

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
PART II

**250. SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

1. At her meeting on 20 July 2016, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved grants totalling up to £290,000 for the support of voluntary organisations in 2016-17. Grants were awarded to the partnership led by Good Neighbours Support Service and the partnership led by Carers Together, as part of the Adult Services Partnership Grant. A grant was also awarded to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation towards the Solent Community Grants Programme.

2. Voluntary and community organisations provide valuable locally based services that are often rooted in the communities which they serve. Significant benefits result through this activity, often through voluntary action and focused towards activity that assists in providing early intervention and prevention initiatives. Grant funding by Adult Services contributes to and helps sustain such activity.

3. The Supportive Communities Programme aim is to enable people to have increased opportunity to take personal action to improve their wellbeing and create a network of support so they can remain independent for as long as possible, reducing the need for statutory services. The Adult Services Partnership Grant provides funding to organisations that can demonstrate their ability to work in partnership with other organisations to support the objectives of the Supportive Communities Programme. Details of the organisations recommended for grant funding from the Partnership Fund are detailed in Appendix C of the report.

4. The Solent Communities Grant Programme has been created to provide grants to support groups who are able to reach and work with individuals with complex barriers to employment, enabling them to move closer of into employment. Priority will be given to those working in areas of the highest unemployment and deprivation.

5. Organisations recommended for grant funding will be able to support, alongside Adult Services priorities, the County Council's strategic aims as outlined in "Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future", and in particular the following key themes:

- Health and Wellbeing: Improving health and wellbeing for all.
- Promote and support healthy choices for all, reducing the difference between those with the best and worst health.
- Communities: Working with communities to enhance local services. Outcomes include working with communities to find the local solutions that work best, giving more control over local services to communities where appropriate.

## **251. CHANGE LIVES GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

1. At her meeting on 20 July 2016, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved the award of grants up to a maximum total value of £41,539.50 to contracted Care at Home and Reablement and Assessment of Care Team (REACT) providers as shown in Appendix C of the report, for the purpose of supporting recruitment and retention of staff within this sector of the care market.

2. The grants awarded are part of the County Council's support of the independent sector in the delivery of the Care at Home and REACT services and an integral part of the wider 'Change Lives' Campaign. This will enable market shaping and development as required by the Care Act.

3. The 'Change Lives' Campaign, launched in January 2015, was developed in partnership with the independent care sector to promote awareness about the positive aspects of working in adult social care and also as a tool to support recruitment and retention rates. The grants awarded will support providers to address their specific recruitment issues, build on the broader awareness raised in year one of the campaign and strengthen the County Council's understanding of the needs of the market.

4. Statutory guidance states that Local Authorities have a duty to understand the vulnerabilities in the market and ensure a "sufficiency of supply", and the awarding of these grants will support the County Council to ensure this happens in Hampshire, and will also help inform future tender exercises.

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

- Supportive Communities Programme Partnership Grants (search item reference 7644)
- Change Lives Grant Opportunity (search item reference 7634)

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