at Aquadrome and Tadley pools; pool parties; and small group golf sessions	£5,763

NAS North Hampshire	2016 Day trips: A variety of outings and activities for children and young people with autism and their families	£8,243
Sub Total		£197,079
Basingstoke -other funding recommended (HCC)		
Maple Ridge School	Play at Maple: Holiday and Saturday specialist playscheme for disabled children	£24,763
Total for Basingstoke		£221,842

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
East Hampshire		
The Oaks Playscheme	The Oaks Holiday Playscheme: Specialist playscheme for disabled children in rural area, Summer holidays	£9,021
Disability Challengers	Challengers Alton: Weekend and holiday specialist playscheme for disabled children; and weekend and holiday specialist youthscheme for disabled young people.	£80,844
Alton Sports Centre	2016/17 Funding for swimming lessons Supported swimming in small groups or one-to-one lessons	£4,549
KIDS	Kids East Hants & Rushmoor service: Community based holiday activity days supporting disabled children and young people 8 – 19 years old	£35,000
The Kings Arms	SuperKings and Supersonic: Weekly/fortnightly term-time youth club sessions for young people with disabilities, including autism	£12,250
Total for East Hampshire		£141,664

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
Fareham and Gosport		
Let Us Play (LUPS)	Summer Playscheme 2016: Holiday club for children with complex needs and disabilities aged 0-19	£38,173
Sensecere	Children's Sensory Workshops Fareham & Gosport Area: Sensory workshop and activities for disabled children and their families	£12,804
Fluid Motion Theatre Company	Fluid Motion Youth Theatre: Term-time inclusive theatre group; and inclusive summer school	£3,000
KIDS	Heathfield Extended Services: After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for 4-12 year-old disabled children	£63,549
KIDS	Kids Early Years Explorers Nursery Short Breaks: Play sessions for 0-5 year old disabled children	£30,503
KIDS	Youth 2 Gosport: Youth club, Saturday and holiday activities for 8-19 year old disabled children	£28,664
KIDS	Kids @St Francis Extended Services: After-school and Saturday clubs for 4-19 year old disabled children	£47,500
The Rose Road Association	Baycroft Holiday Scheme & Baycroft Saturday Scheme: School holiday and Saturday activities for young people with learning disabilities and autism	£35,000
Everyone Active (Fareham Leisure Centre)	Play Scheme & I:! swimming: Individual and small group swimming lessons in Fareham; additional support at inclusive holiday playscheme	£9,924

Enable Ability (PALs)	Fun and Inspiring Activities Fareham & Gosport: Volunteer-supported trips and outings for children and young people with physical disabilities	£8,000
Total for Fareham and Gosport		£277,117

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
Havant and Waterlooville		
GO! (Great Opportunities) Together	GO! Havant: Fortnightly term-time club for disabled children	£6,500
Starlight ASD Support	Starlight Youth Club: Term-time youth clubs for children and young people with disabilities/social communication difficulties	£9,504
Horizon Leisure Trust	Supported Swimming lessons: Individual and small group swimming lessons in Havant & Waterlooville	£7,150
KIDS	Havant Young People's Project HYPP: Two term-time youth clubs at South Downs College and Rachel Maddocks school for teenagers with disabilities aged 13 – 19, and holiday outings	£12,844
KIDS	Rachel Maddocks Extended Services: Afterschool clubs, Saturday clubs and Holiday activities for young people aged 4-19 years old	£76,859
Hawks in the Community	Hawks in the community: Multi-sports after-school clubs at Havant special schools	£5,700
Chaos Support	Holiday, Saturday and Friday Evening Clubs: Activities for young people aged 13+ years old with learning disabilities and autism	£42,500
Enable Ability (PALS)	Fun and Inspiring Activities – Havant: Volunteer-supported trips and outings for children and young people with physical disabilities	£5,293
Chaos Support and Riverside Community Special School	Riverside Holiday Scheme: Holiday activity scheme for disabled children	£28,312
Sub Total		£194,662

Havant and Waterlooville – other funding recommended (HCC)		
Riverside Community Special School	Extended School Activities: After-school clubs for disabled children and Family fun days	£11,500
Glenwood School	Summer school and After school clubs: Summer activities and hiking/sports clubs for 11-16 year-olds with moderate learning disabilities	£16,658
Total for Havant and Waterlooville		£222,820

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
New Forest		
Linwood School	After school clubs/Holiday Clubs: After-school and holiday clubs for disabled children and young people aged 5-19 years	£22,000
The Gap Club	After school clubs/ Holiday clubs: Additional support for disabled children at after-school & holiday play sessions	£20,000
SCARF	SCARF Activity Programme 2016: Activities for disabled children, young people and their families: youth club, monthly family activities, Saturday multi-sports club, holiday activities, drama club	£19,800
New Forest District Council	Swimming lessons: Individual and supported group swimming lessons across five leisure centres	£21,500
First Opportunities	Learning Through Play (0-3 years): Play sessions for children with disabilities aged 0-3 years	£8,754
Parent Link	Links: Saturday club, family club, fishing club, holiday clubs for disabled children & young people and their families	£18,000
KIDS	Forest Park Extended Services: After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for disabled children and young people aged 4-19 years	£88,000
The Rose Road Association	Oak Lodge Holiday scheme & Oak Lodge Saturday Activity Scheme: Saturday and holiday activities for 6-19 year old disabled children & young people	£33,500
The Rose Road Association	Ringwood Holiday scheme: Holiday playscheme for 5-19 year old disabled children and young people	£17,000
Total for New Forest		£248,554

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
Hart and Rushmoor		
Creating Futures Charity	Grange Holiday Club: Additional support for disabled children at inclusive holiday club	£6,804
Parkside (Aldershot & District Learning Disability)	2016/17 Short Break Activities: Summer holiday specialist playscheme for disabled children; and 2 Saturday clubs for disabled children and young people	£28,927
Go! (Great Opportunities) Together	Fleet Go! Club and GO! Club Minis: Fortnightly term-time Saturday clubs for disabled children aged 0-5 years; and aged 5+ years	£16,913
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	£9,004
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	£151,060
The Zone!	Zone-in and Zone-Out Events: Weekend, holiday, and evening sessions and trips for children and young people with autism and their families	£7,571
Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre	Holiday Activity Clubs 2016-17: Support to attend holiday club at outdoor/environment education centre	£11,300
Total for Hart and Rushmoor		£231,579

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
Test Valley		
Disability Challengers	Challengers Andover: Saturday and holiday youthscheme for disabled young people	£33,865
AACT Climbing	AACT Climbing Golden Gecko Romsey: Small group climbing sessions for children and young people with Autism & Aspergers	£8,500
Valley Leisure Ltd	3 Smiles Respite & Activity programme, and Supported Swimming: Weekend multi-activity club at leisure centre for disabled children & siblings; and small group/individual swimming lessons	£14,204
Andover and District Mencap	Andover & District Mencap Short Breaks Program: Saturday, after-school and holiday clubs/playscheme for disabled children and young people aged 3-19 years	£103,281
The Mountbatten Activity Club	The Mountbatten Activity Club: Holiday club for children with additional needs aged 6-19 years	£30,000
Total for Test Valley		£189,850

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
Winchester and Eastleigh		
The Point	Access for Art: Multi-arts/dance after-school and holiday sessions	£13,208
SenseCere	Children's Sensory Workshops, Eastleigh: Sensory workshop and activities for disabled children and their families	£8,303
Friends of In Touch	InTouch After-school youth and summer holiday groups: Term-time youth groups and holiday activities for young people with autistic spectrum conditions	£9,463
Go! Great Opportunities Together	GO! Club Eastleigh & Minis Club: Fortnightly term-time clubs for disabled children aged 5+ years; and for disabled children aged 0-5 years	£10,000
Solent Youth Action	In-Clued: Youth clubs, holiday activities and supported volunteering for young people with learning disabilities	£24,590
Disability Challengers	Challengers Eastleigh: Saturday and holiday playscheme for disabled children including complex needs; and Saturday and holiday youthscheme for disabled young people	£75,000
KIDS	Thumbs Up Youth Club: Youth club and holiday activities for young people with disabilities	£14,083
KIDS	Osborne/Winchester Teenage Scheme: After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for 11-19 year-olds disabled young people	£84,998
KIDS	Shepherd's Down Extended Services: After-school, Saturday and holiday clubs for 4-11 year old disabled children	£83,923

Integr8 Dance	Dance Sessions: Saturday and holiday dance sessions for 6-16 year old disabled children	£11,800
Total for Winchester and Eastleigh		£335,368

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grants Recommended for 2016-17
All of Hampshire		
AACT Climbing	Calshot: Small group climbing sessions for children and young people with autism/additional needs	£25,000
AACT Climbing	Hayling Island: Small group climbing sessions for children and young people with autism/additional needs	£18,000
The Rainbow Centre for Conductive Education	Saturday Club: Term-time Saturday activity club for children and young people with cerebral palsy and siblings	£8,607
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	£30,000
KIDS	YPEG – Young People's Engagement Group Youth group sessions enabling participation in delivery and development of short breaks activities	£20,000
Hampshire County Scout Council	Support for young people at Scout groups: Additional support for scouts/cubs with disabilities	£5,000
Action for Blind People	Hampshire Actionnaires: Monthly activities for visually impaired children, young people and their families	£5,780
YMCA - Fairthorne Group	YMCA Fairthorne Manor Daycamps: Additional support to join outdoor activities at daycamps in the holidays	£44,513
UK Youth (Avon Tyrrell)	Avon Tyrell Short Breaks 2016/17: Family short breaks – outdoor activity weekends; and supported holiday activity sessions for disabled children and young people	£38,223

The Rose Road Association	Bradbury Holiday Activity Scheme Under 16 and Over 16: A contribution to holiday playschemes for 6 – 15 year olds, and 16 - 19 year olds with severe/complex disabilities	£12,465
Sub Total		£207,588
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		£220,713

Total other 2016-17 funding for HCC:

Calshot Activities Centre	£13,125
Riverside Community Special School	£11,500
Glenwood School	£16,658
Maple Ridge School	£24,763
Total other funding (HCC)	£66,046