

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	16 June 2017
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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### 1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report gives details of 3 grant requests received seeking financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget. Further details can be found in Appendix 2 of the report.

### 2. **Budget Position**

- 2.1 The budget allocation for 2017/18 is £222,000. Commitments made at previous meetings totalling £28,000, reduces this figure available at the meeting on 16 June 2017 to £194,000.

### 3. **Grants Criteria**

- 3.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

### 4. **Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

### 5. **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 5.1 That the recommendations listed within Appendix 2 of this report be approved.

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

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	Yes
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	Yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
None		
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
None		

**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.)**

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Application form and correspondence received from charity	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

**Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures. Further information may be found on individual requests.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

The proposal in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

### **3. Climate Change:**

There is no significant link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

## FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules:

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Children's Services, etc.) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
  - District or Parish Councils
  - Government Institutions
  - Schools
  - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
  - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
  - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general, grants will only be awarded to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

**NEW FOREST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (CG00140050)**

The New Forest and Hampshire County Show is held every year at the end of July (25-27) and aims to educate visitors on the ways of the countryside in general. This year's theme is "The Best of British".

The Show brings together many local organisations who promote their work throughout the county and who work to educate the public on the ways of the countryside and the working of the New Forest such as New Forest Driving for the Disabled, Hampshire Ornithological Society, Hampshire Horsewatch and New Forest Commoners Defence Association.

The New Forest and Hampshire County Show has now become a major event within the county and is expected to attract over 75,000 visitors this year.

**Total cost:** £12,175 (marquees, electric, set up costs and tickets)

**Total income:** £7,175 (own funds)

**Shortfall:** £5,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Transformation and Governance

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

**This budget:** Grants have been awarded to this organisation over many years, including local members budgets.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a countywide event

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Transformation and Governance (Communications):** The County Council will have one corporate stand involving several departments and a further one covering Fostering and Adoption.

It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to offset the costs of the two County Council stands and purchasing tickets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000 to offset the above-mentioned costs

**THE PRINCE'S TRUST (CG00014054)**

As part of its Get Started Programme, The Princes Trust is seeking a grant of £15,000 for a week-long sporting and residential event in the Isle of Wight during August this year for 10 young people who are not in employment, education or training.

**Total Expenditure:** £25,117 (prog delivery costs, facilities, admin and support costs)

**Total Income:** £10,117 (own funds)

**Shortfall:** £15,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Transformation and Governance

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£15,000

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

**This budget:** A grant of £15,000 was awarded from this budget towards last year's event.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a countywide application.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Transformation and Governance:** A grant of £15,000 was awarded last year, which enabled 10 young people from New Forest, Fareham, Hart and Eastleigh to benefit. From these and 2 young people from the Isle of Wight, 3 went to college, 1 went into a part-time employment, 1 went into volunteering, 3 went on other Prince's Trust courses, 2 went into full time work and 2 went into a traineeship.

The Trust has been made aware that grants from this budget are usually one-off in nature and that there would be no guarantee of a further award. If this was the case, the applicant advised that it would fund the programme from its own resources.

It was also suggested to the Trust that it approach the district/borough councils in Hampshire for possible grant aid.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£15,000

**NEW FOREST BIKE PROJECT (NFBP), BRANSGORE (CG0014082)**

New Forest Bike Project, which began in early 2016, is a social enterprise that recycles and relocates bicycles in and around Bransgore. NFBP began by undertaking research which identified local needs and now delivers affordable and reliable transport to help tackle rural isolation and is a means of improving health and wellbeing and providing opportunities for volunteering and skills training.

The project is seeking grant aid of £5,000 towards its running costs which in turn will anticipate recycling 40 bicycles and running 24 monthly teaching sessions, reaching 550 Hampshire residents.

**Total cost:** £42,250 (incl wages/NI of sole director, volunteer expenses and office costs)

**Total income:** £37,000 (own funds) and applications to New Forest NPA and charities

**Shortfall:** £5,250

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Transformation and Governance

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,250

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

**This budget:** Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Keith Mans is the local member and supportive of the scheme.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Transformation and Governance:** A grant request was considered at the last meeting where it was agreed that the project had very limited community benefit.

The applicant has reapplied but is seeking a donation towards the project's running costs, which is not usually permitted under the guidance. Again, the applicant has demonstrated very little evidence of community benefit.

Given the local nature of the scheme, it may be more appropriate for the organisation to contact the local member for consideration from his devolved grant budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Refer to the local member for consideration from his devolved grant budget.