

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	4 November 2010
Title:	Funding request from Aldworth Science College via the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Basingstoke and Deane
Reference:	2183
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1. The decision:

1.1. That £12,000 of funding be awarded to Aldworth Science College on behalf of eight secondary schools, from the Basingstoke and Deane HAT Community Budget to support the establishment of young carers groups for 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding for future years.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 Young Carers are a socially disadvantaged group of young people who tend to underachieve. Their attendance and punctuality can be affected by their role as a carer. They are also emotionally vulnerable. Sometimes these young people cope alone with all the caring, shopping, washing and taking younger siblings to school. They hide what is happening and because they are unable to cope this is manifested often in poor behaviour, outbursts of anger, erratic concentration in lessons and poor attendance. It is vital that these behaviours are not dealt with in a punitive way but in a flexible and supportive way. Supporting Young Carers groups will address a social inequality and help to improve the attendance of these children and educational outcomes. They are also less likely to become not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) if supported while at school and during transition to college or employment

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date: 4 November 2010

**Executive Member for Communities and International
Relations
Councillor Keith Mans**