

REPORT OF THE
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

PART II

216. SHORT BREAKS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN – GRANTS FOR 2016/17

1. On 18 March 2016 the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gave approval for Short Breaks' grants totalling £2,023,461 to be allocated to voluntary sector and other organisations in Hampshire for 2016/17. These grants enable organisations to continue providing and developing 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. The Executive Lead Member also agreed funding for the Parent Voice Information service (£250,000) and the Hampshire Parent / Carer Network (£35,000).

2. The Short Breaks programme supports up to 7,000 disabled children and young people to access fun and interesting activities for those aged 0-19 years, who live in Hampshire or attend a Hampshire school, with most activities taking place outside of school time, i.e. during evenings, weekends, holidays and after-school.

3. Grants were awarded taking into account the following points:

- 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. The Executive Lead Member noted that these grants would support the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan in promoting vocational, leisure and recreational activities for children and young people to experience success and make a positive contribution.

Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Short Breaks for Disabled Children – Grants for 2016/17 (search item reference 7216)

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