

## 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
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<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 Basingstoke Discovery Centre (Basingstoke & Deane) £1,000**

The library aims to provide a 'brunch bag' to supplement their literacy programme. The funding will cover the cost of 20 healthy brunch bags a week for 16 weeks and is aimed at children attending the library's literacy programme that are eligible for free school meals or identified by local agencies as needing additional support with food provision.

##### **1.2 Ringwood Foodbank (New Forest) £5,000**

The charity provides emergency food supplies on a referral basis. The funding will contribute to replenishing food stocks to meet the 52% increase in demand in the last five months, for up to 600 vulnerable households.

##### **1.3 New Life Domestic £10,500**

The charity supplies all household goods needed for families moving into new accommodation after escaping domestic abuse. The funding is to provide carpeting and flooring to improve insulation for dwellings with concrete floors. It is anticipated that this will help up 7 households based on a budget of £1,500 per household.

##### **1.4 Headley Down Foodbank (East Hampshire) £5,000**

The foodbank provides households in need with support for utilities and food supplies on a referral basis. The funding will provide up to 60 households with food bags and utility and supermarket vouchers.

**1.5 Meet & Eat Support Group (New Forest) £ 800**

This organisation runs a support group for vulnerable families within the local Ringwood Infant School catchment. The funding is to cover the cost of ingredients and materials to run 24 “cook and eat sessions” catering for for 10 households a week. It provides an opportunity for the parents to learn how to cook a healthy meal and to share a meal together as a family.

**1.6 Totton and Eling Community Association £2,000**

Totton Baby Bundles project provides children's clothes, and other essential items, to 15 young families with children up to 7 years old. The funding will buy clothes and toiletries to give to vulnerable families referred through healthcare providers and community groups.

**1.7 Sarisbury CE Junior School (Fareham) £1,240**

The funding will support 31 vulnerable families with utility and food vouchers.

**1.8 Tadley Community Primary School (Basingstoke and Deane) £ 400**

The grant will enable the school to offer four families in financial difficulty with food vouchers.

**1.9 Hiltingbury Infant School (Eastleigh) £ 200**

The grant will support one family with the costs of food and energy bills.

**1.10 Frogmore Infant School (Rushmoor) £ 300**

The grant will support two families with their utility bills

**Reasons for the decision:**

The community grant fund forms part of Hampshire County Council's Household Support Fund. A fund of £300,000 has been made available to organisations that wish to support members of their local communities who are experiencing food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas. Use of the 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.

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

**3. Conflicts of Interest:**

- Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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

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

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

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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Steve Crocker

10.06.22