

## 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>	15 <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 Victim Support Hampshire (Hampshire) £4,200**

The charity supports victims across Hampshire who are often financially affected by crime. The funding is to provide food vouchers for up to 140 households where food poverty is evident.

##### **1.2 Westside Community Association (Basingstoke & Deane) £5,200**

The community association runs a community pantry. The funding will cover the cost of putting together 100 energy saving boxes containing draught excluders, energy efficient bulbs, hot water bottles, socks and scarves, as required to pensioners and families with children, to maximise energy efficiency and minimise the cost of utility bills.

##### **1.3 The Vine Centre (Rushmoor) £9,731**

The centre, based in Aldershot, provides a broad range of services that address the immediate physical and mental health needs of the most disadvantaged members of the community. The application for funding is to extend the operation and activities run at the Community Café by a further two hours a week to a total of five hours a week for the Silvers Group, vulnerable adults of a pensionable age. Apart from the activities organised, pensioners have access to the pantry, get a hot meal and an opportunity to socialise and have access to support staff to accompany them to GPs appointments.

**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

15.06.22