

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
<b>Date:</b>	02 March 2021
<b>Title:</b>	connect4communitites Grant Awards
<b>Report From:</b>	Suzanne Smith, Assistant Director, Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

That the Director of Children's Services approves the award of grants to:

##### 1.1 The Vine Centre (Rushmoor), the sum of £4,710

The Vine Centre will be providing food and essentials parcels to vulnerable households who use their services in the Rushmoor area, with a focus on healthy eating and developing skills and resilience. The Vine Centre intends to support 50 households with children, and 70 individuals, including those with mental health problems, learning difficulties, disabilities and young carers.

##### 1.2 Melrose Christian Fellowship (Basingstoke), the sum of £1,692

Melrose Christian Fellowship, in partnership with Spotlight, will be providing emergency food parcels to vulnerable households in the Basingstoke area. The parcels include ambient products from Fareshare and fresh produce. Melrose Christian Fellowship intends to support 110 families with children in the next seven weeks.

##### 1.4 Tyler's Trust (Hampshire), the sum of £1,890

Tyler's Trust will be providing gift boxes, support packs and vouchers for food and clothes, as well as hygiene packs and vouchers for food for use in hospitals, to families with seriously ill children. Tyler's Trust intends to help 75 identified families who use their service, across Hampshire.

##### 1.5 Waterside Foodbank (New Forest), the sum of £1,500

Waterside Foodbank will be providing food and essential items such as toiletries to vulnerable households in the Blackfield area. Waterside

Foodbank intends to support 78 families with children and 56 individuals with this funding.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

The community grant fund forms part of Hampshire County Council's COVID Winter Grant Scheme response. A grant fund of £100,000 has been made available to organisations who wish to support their local community with food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas. This grant fund has been supplemented by a further £320,000 to support the delivery of holiday activity and food clubs during February half term for vulnerable children. Use of such a grant fund will enable a flexible and responsive approach to addressing local needs as and when they are identified, in accordance with the Department for Work and Pensions guidance.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. N/A

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:**

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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