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Executive Decision Records

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	0-19 Children's Services Grants
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Laura Timms, Head of Children's Services Commissioning

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People:

- 1.1. Approves the cessation of 0-19 Children's Services grant of £78,000 from April 2021.
- 1.2. Notes that support for Young Carers is a commissioned service under contract and therefore unaffected by the proposal as it is not reliant on grant funding.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. There is no specific statutory basis for the provision of this type of grant. The local authority has more general duties relating to supporting children in need, ensuring the well-being of children, and ensuring that certain facilities and opportunities are available locally. Hampshire Children's Services continues to meet these duties through the range of support available such as preventative services through early help, short break activities for children who have disabilities and statutory support provision.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: None

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

24 February 2021

**Cllr Patricia Stallard
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and
Young People**

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	Short Break Activity Grants
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People:

- 1.1. Approves the Short Break Activity grant recommendations to voluntary organisations and charities for 2021-23, totalling £1,045,725.25, to the organisations as listed in Appendix 1 of the report for 23 months from 01 May 2021 to 31 March 2023;
- 1.2. Approves the Short Break Activity grant recommendations to departments and schools supported by Hampshire County Council for 2021-23, totalling £33,274.75, as listed in Appendix 1 of the report for 23 months from 01 May 2021 to 31 March 2023;
- 1.3. Approves the grant recommendation for £64,500.00 to the Rose Road Association to continue to operate the Buddy Scheme for six months for the period 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021, after which time a redesigned service will commence;
- 1.4. Approves the parental participation grant to be paid to Hampshire Parent Carer Network of up to £35,000 to cover 1st April 2021 to 31 March 2023;
- 1.5. Delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve all Exceptions Fund grant applications for 2021-2023 in consultation with the Executive Lead Member up to the value of £20,000.00 per annum.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of the Short Break Activity grants programme is to support the County Council's duty under the Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations.
- 2.2. Short Break Activities grants are awarded to a range of voluntary organisations and special schools to provide short breaks, including activity providers (arts, sports clubs etc.), holiday and weekend playschemes and

youth clubs. Any activity provider that meets the Short Break priorities can apply for funding to include a child or young person in their programme of activities.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: None

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Cllr Patricia Stallard
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and
Young People**

24 February 2021

Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	Childcare Sustainability Grant
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People:

- 1.1 Approves the establishment of a Childcare Sustainability Grant fund of up to £365,000 to support Early Years and Childcare providers experiencing proven financial issues, but where sustainability of the provider is essential to ensure sufficiency of childcare places.
- 1.2 Delegates authority to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member, to approve Childcare Sustainability Grant awards to providers, where it can be evidenced that there is sufficiency of need and where, without financial support, the provider may be unable to operate.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 In response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the early years and childcare sector, the Childcare Sustainability Grant Fund will offer small one-off grants to providers who are experiencing significant financial issues and where such a provider is required to ensure sufficient childcare places in a geographical area.
- 2.2 Establishing a temporary sustainability grant fund for the childcare sector will support the County Council to deliver its childcare sufficiency duty whilst also providing financial support to childcare settings experiencing temporary financial difficulty.

2.3 Individual grant awards are anticipated to be in the region of £500 - £4,999, from a total grant fund of up to £365,000 for the Childcare Sustainability Grant, funded by the centrally retained component of the Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant.

3. Other options considered and rejected

3.1 Hampshire County Council could rely on other sources of Government financial support for the childcare sector, however, we know that some providers are not eligible or able to access these forms of support.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: None

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Patricia Stallard
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Young People**

24 February 2021

Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	Determination of 2022/23 admission arrangements
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People approves the proposed admission arrangements for the admission rounds for applying for school places in the academic year 2022/23. The admission arrangements have gone through the approved consultation process and have been recommended by Hampshire's Admission Forum and are documented in:

- the admission policies for community and voluntary controlled (VC) schools set out in Annexes A, B, C, D and E, as well as the school specific criteria listed in Annexe F;
- the 2022 published admission numbers (PANs) for community and VC schools set out in Annexes G and H;
- the review of The Hamble School, Bursledon Infant and Junior schools, and Kings Copse Primary School catchments, set out at Annexe I;
- the admission policy for Nursery Units attached to maintained schools set out in Annexe J.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The School Admissions Code and other legislation directs a statutory process for formulation of, consulting upon and determining admission arrangements. A statutory period of consultation (lasting 6 weeks) with schools, relevant parents, other admission authorities and neighbouring Local authorities; and involving Hampshire's Admissions Forum, must be carried out. The local authority must determine its arrangements for 2022/23 by 28 February 2021.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not applicable

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Patricia Stallard
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and
Young People**

24 February 2021

Item 5

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
Date:	24 February 2021
Title:	Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Grant Recommendations Easter 2021
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member approves the award of Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Easter grants to the organisations identified in Appendix 1 of the report up to a total value of £384,576.
- 1.2. That, in the event that a provider is unable to fulfil the funded number of places, or has to amend its offer in the light of Covid, the Executive Lead Member delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to reallocate any underspent Easter HAF grant funding to ensure a Hampshire wide offer, within the grant allocation for Easter of £384,576. Any such reallocations will be agreed in consultation with the Executive Lead Member

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To meet the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food grant programme objectives in Hampshire.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Hampshire County Council could have chosen not to deliver holiday activity and food schemes at Easter. However, it was felt that such services would be beneficial to vulnerable children.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: None

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Cllr Patricia Stallard
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and
Young People**

24 February 2021