

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for making grant awards to the voluntary and community organisations outlined in this report. Approval will, however, be subject to decisions in February 2011 on the Adult Services budget for the financial year 2011/12.
- 1.2. This paper seeks to
 - Offer background details of the Adult Services Grant Programme and Process.
 - Provide details of recommendations of organisations supported including recommended funding allocations and details of proposed activities (Appendices C and D).
 - Offer information regarding the Grant Programme's Criteria.
 - Provide details of the monitoring and evaluation process.
 - Provide information regarding the Equality Impact Assessment.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council Adult Services Department runs an annual programme to award grant funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations providing services and activities to vulnerable people and their carers in Hampshire.
- 2.2. A voluntary organisation may be considered for grant aid from Adult Services only if its services, projects or activities are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of the Adult Services

Department. Grants are given to support services that are better provided by the voluntary sector e.g. the mobilisation of community resources to help vulnerable people maintain their independence.

- 2.3. The publication 'A Guide to Procuring Care and Support Services', published by the Department for Communities and Local Government, October 2006, draws a helpful distinction between grants and contracts.
- 2.4. A grant is defined as a sum of money to support a particular activity. It does not usually cover the entire cost of the activity and it is legally considered to be a one-sided gift, rather than a payment in exchange for services.
- 2.5. Voluntary and community organisations provide valuable locally based services that are often rooted in the communities which they serve. Significant benefit is produced through this activity, often through voluntary action and focused towards activity that clearly assists in providing early intervention and prevention initiatives. Grant funding by Adult Services contributes to and helps sustain this activity.
- 2.6. In addition, as grants are a contribution to costs the economic benefit to the department can be significant, leveraging in additional funding, the benefit of volunteer time and therefore providing good value for money to the authority.
- 2.7. Due to the current economic climate, there has been a reduction in the budget available to award grant funding to voluntary and community organisations for 2011-12. This reduction will inevitably impact on some organisations who will not be awarded grant funding or will receive a reduced grant in the forthcoming financial year. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and is summarised in Integral Appendix B.
- 2.8. In order to prepare organisations for a likely reduction in grant funding, a statement regarding this was posted on the Adult Services grants website in September 2010. It was also sent to Community Action Hampshire and each Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) who emailed member organisations and published it in their newsletter. Individual organisations who had previously been awarded grant funding were also either emailed or sent a letter.
- 2.9. A full Equality Impact Assessment has been completed to evaluate the impact of the reduction in grant funding available for 2011-12 (see Integral Appendix B for a summary). This highlighted the importance of recommending grant funding to services or activities operating in areas of multiple deprivation as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and ensuring the main objectives within the Hampshire Model of Personalisation were prioritised, in particular Early Intervention and Prevention.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The budget in 2011/12 for grants to voluntary organisations is £500,000. This report represents an allocation of £469,315. The budget was agreed

for submission as part of the Adult Service budget, which was approved at the Executive Member's decision day on 28 January 2011 and to be considered by the County Council on 24 February 2011. The recommendation of the allocation for grants given was taken after receipt of the applications and after consideration of the Equalities Impact Assessment.

- 3.2. In line with the County Council's requirement to ensure efficiencies in the provision of services, recommendations for individual grant allocations include an eight percent efficiency target. This has been applied to all recommendations except where a reduction has been judged appropriate for other reasons or where organisations themselves made a reduced application for funding in anticipation of the need for efficiencies.
- 3.3. A total of 112 applications totalling £1.3 million were received by the deadline on 01 November 2010 for the 2011/12 Grant Programme. This represents an oversubscription of approximately £800,000. This is a considerable increase the number of applications normally received, where on average 80 applications totalling £800,000 are received. In order to support organisations in seeking alternative sources of funding the website was updated in December 2010 to provide appropriate links.

4. Performance

- 4.1 Organisations recommended for grant funding will be able to support the Adult Services Department in delivering social care services to Hampshire residents.
- 4.2 Their performance is currently measured against the outcome framework outlined by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), namely:
 - Outcome 1 – Improved Health and Wellbeing
 - Outcome 2 – Improved Quality of Life
 - Outcome 3 - Making a Positive Contribution

The Government has recently announced there will be changes to the CQC performance assessment framework. The monitoring arrangements of the Adult Services grant programme will respond to these changes accordingly.

5. Grants Criteria and Wellbeing

- 5.1 Adult Services criteria for grant applications are:
 - (i) The grant recipient is a voluntary or community organisation;
 - (ii) The services, projects or activities of the organisation support the priorities of Hampshire County Council and fit with the objectives of the Adult Services Department;
 - (iii) The services, projects or activities are for people living in Hampshire;

- (iv) The organisation has a clear management structure within its constitution; and
 - (v) Where applicable, the organisation shall demonstrate it holds the appropriate level of insurance and has in place policies around Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety and Race Relations.
- 5.2 The grant applications received were considered in relation to how well they linked with current Adult Services outcomes:
- Maximising independence and inclusion
 - Right care in the right place at the right time for users
 - Vulnerable people are protected
 - Delivering a high quality, cost effective service to the vulnerable people of Hampshire
 - The Hampshire Model of Personalisation
 - Meeting the performance outcomes identified by the Care Quality Commission, in particular Improved Health and Wellbeing, Improved Quality of Life and Making a Positive Contribution.
- 5.3 Due to the high level of applications, those which most strongly linked to departmental priorities, or intend to provide services and activities to the most marginalised or most in need were also given priority. This included those services and activities which were most congruent with the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and the newly published Vision for Adult Social Care. Both of these key policy areas highlight the importance of early intervention and preventative services to empower people and communities to maintain independence, and the value of partnership working to provide services., e.g. the links between voluntary action and departmental activities such as Community Innovations Teams.
- 5.4 Areas which are identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as experiencing multiple deprivation were also considered although the extent to which significant priority is given is dependant on the number of applications received from organisations operating in these areas. 3 new applications from organisations operating in areas of multiple deprivation are recommended for grant funding, including Gosport Disability and Access Forum and Rushmoor Voluntary Services' supported gardening project.
- 5.5 Applications providing services to people who may have difficulty accessing mainstream services, e.g. people with sensory loss or BME communities or other hard to reach groups were also given added consideration.
- 5.6 The balance of grants made reflects the applications received. This results in some regional variation. Adult Services have processes and resources in place to engage actively with excluded groups to address this.
- 5.7 Grants are important in assisting the department to fulfil it's strategic objectives. In doing this three grants are recommended to support the

functions of key county wide partners, Age Concern Hampshire, Good Neighbours Support Service and Brendoncare Clubs. All of these agencies work with large numbers of Hampshire residents, supported by significant volunteer bases.

- 5.8 The Department and the organisations being recommended for grant funding are expected to show a commitment to the One Compact for Hampshire (the jointly agreed framework of principles to guide the working relationship of the Voluntary and Community Sector and the Public Sector).
- 5.9 Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold balances in excess of one year's running costs. Those organisations receiving recurring funding which hold in excess of three months' running costs, and where they cannot demonstrate through their reserves policy that these reserves are justified, may receive a reduced grant. To establish the level of reserves, organisations are required to provide a set of their latest accounts and annual report with their application and before grant payment is made – in the case of organisations with an income of £10,000 or above, these must be independently examined or audited. If organisations have reserves in excess of three months, we will apply the newly adopted reserves policy which is in line with the Charity Commission's policy on these matters.
- 5.10 Grants are generally a contribution to core costs or service/project costs. Adult Services expect those organisations applying to find additional funding from other sources, to contribute to the costs in kind (through volunteer time, for example) or both. For example, the grant recommendation for Club Hampshire represents a 50% contribution towards core running costs, with Brendoncare providing full match funding.
- 5.11 Those organisations and services that fulfil the above criteria and comply with mutually agreed reporting and monitoring requirements, will be considered by Adult Services for grant funding. Where an application has not been successful, advice and guidance in seeking alternative funding will be offered should an organisation request it.
- 5.12 As outlined above, a voluntary organisation may be considered for grant aid from Adult Services only if its services, projects or activities are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of the Adult Services Department. Grants are given to support services that are better provided by the voluntary sector e.g. the mobilisation of community resources to help vulnerable people maintain their independence.

6 Risk Assessment and Management

- 6.1 The provision of grants to voluntary and community sector organisations by statutory bodies always presents a degree of risk. Specific risks that statutory bodies are required to manage include voluntary and community organisations accepting funding without providing a service; organisations not delivering the service as expected; and there being an under spend on

the expected activity. This applies to all grants; however larger grants represent a potentially higher risk to the County Council.

- 6.2 A number of mechanisms have been employed successfully over a number of years to mitigate and alleviate these risks. These include nominating a Liaison Officer from the County Council whose responsibility is to monitor how the grant is spent, specifying within the grant agreement that the grant is 'restricted' funding for the provision of the specified activity only and phasing the payment of grants over the course of the financial year.
- 6.3 Grants are often used to enable positive risk taking. They provide a necessary level of flexibility where development opportunities are available, in particular pump priming and market development. This is not something to which contractual arrangements readily lend themselves. A number of grants within this report are within this category. The above detailed mitigation mechanism would be employed to manage this.

7 Recommendation(s)

- 7.1 That approval be given, subject to final budget decisions for Adult Services, for the support of voluntary organisations in 2011/12, for grants totalling £469,315 as outlined in the attached appendices C and D, subject to County Council budget approval on 24 February 2011.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

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.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

A full Equalities Impact Assessment has been published and is available on the County Council website at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/as-equality-ia-archive.htm>.

The summary of the Equalities Impact Assessment is below:

The purpose of the Equality Impact Assessment is to assess the reduction in the Adult Services Grant Programme budget for 2011-12.

Hampshire County Council Adult Services Department runs an annual programme to award grant funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations providing services and activities to vulnerable people and their carers in Hampshire.

The programme awards grant funding to support services and activities which contribute to the objectives of the Council and the priorities of the Adult Services Department.

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

In addition, as grants are a contribution to costs the economic benefit to the department can be significant, leveraging in additional funding, the benefit of volunteer time and therefore providing good value for money to the authority. For example, Club Hampshire; Adult services funding equates to circa 50% of the cost of running the service. It provides 56 clubs across the county to in excess of 1,100 older people with the assistance of over 300 volunteers.

Due to the current economic climate, there has been a reduction in the budget available to award grant funding to voluntary and community organisations for 2011/12. This amounts to a 23% reduction on funding available for 2010/11. This reduction will inevitably impact on some organisations who will not be awarded grant funding or will receive a reduced grant in the forthcoming financial year.

In addition and in line with the County Council's requirement to ensure efficiencies in the provision of services, recommendations for individual grant allocations include an eight percent efficiency target. This has been applied to all recommendations except where a reduction has been judged appropriate for other reasons or where organisations themselves made a reduced application for funding in anticipation of the need for efficiencies.

All applications were initially assessed against the programme's criteria. This included whether the proposed service/activity linked to the corporate and departmental priorities, the organisation's governance procedures, the level of free reserves held by organisations and plans for future sustainability.

In addition to this and due to the reduced programme budget and high level of applications, those which most strongly linked to departmental priorities, or provided services and activities to the most marginalised or most in need were also given priority. This included those services and activities which were most congruent with the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and the newly published Vision for Adult Social Care. Both of these key policy areas highlight the importance of early intervention and preventative services to empower people and communities to maintain independence, and the value of partnership working to provide services. Continued support to the voluntary and community sector through a targeted grants programme remains critical.

Areas which are identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as experiencing multiple deprivation were also considered although the extent to which significant priority is given is dependant on the number of applications received from organisations operating in these areas. Applications providing services to people who may have difficulty accessing mainstream services, e.g. people with sensory loss or BME communities or other hard to reach groups were also given added consideration.

Finally, where organisations demonstrated that they held significant financial reserves a lower priority was given to recommending applications; this was set at approximately one years running costs. Two organisations that have previously been awarded funding haven not been recommended on this basis.

Full consideration has been given to the potential impact of the recommendations to reduce or not award Adult Services grant funding in 2011/12 to organisations awarded funding in the previous year. The judgement is that these recommendations should have minimal direct impact as organisations either have substantial reserves, other sources of income or are facing ongoing difficulties that would impact on their ability to deliver services should funding be available or not. These judgements are in line with Adult Services Grants criteria.

All applications have been checked against the corporate grants database to ensure as far as reasonably possible no duplication of funding takes place and to assess the potential impact of different department's funding recommendations so that no specific group of people are disproportionately affected.

In order to prepare organisations for a likely reduction in grant funding, a statement regarding this was posted on the Adult Services grants website in September 2010. It was also sent to Community Action Hampshire and each Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) who emailed member organisations and published it in their newsletter. Individual organisations who had previously been awarded grant funding were also either emailed or sent a letter. The website was again updated in December 2010 to signpost organisations to potential additional sources of funding.

Community Action Hampshire, the CVS and individual organisations will continue to be kept informed of the current situation regarding the Adult Services Grant Programme. Those organisations which have been unsuccessful in their applications will be offered information regarding other potential funding options. In addition the Corporate Services Grant Review will be exploring how the Council's grant programmes can become more effective and user friendly.

2 Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposal in this report aims to improve the safety of vulnerable Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring. An example of projects recommended to be funded include The Vine Drop in Centre, Aldershot.

3 Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The Adult Services Grant Programme proposes to support local organisations providing services within local communities. This reduces the need to travel and therefore reduces both the carbon footprint and energy consumption.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposal recognises the need to adapt to climate change and plans to develop a longer term strategy in order to address this.

Adult Services Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations 2011-12 – Organisations Recommended for Grant Funding

Locality	Name of organisation	Service / Project	Grant award 2010-11	Grant Recommend 2011/12
Older Persons				
County	Age Concern Hampshire	Countywide Information & Advice Service. Towards core running costs, including salaries, accommodation costs, insurance and promotion.	£100,747	£92,687
County	Club Hampshire Ltd.	Run 56 clubs for older people across the county to counteract social isolation. Activities provide a mixture of health education, entertainment, and social interaction. Contribution towards transport costs, accommodation and staff salaries.	£118,685	£109,190
N & E	Age Concern Hampshire in Basingstoke	Age Concern Activity Centres. Run 9 clubs, 6 through this grant application (Popley, South Ham, Kingsclere, Winklebury, Oakridge and Kempshott). Towards core running costs including salaries.	£27,532	£25,329
N & E	East Hampshire Advocacy Scheme	Maintain and develop older persons service – advocacy and befriending. Contribution towards salaries of the Older Persons Project Manager, Befriending Scheme Manager, and admin costs.	£4,999	£4,599
N & E	Rushmoor Healthy Living (RHL)	Physical Activity for Older Adults. To promote physical and mental wellbeing of local disadvantaged older adults. Addresses barriers to participation including low income, accessibility, age, ill health. Contribution towards direct project costs, core costs and salaries.	£26,000	£15,000
SE	Age Concern Cowplain	Befriending Scheme. 6-8 wk outcomes based input. To also look at telephone befriending and longer term input. For 25% contribution towards project costs.	£3,250	£2,990
SE	Emsworth Day out Scheme	To provide weekly social opportunities to older disabled people. Offer activities and speakers providing information and advice. Towards transport costs.	£1,200	£1,104
SE	Fareham Stroke Club	Social group for stroke sufferers and carers to exchange experiences, information and provide peer support. Towards core transport costs.	£1,900	£1,748
SE	Portchester Stroke Club	Social group for stroke sufferers and carers to exchange experiences, information and provide peer support. Towards core transport costs.	£1,800	£1,656
SE	Gosport Live at Home Scheme - MHA	To improve support services for vulnerable older people in the borough of Gosport, through social activities and contacts, which maximise independence, inclusion and wellbeing. Contribution towards start up costs, operational expenditure and office costs.	£0	£4,600

Locality	Name of organisation	Service / Project	Grant award 2010-11	Grant Recommend
(Older Persons cont'd)				
SW	Age Concern Winchester	Age Concern Winchester Core Grant. Provide lunch clubs, exercise classes, health promotion and safety awareness. Towards Core salaries of Chief Officer and Lunch Club co-ordinator.	£12,123	£11,153
SW	Andover Hard Of Hearing Club	Andover Hard of Hearing Club. Monthly group for people with hearing loss. Contribution towards core running costs.	£450	£414
SW	Fordingbridge & Dist DC for the Frail & Housebound	Day centre for older people open Thursdays 10-2 pm. Activities, information and peer support. Accessible to people living in rural areas. Contribution towards general running costs.	£0	£920
SW	Age Concern Romsey and District	It maintains a Hall with full facilities which is dedicated primarily for the use by older people, both through activities and events organised by Age Concern and by other organisations and charities in Romsey working with older people. The Hall is also a valuable information and signposting centre.	£7,985	£6,750
SW	Giles Group	Volunteer led group to support and help people with disabilities and their carers. Offer advice and information, weekly drop in and monthly talks. Towards hall hire.	£400	£368
SW	New Milton Stroke Group	Recreational, social and therapeutic activities, advice and support to stroke sufferers, their families and carers. Towards core running costs.	£0	£920
SW	Rae Straton Lunch Club	Day centre for older people open Tuesdays 11-3 pm. Activities, information and peer support. Accessible to people living in rural areas. Contribution towards general running costs.	£0	£920
SW	Winchester and District Hard of Hearing Club	Provide meetings and outings for people who are experiencing hearing loss. Contribution towards hall hire.	£250	£230
SW	Winchester Live at Home Scheme	To improve support and services for vulnerable older people (60+) in Winchester area, who are socially isolated and housebound. Services include lunch clubs, befriending, exercise classes, shopping and social activities. Contribution towards salaries, admin and operational costs.	£16,000	£14,720
Older Persons' Mental Health				
N & E, SE	Alzheimer's Society Hampshire Locality	Basingstoke and Blackwater Dementia Support and Havant Dementia Café. Outreach provides information, referral to other agencies, peer support groups, and GP liaison. Dementia café to relocate from Emsworth to Havant.	£25,000	£23,000
SW	Alzheimer's Society New Forest and Southern Test Valley	Singing for the Brain Groups for People with Dementia. Towards existing groups in Sway and Fordingbridge.	£8,625	£5,750

Locality	Name of organisation	Service / Project	Grant award 2010-11	Grant Recommend
Physical Disability				
County	deafPLUS	Home Benefits Service - Provides specialist help for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and their carers to identify and apply for financial and practical benefits. Contribution towards Advisor salary and core running costs.	£7,175	£6,601
County	Huntington's Disease Assn	Regional Care Advisory Service. Improve the quality of life and care for individuals with HD, their carers and families. Improve better understanding and management through specialist information advice and training. Contribution towards Care Advisor salary.	£4,999	£4,599
County	[sonus] (working name of Hampshire Deaf Association)	To work with and provide accessible information to isolated and vulnerable members of the deaf community. To encourage reintegration with the deaf and wider community enabling them to live independently.	£0	£4,600
SE	Gosport Access Group and Disability Forum	Campaigning to improve access for disabled people in Gosport. Work with district and county council to ensure facilities meet accessibility standards. Provide information to disabled people and promote co-operation between agencies. Contribution to campaign costs and 2 public forums.	£0	£1,757
SE	Gosport Dis-Play Club	Fortnightly social club for adults with physical disabilities. Offers activities, lunch, information sharing and per support. Respite break for carers. Contribution towards transport costs.	£1,600	£1,200
SW	Andover VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons)	Active local charity serving visually impaired people . Run by VI people with assistance of 2 p/t staff and volunteers. Provides educational, sporting and recreational activities, advice, equipment and support. Contribution towards core running costs.	£4,999	£4,599
SW	Andover Shopmobility	Extension of hire service is to meet severely disabled clients at their cars in specifically identified spaces. Contribution to core salary of this service.	£2,000	£1,840
Learning Disability				
N & E	Petersfield Society for Special Needs	Monthly disco for adults with learning disabilities and their carers. To provide social activity for people living in rural locations. Towards core running costs.	£1,200	£780
SW	Eastleigh Borough and Romsey Mencap	The development officer listens to views of people with LD and their families, collects information about their lives to assess future need. Designs projects to meet needs. Identifies and applies for funding, establishes, manages and evaluates projects. Contribution towards development officer salary.	£4,990	£4,595
SW	Eastleigh Friends of People with a Learning Disability	Voluntary group providing social activities for members with learning disabilities and their families/carers. Volunteer led. Includes newsletter published three times per year. Towards core running costs.	£1,500	£1,380

Locality	Name of organisation	Service / Project	Grant award 2010-11	Grant Recommend
Mental Health				
SW	New Forest Mencap	Provide activities, information and advice for people with learning disability and their carers living in the New Forest. 33% contribution towards the salary costs of the charity's core Nedderman Centre staff.	£4,800	£3,500
N & E	Rushmoor Voluntary Services	Supported Volunteering Gardening Project for people with or recovering from mental health problems. Work on project allotment, maintain gardens of older or disabled residents and improve open areas in the community. Contribution towards salaries, and core running costs of the project.	£0	£4,002
SW	Eastleigh Leisure Pursuits	User led group for people with mental health problems. Provide social activities, information and peer support. Contribution towards venue hire.	£1,500	£600
All Care Groups				
County	Good Neighbours Support Service	Provides specialist development services to 118 good neighbour groups, e.g. training, development, insurance, CRB, volunteer recruitment, development, marketing. It leads on the development of new groups and services in response to local demand. Care groups run by over 3000 volunteers, providing over 140,000 tasks per year. Contribution towards core running and operational costs.	£100,000	£92,000
N & E SW	Cruse Bereavement Care North Hampshire Area	Bereavement counselling. Centre open at least twice a month. Also offer training to professionals to raise awareness of the bereavement process. Contribution towards helplines and volunteer expenses and room hire.	£3,000	£1,750
Other				
N & E	The Vine Centre	The Vine drop in centre for homeless and vulnerable people aged 25 or over. It provides a range of services and improves access to mental and physical health services. The centre currently has approximately 480 clients receiving support. Of these 298 come from Aldershot and 128 from Farnborough. A further 14 come from other areas within the Hampshire County Council boundary. 10% have a military background. Contribution towards core running costs and centre manager salary. Contribution towards core running costs and centre manager salary.	£8,000	£5,000
SW	Asian Welfare and Cultural Association	Weekly drop-in group in the centre of Eastleigh. The drop-in group enables the members to access a range of activities and services. Contribution towards core running costs.	£4,500	£4,140
SW	Winchester Youth Counselling	Information, support and counselling to young carers aged 19-25. Provided by fully qualified, experienced counsellors	£2,525	£2,323
Total Number of Organisations: 39				Total £469,315

1. Older People

1.1 Age Concern Hampshire, Countywide Information and Advice Service - £92,687

Age Concern Hampshire aims to raise awareness of issues affecting older people in Hampshire, campaign for their rights and provide research, training, courses and conferences. It publishes its own newspaper, holds a regular session on the radio and runs the Exhibition Bus, courses and conferences.

Age Concern Hampshire runs a countywide Information and Advice Service. The 0800 Freephone helpline dealt directly with 5,675 enquiries in 2009/10, held 62 talks to 1984 people, facilitated 6 residential care information days and 7 Pre-retirement seminars. Support is also given to the other 27 local branches of Age Concern across the county.

The Department has worked in partnership with the organisation for several years. The Information and Advice service links well with corporate and departmental objectives including the Older Persons Wellbeing Agenda, the Universal Offer within the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and providing preventative services highlighted in the Vision for Social Care.

The latest accounts show Age Concern Hampshire hold 3 months' running costs in free reserves. It was allocated a grant of £100,747 in 2010/11. It is recommended that a grant of £92,687 be awarded for 2011/12.

1.2 Brendoncare Club Hampshire- Countywide – £109,190

Club Hampshire aims to promote the wellbeing of older people by providing a range of day services to improve their quality of life and enable or assist them to maintain their independence.

Club Hampshire currently runs 56 clubs for older people across the county to counteract social isolation with programmes that provide a mixture of health, education, entertainment and fun and friendship. The clubs aim to be flexible enough to meet individual needs. In 2009/10 1,126 older people attended their clubs, which were facilitated by 336 volunteers.

The service links strongly with corporate and departmental objectives, in particular promoting independence and maintaining wellbeing. It is a key partner in providing preventative services for older people across the county. A significant proportion of the project's running costs is provided by the parent organisation.

The latest accounts show the organisation has less than 1 month's running costs in reserves. Club Hampshire was allocated a grant of £118,685 in 2010/11. It is recommended that a grant of £109,190 be awarded for 2011/12.

1.3 Age Concern Hampshire in Basingstoke - £25,329

Age Concern Hampshire in Basingstoke aims to promote the welfare of older people in Basingstoke and Deane. They currently run nine activity centres (six through Adult Services grant funding) for older people at

various locations in the Basingstoke area, two of which are based in rural locations.

All centres aim to offer a variety of activities including games, chair exercises, quizzes, outings and speakers. Three centres offer hot lunch as do others on an occasional basis, where facilities allow.

Approximately 170 people benefit from the services offered by Age Concern Hampshire in Basingstoke. The service links well with corporate and departmental priorities in particular preventative services provision and the Rural Strategy.

The latest accounts show Age Concern Hampshire in Basingstoke hold three months' running costs in free reserves. The organisation was allocated a grant of £25,329 in 2010/11. It is recommended that a grant of £27,532 be approved for 2010/11.

1.4 East Hampshire Advocacy Scheme (EHAS) - £4,599

EHAS operate an advocacy scheme and befriending project for older people living in East Hampshire. The advocacy project empowers older people to make informed choices regarding benefit entitlement, care homes, and independent living. The Befriending Project reduces social isolation for older people living in a predominantly rural location. Both projects link well to corporate and departmental priorities, in particular the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and the Older Persons' Wellbeing Strategy.

The latest accounts show EHAS hold less than six months' running costs in free reserves. The organisation was allocated a grant of £4,999 in 2010-11. It is recommended a grant of £4,599 be awarded for 2011-12.

1.5 Rushmoor Healthy Living Physical Activity for Older Adults Programme (PAOA) – Hart and Rushmoor - £15,000

Rushmoor Healthy Living's PAOA programme is an established service delivering weekly exercise sessions in community venues across Hart and Rushmoor. The aim is to target disadvantaged older adults, reduce health and social inequalities and improve quality of life. Barriers to inclusion are addressed including ability, accessibility and income. Approximately 500 older people aged over fifty benefit from the service.

The service fits well with meeting the Department's priorities in terms of maintaining independence and offering preventative services. Rushmoor is also identified as an area of multiple deprivation within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Latest accounts show Rushmoor Healthy Living hold 2 months' running costs in free reserves. The organisation was allocated £26,000 in 2010/11 as a contribution towards core organisational costs and operational costs of the PAOA programme. Previous grant awards for the PAOA programme specifically have been £15,000. It is therefore recommended that a grant of £15,000 for 2011/12 be approved as a contribution towards PAOA operational costs.

1.6 Age Concern Cowplain - Waterloo - £2,990

Age Concern Cowplain provide a variety of services to assist older people remain as independent as possible. This includes running lunch clubs and activities from the centre in Cowplain.

The Older Persons' Befriending Scheme offers short term befriending to older people who need a little bit of help to re-establish themselves within their local communities. The scheme has proved successful and is looking to expand to Hayling Island. The service links well with corporate and departmental priorities including the Universal Offer workstream of the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and the Older Person's Wellbeing Strategy.

Latest accounts show Age Concern Cowplain hold nine months' running costs in free reserves. The organisation was allocated a grant of £3,250 in 2010/11. It is recommended the organisation be awarded a grant of £2,990 for 2011/12.

1.7 Emsworth Day Out Scheme (Havant) - £1,104

Emsworth Day Out Scheme is a community based, user led social group for older people with disabilities. The weekly group offers activities and speakers providing information and advice. The scheme links to corporate and departmental priorities, in particular preventative services provision.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £1,200 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £1,104 be awarded for 2011-12.

1.8 Fareham Stroke Club - £1,748

Fareham Stroke Club is a weekly social support group for stroke sufferers and carers to exchange experiences, receive information and peer support. The service links to corporate and departmental priorities, in particular maximising wellbeing and preventative services provision.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £1,900 in 2011/12. It is recommended a grant of £1,748 be awarded for 2011/12.

1.9 Portchester Stroke Club - £1,656

Portchester Stroke Club is a social support group for stroke sufferers and carers to exchange experiences, receive information and peer support. The service links to corporate and departmental priorities, in particular maximising wellbeing and preventative services provision.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £1,800 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £1,656 be awarded in 2011/12.

1.10 Gosport Live At Home Scheme - £4,600

Gosport Live At Home Scheme plans to deliver a high quality, cost effective and secure service to vulnerable older people aged over sixty in the borough of Gosport. Services provided will include befriending, shopping, transport to appointments, health promotion and safety awareness. This links to the corporate and departmental priorities

including Maximising Wellbeing, the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and the Older Persons' Wellbeing Strategy. Gosport is also an identified area of deprivation within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

This is a new application. It is recommended a grant of £4,600 be awarded for 2011/12.

1.11 Age Concern Winchester - £11,153

Age Concern Winchester aims to promote the welfare of older people and to improve the quality of their lives by offering services that give practical help, advice, regular care and mental stimulation. These include information and advice, four lunch clubs, chair exercise classes and awareness raising sessions e.g. 'Winter Warmth', Trading Standards, Fire Prevention and Welfare Benefits. The services link well with the Hampshire Model of Personalisation in particular the Universal Offer, and the Older Persons' Wellbeing Strategy.

The latest accounts show Age Concern Winchester hold approximately three months' running costs in free reserves. The organisation was allocated a grant of £12,123 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £11,153 be approved for 2011-12. The grant would contribute towards the core running costs of the service.

1.12 Andover Hard of Hearing Club - £414

Andover Hard of Hearing Club is a monthly social support group for people experiencing hearing loss. The group also visits the local audio clinic to promote the club to people who are recently diagnosed with hearing loss. The group links with corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £450 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £414 be awarded for 2011/12.

1.13 Fordingbridge & District Day Centre for the Frail and Housebound - £920

This is a weekly day centre for older people. The centre provides activities, information, peer support and lunch. Transport is provided to improve access to activities for older people living in rural isolation. The centre links to corporate and departmental priorities, including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation, the Older Persons' Wellbeing Strategy and the Rural Strategy.

The organisation was previously allocated a grant of £900 in 2009/10. It is recommended a grant of £920 be awarded in 2011/12.

1.14 Age Concern Romsey and District - £6,750

The agency maintains a Hall with full facilities which is dedicated primarily for the use by older people, both through activities and events organised by Age Concern and by other organisations and charities in Romsey working with older people. The Hall is also a valuable information and signposting centre

The organisation was previously allocated a grant of £7,985 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £6,750 be awarded in 2011/12.

1.15 Giles Group (Alresford) - £368

Volunteer led group to support and help older people with disabilities and their carers. The group offers information, advice, weekly drop-in and monthly talks. The group links with corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and Maximising Wellbeing.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £400 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £368 be awarded for 2011/12.

1.16 New Milton Stroke Group - £920

This group offers recreational, social and therapeutic activities, advice and support to stroke sufferers, their families and carers. The groups links with corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and providing preventative services.

The organisation was previously allocated a grant of £1,000 in 2009/10. It is recommended a grant of £920 be awarded for 2011/12.

1.17 Rae Straton Lunch Club (Fordingbridge) - £920

This is a weekly lunch club for older people. The club provides activities, information, peer support and lunch. Transport is provided to enable access for older people living in rural isolation. The centre links to corporate and departmental priorities, including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation, the Older Persons' Wellbeing Strategy and the Rural Strategy.

The organisation was previously allocated a grant of £1,050 in 2009/10. It is recommended a grant of £920 be awarded in 2011/12.

1.18 Winchester & District Hard of Hearing Club - £230

The group provides meetings and outings for people experiencing hearing loss. It reduces the isolation experienced by members and offers peer support and the opportunity to exchange information. The group links with corporate priorities including Maximising Wellbeing and The Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £250 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £230 be awarded in 2011/12.

1.19 Winchester Live at Home Scheme - £14,720

Winchester Live at Home Scheme aims to improve support and services for vulnerable older people (65+) in the Winchester area who are socially isolated and housebound. This includes older people who live in rural areas between Winchester and Alresford. It provides a range of activities which benefit and maximise their independence, inclusion and feeling of wellbeing.

The organisation offers a number of services including one-to-one befriending; lunch clubs, exercise classes, shopping service, keep-in-touch

service, a Member Welfare Service and health promotion campaigns. Approximately 300 people benefit from these services.

Winchester Live at Home Scheme links well with Corporate and Departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation. It offers a range of preventative services to enable older people to maintain independence.

Winchester Live at Home Scheme was allocated a grant of £16,000 in 2010/11. It is recommended that a grant of £14,720 be approved for 2011/12. The organisation holds less than 3 months' running costs in free reserves.

2. Older Persons' Mental Health

2.1 Alzheimer's Society Hampshire Locality – £23,000

The Alzheimer's Society provides an outreach service offering practical services and support for people with all types of dementia and their carers. It is offered from the Basingstoke & District and Blackwater Valley branches. Services include provision of relevant, meaningful and timely information, referral to appropriate support groups, home visits, assistance and collaboration with local, health and statutory services and setting up peer support groups. The workers also liaise with GP surgeries and support training provided in Basingstoke hospital.

The Alzheimer's Society also operates the Dementia Café, launched in Emsworth in 2009. It provides an opportunity for people with dementia and their carers to socialise, receive support and share information in a non-stigmatising environment. The café plans to relocate to Havant to improve accessibility.

The services link well with corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and the Older Persons Mental Health Strategy. Memory cafes are also recognised as a key service element within the National Dementia Strategy.

Alzheimer's Society Hampshire Locality was allocated a grant of £24,999 in 2010/11. A grant of £23,000 is recommended for 2011/12 to contribute to the three dementia outreach workers and the running costs of the Havant Dementia Café. The organisation holds 5 months' running costs in free reserves.

2.2 Alzheimer's Society - New Forest - £5,750

The Alzheimer's Society New Forest aims to promote the understanding of dementia in the New Forest. It provides advice and support to people with dementia and their carers.

The organisation set up three new music groups in Sway, Fordingbridge and Ringwood/Bransgore with the grant funding awarded in 2010/11. The groups have proved successful and offer the opportunity for people with

dementia and their carers to gain a sense of wellbeing, and engage in an activity that stimulates the memory in a positive way

The groups link well with Corporate and Departmental Priorities, including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation, Older Person's Mental Health Strategy and the Rural Strategy.

The organisation has secured funding for one group for 2011-12. It is applying for running costs for 2 of the existing groups and to set up another group in the New Forest. It is recommended grant funding is awarded to maintain the two groups currently running.

Alzheimer's Society New Forest was allocated a grant of £8,625 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £5,750 be awarded in 2011-12. The organisation has 5 month's running costs in free reserves.

3. Physical Disability

3.1 deafPLUS, Countywide Home Benefits Service - £6,601

deafPLUS Home Benefits Service provides specialist help for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and their carers to identify and apply for financial and practical benefits to meet their needs. They visit clients in their own homes to help them complete Benefits Applications and follow up as needed. This includes taking cases to tribunals because the unique issues surrounding deafness in day to day living are not always fully appreciated by the assessors.

The increased benefits received allow greater independence, wellbeing and choice for people with hearing loss across Hampshire, fitting well with Departmental objectives and the Wellbeing agenda. It offers a specialist service for people who may have difficulty accessing mainstream benefits advice. Approximately fifty people benefit from this service, all of whom are referred from Adult Services.

deafPLUS were allocated a grant of £7,175 for 2010/11. A grant of £6,601 is recommended for 2011/12. The organisation holds less than one month's running costs in free reserves.

3.2 Huntington's Disease Association (Countywide) - £4,599

The Regional Care Advisory Service aims to improve the quality of life and care for individuals with Huntington's Disease, their carers and families. Its goals are to improve the understanding and management of the disease through specialist information, advice and training.

Huntington's Disease Association were allocated a grant of £4,999 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £4,599 be awarded for 2011/12. The organisation holds less than two months' running costs in free reserves.

3.3 [sonus] (Working name of Hampshire Deaf Association) (Countywide) - £4,600

[sonus] provides a vital range of services to deaf and hard of hearing people including interpreting, communications training and community support.

Deaf people's access to information support project will work with and provide accessible information to isolated and vulnerable members of the deaf community . The overarching aim of the project is to reach isolated members of the deaf community and encourage their reintegration into the deaf and wider community; enabling them to live independently; offer safe and effective care; and empower deaf people in their choices.

This is the first application received for this project. It is recommended a grant of £4,600 be awarded for 2011/12. The organisation holds less than one month's running costs in free reserves.

3.4 Gosport Access Group and Disability Forum - £1,757

The group aims to raise awareness of the effects of disability and to promote better opportunities and services for disabled people in Gosport. The group also provides a consultative role to improve access to buildings and facilities. The activities link to corporate and departmental priorities including Maximising Wellbeing and the Hampshire Model of Personalisation. Gosport is an identified area of multiple deprivation within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

This is the first application received from this organisation. It is recommended a grant of £1,757 be awarded for 2011/12.

3.5 Gosport Dis-Play Club - £1,200

Gosport Dis-play is a fortnightly social support club for adults with a physical disability. It offers activities, lunch, information sharing and peer support. The club also offers a respite break for carers. The club links with corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation, preventative services and the Carers Strategy.

The organisation were allocated a grant of £1,600 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £1,200 be awarded for 2011/12.

3.6 Andover VIPs - £4,599

Andover VIPs is an active local charity supporting visually impaired people. It is user led, with assistance from two part time staff and volunteers. The project offers educational, sporting and recreational activities, advice, equipment and support. It also campaigns locally to improve access to facilities. The project links well to corporate and departmental priorities including preventative services, Maximising Wellbeing and the Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £4,999 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £4,599 be awarded for 2011/12. The organisation holds five months' running costs in free reserves.

3.7 Andover Shopmobility - £1,840

Andover Shopmobility offers a service to bring mobility scooters directly to cars of severely disabled people, who would otherwise not be able to access the Shopmobility offices. The service enables the clients to maintain independence whilst shopping. The scheme links to corporate and departmental priorities including Maximising Wellbeing and The Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £2,000 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £1,840 be awarded for 2011/12.

4 Learning Disability

4.1 Petersfield Society for Special Needs - £780

Petersfield Society for Special Needs provides a monthly disco for adults with a learning disability, their families and carers. The disco offers the opportunity for a social activity within a rural location. The service links to corporate and departmental priorities including Maximising Wellbeing, the Rural Strategy and the Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £1,200 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £780 be awarded for 2011/12.

4.2 Eastleigh Borough and Romsey Mencap - £4,595

The development officer consults with adults with learning disability, their families and carers to collect information and assess future need. The officer then identifies and applies for funding, establishes and manages projects to meet identified needs. Previous projects have included the Chill Out Club and Walking Group. Funding is required to contribute to the officer's salary costs. The project links to corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and preventative services.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £4,990 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £4595 be awarded for 2011/12. The organisation holds less than 10 months' running costs in free reserves.

4.3 Eastleigh Friends of People with a Learning Disability - £1,380

Eastleigh friends of People with a Learning Disability provide social activities for members with a learning disability, their families and carers. The organisation also publishes a newsletter three times a year for members to distribute and share information. The organisation links to corporate and departmental priorities including Maximising Wellbeing and the Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £1,500 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £1,380 be awarded for 2011/12.

4.4 New Forest Mencap - £3,500

New Forest Mencap provide activities, information and advice for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers. The organisation improves opportunities for people living in rural isolation. The activities link

to corporate and departmental priorities including Maximising Wellbeing, the Rural Strategy and the Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £4,800 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £3,500 be awarded for 2011/12.

5 Mental Health

5.1 Rushmoor Voluntary Services - £4,002

Rushmoor Voluntary Services facilitate a supported gardening project for people with or recovering from mental health problems. Clients have the opportunity to work on the allotment, maintain gardens of older or disabled residents in the borough and improve open areas in the community. The project links well with corporate and departmental priorities including The Hampshire Model of Personalisation and Older Persons' Wellbeing Strategy. It works within an area identified as experiencing multiple deprivation in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

This is the first application for this project. It is recommended a grant of £4,002 be awarded for 2011/12. The organisation holds three months' running costs in free reserves.

5.2 Eastleigh Leisure Pursuits - £600

Eastleigh Leisure Pursuits is a user led organisation for people with or recovering from mental health problems. It facilitates social activities, information and peer support. The organisation links to corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £1,500 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £600 be awarded for 2011/12.

6 All Care Groups

6.1 Good Neighbours Support Service (GNSS) – Countywide - £92,000

GNSS is an infrastructure organisation supporting the development of a network of local independent good neighbour groups in Hampshire. It provides specialist development services to 118 good neighbour groups, including training, development, insurance, CRB checks, volunteer recruitment and marketing. It leads on the development of new groups and services in response to local demand.

The local neighbourcare groups provide an essential service to vulnerable people living independently across Hampshire. Services offered include transport for hospital appointments, shopping, befriending, and visiting relatives in residential care. In 2009-10 140,000 tasks were undertaken by over 3000 volunteers.

GNSS is a key partner in ensuring early intervention and preventative services meet local need and demand, and that the care groups have access to good quality training, policies and insurance.

GNSS were allocated £100,000 in grant funding in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £92,000 be approved in 2011/12. The organisation holds less than three months' running costs in free reserves.

6.2 Cruse Bereavement Care North Hampshire Area - £1,750

Cruse Bereavement Care North Hampshire provides bereavement counselling in Andover and Basingstoke. The centre is open at least twice a month for drop in and offers 1:1 support outside these times. Telephone helpline is available and a peer support group in Basingstoke. Training is offered to professionals to raise awareness of the bereavement process. The organisation links to corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation, Carers Strategy and provision of preventative services.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £3,000 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £1,750 be allocated for 2011/12.

7 Other Services

7.1 The Vine Drop In Centre (Rushmoor) - £5,000

The Vine aims to reduce social isolation, enable change and improve life chances for homeless and vulnerable adults in Rushmoor and surrounding areas. It often initiates access for people needing mental health services, housing, drug and alcohol support, health promotion and awareness. The Centre links to corporate and departmental priorities including the Universal Offer workstream of the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and the provision of preventative services. Rushmoor is an identified area of deprivation in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

The Vine was allocated a grant of £8,000 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £5,000 be awarded for 2011/12. The organisation holds less than five months' running costs in reserves.

7.2 Asian Welfare and Cultural Association (Eastleigh) - £4,140

The Association aims to promote the health, welfare and culture of Asian people within the Borough of Eastleigh. Its activities include a weekly drop in group in Eastleigh town centre. The group enables members to access a range of activities and services. The group contributes to corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation and Maximising Wellbeing.

The organisation was allocated a grant of £4,500 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £4,140 be awarded in 2011/12. The organisation holds one month's running costs in free reserves.

7.3 Winchester Youth Counselling - £2,323

Winchester Youth Counselling provides an information, support and counselling service to young carers aged 19-25. The service is provided by fully qualified, experienced counsellors. It links to corporate and departmental priorities including the Hampshire Model of Personalisation, the Carers Strategy and the provision of preventative services.

Winchester Youth Counselling was allocated a grant of £2,525 in 2010/11. It is recommended a grant of £2,323 be awarded for 2011/12. The organisation holds four months' running costs in free reserves.