

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Committee:	Children and Young People Select Committee
Date:	11 November 2020
Title:	Proposed changes to the Short Break Activities Programme and consultation outcomes
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Children and Young People Select Committee to pre-scrutinise the proposed changes to the Short Break Activities Programme and consider the outcomes of the public consultation held between March and July 2020, as set out in the attached Decision Report to the Executive Lead Member.

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Children and Young People Select Committee considers and supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People in the attached Decision Report, these being as follows:
 - a) Proposal One: To reduce the overall annual grant awarded to provide Short Break Activities to £539,500. **Recommended for implementation.**
 - b) Proposal Two: To primarily accept funding applications that meet the core Short Break Activity priorities but retain a small 'exceptions' fund of £20,000 per annum. **Recommended for implementation.**
 - c) Proposal Three: To require Short Break Activity providers to secure a minimum level of funding from other sources. **Not recommended for implementation.** Two-year grant funding in next round, in response to feedback: **Recommended for implementation.**
 - d) Proposal Four: To reduce the annual grant awarded to Hampshire Parent Carer Network to £17,500. **Recommended for implementation.**

- e) Proposal Five: To commission Short Break Activities through an external grant-giving body. **Not recommended for implementation.**
- f) Proposal Six: To introduce a two-tier Gateway Card scheme, including proposed evidence requirements to support Gateway Card applications for each tier. **Recommended for implementation.**
- g) Proposal Seven: To place a limit of 30 sessions per child, per year on Short Break Activities. **Not recommended for implementation.**
- h) Proposal Eight: To redesign the Community Buddy Scheme. **Recommended for implementation**, including:
- Increases to parental hourly contributions from £5 per hour to £6.50 per hour, and mileage from 25p to 30p per mile.
 - no longer giving access to non-Hampshire County Council area residents, or young people aged 18 years of age or over, saving £11,000 at current levels.
 - Commissioning a new service, incorporating a single point for coordination and a differentiated offer within the scheme.