

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	23 January 2013
Title:	Short Breaks for Disabled Children: Grant Awards 2013-2014
Reference:	4197
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services for Short Breaks grants to be allocated to the value of £1,898,258 to voluntary sector and other organisations in Hampshire for 2013/14.
- 1.2. Grants awarded in this report will enable organisations to develop and continue to provide services for disabled children and young people, as part of the range of services required to be provided within the framework of The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011.
- 1.3. The Short Breaks panel will consider smaller grants throughout 2013/14, including applications that support individual disabled children and young people to access mainstream leisure and recreation activities where specific individual provision is required to ensure their full participation. These Grants are all under £5,000 and allocated by officers under delegated powers with Parent Voice representatives part of the panel reviewing applications.
- 1.4. Approval of the Executive Lead Member is also sought for a grant to continue to fund Bridging Workers in 2013/14. This will build on the service that began during 2012/13, offering intensive support focused on enabling children and young people with disabilities and additional needs to be included in an increasing number of mainstream children's activities and services.
- 1.5. Approval of the Executive Lead Member is also sought for a grant to continue to fund Parent Voice Participation and Information service in 2013/14. This service provides a wide range of information to parents / carers of children and young people with disabilities; including a specific information service about short breaks activities. The service will work alongside Hampshire Parent / Carer Network to further develop parent /carer participation throughout all the Council's activities relating to disabled children.

- 1.6. There is a further grants round planned to consider larger grants to deliver activities in 2013/14, to ensure any gaps across the county can be covered.
- 1.7. In addition to short breaks activities, overnight short break stays are part of the Children's Disability Services budget for specialist services. The provision of overnight respite or short break stays are for children with severe and complex needs and are part of the continuum of services available to eligible children and young people through the Children's Disability service teams. A tender has taken place and a new Framework Contract for external providers of overnight short break stays has been awarded which comes into effect on 1st April 2013. The providers for overnight short break stays are already currently used via a contract or spot purchase. The panel reviewing tender applications met on the 8th October 2012, and included representatives from Children's Procurement service, Children's Services Team Managers, and parent representatives from Hampshire Parent/ Carer Network. New framework contracts have now been issued to the selected providers and mobilisation of these will take place during January and February 2013.
- 1.8. A separate grant of £824,000 for capital expenditure has been provided by the Department for Education for allocation during October 2012 and August 2013. Planning is underway with officers and in consultation with Hampshire Parent / Carer Network and Parent Voice, with the intention of funding a range of projects. Further detail will be reported in future capital finance reports.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations bring into effect Paragraph 6(1)(c) of Schedule 2 to the Children Act 1989 (inserted by section 25 of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008), requiring local authorities to provide services to assist individuals who provide care for disabled children to continue to do so, or to do so more effectively, by giving them breaks from caring.
- 2.2. The Regulations state that "a child is disabled if he is blind, deaf or dumb or suffers from mental disorder of any kind or is substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity or such other disability as may be prescribed".
- 2.3. The Regulations also define short breaks with the caveat that provision shall be made, in so far as is reasonable and practicable, for a range of services which are sufficient to assist carers to continue to provide care or to do so more effectively. In particular the local authority must provide, as appropriate, a range of:
 - day-time care in the homes of disabled children or elsewhere;
 - overnight care in the homes of disabled children or elsewhere;
 - educational or leisure activities for disabled children outside their homes;

- services available to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during the school holidays
- 2.4. This is the main grant round for larger grants (£5,000 and over) for Short Breaks for the forthcoming year 2013/14. The Panels evaluating applications for this grant round comprised a variety of HCC officers including the Short Breaks team, other HCC colleagues who work on the Short Breaks programme, parent representatives (including representatives from Hampshire Parent/Carer Network and representatives from Parent Voice).
 - 2.5. For this round a pilot for local grants panels was held in three areas (New Forest, Basingstoke and East Hampshire), with the aim of getting more local representatives involved and increase parent / carers and young people's participation. The pilot was very positive and we plan to hold grants panels during autumn 2013 in all local areas to consider grants applications for 2014-15. Parents / carer representation was increased, with support and training provided by Parent Voice; and in the New Forest a young people's group also reviewed the grant applications. A full evaluation report will be completed to ensure all learning from this pilot is maximised in future grants rounds.
 - 2.6. This funding has been used to provide in-house (Hampshire County Council) projects and activities in some geographical areas. The same scrutiny process was followed, but this funding award is not given as a grant. These funding amounts are identified in the table in Appendix C within each geographical area in the column titled "Other funding recommended (HCC)", and these funding awards total £48,066. Together with the recommended Grant amounts, the total Short Breaks Grant funding for activities detailed in this report is £1,946,324.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The grants referred to in this report are proposed as part of the whole budget for children with disabilities short breaks services which is £5.24m (including specialist services such as overnight breaks, and open access short break activities). This budget allocation is subject to approval by Hampshire County Council on 21st February 2013.
- 3.2. The short breaks programme supports over 3,500 children and young people to access Short Breaks activities and services. As in 2012/13, grants of under £5,000 will continue to be awarded by officers under delegated powers following this report; with the grant funding remaining of this allocation.
- 3.3. In line with guidance from the Children's Services Procurement Unit, a system for distribution of funding across Hampshire was applied. This was based on population figures for each area, weighted by deprivation and rural indices; and is based on data used by Local Children's Partnerships. This year additional weightings for disability were applied to ensure this factor was included in short breaks funding distributions. This was based on numbers of children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs who have a disability; and numbers of children receiving Disability Living Allowance. Small adjustments to the area allocation were made to ensure money was available

to allocate to valued activities which cover the whole of Hampshire and to ensure existing activities relied upon by families would continue.

4. Grants for Approval

- 4.1. Grants totalling £1,898,258 for the main Short Breaks activities are recommended to the Executive Member for approval. The grants are recommended following the evaluation of bids received from providers following an advert requesting a range provision from across the county, in order to provide services for April 2013- March 2014. Due to the large numbers of providers and grant awards, a table summarising the following grants has been provided, broken down by geographical areas (Appendix C). Other Funding awards totalling £48,066 to Hampshire County Council organisations are noted in the same Appendix to provide a complete overview for each local area.
- 4.2. The Panel recommends that Parent Voice, hosted by Rose Road Association receive a Grant of £139,993 to provide the Bridging Worker service from April 2013 to March 2014.
- 4.3. The Panel recommends that Parent Voice, hosted by Rose Road Association receive a Grant of £249,989 to provide the Parent Voice Participation and Information service from April 2013 to March 2014. Further work will need to be done to ensure the current information service reflects developments in the work being progressed on the Local Offer, as part of Hampshire's work on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Pathfinder work.
- 4.4. Both the Bridging worker grant, and Parent Voice Participation and Information Service grant, will be monitored and evaluated throughout 2013/14 by the Short breaks programme, including parent / carer representatives.

5. Criteria of grant

- 5.1. Short breaks grants are awarded to a range of organisations providing safe, fun and interesting activities for disabled children and young people aged 0-19 years, who live in Hampshire or attend a Hampshire school. The activities will take place outside of school time (for school-aged children), during after-school, evenings, weekends and holidays. Further information about eligibility to apply for short breaks grants is available at the Hampshire grants homepage www.hants.gov.uk/grants/childrens-services-grants.htm.
- 5.2. The decision-making process was challenging for this grant round, where the total amount of money requested in grant applications far exceeded the amount of money the Panel had to allocate. The Panel's focus for decision-making included the following:
 - Demand and interest from children, young people and their parents/carers, including current uptake of activities and their feedback

- Ensuring a mix of activities that are specialist for children and young people with disabilities; and activities that include disabled children in mainstream activities
- Coverage for different age groups within areas, and for different disabilities and levels of need
- Value for money
- Continuity for existing activities that are successful and valued by families
- The Equalities Impact Assessment for the Short Breaks programme
- A fair geographical spread of activities throughout Hampshire and within local areas.

6. Future direction

- 6.1. Parent participation has been strengthened by their increased involvement in the pilot of local panels, and by parent representatives involvement in co-production of the short breaks service statement.
- 6.2. Some local panels benefitted from input from young people and their own views about the grant applications. The participation and engagement of children and young people will continue in 2013-14 via activity providers and the Short Breaks team and other colleagues. Further strategic development of children and young people's participation will continue throughout 2013-14.
- 6.3. We had hoped to award grants for longer than one year for some services, but were not in a position to do this for this grants round. It was hoped this would provide more stability and development opportunities for organisations. We would hope to be able to do this in the future, dependent on service user feedback and our own monitoring information about those services.

7. Recommendation(s)

- 7.1. That the Executive Lead Member approves those Grant applications totalling £1,898,258 to the organisations listed in Appendix C; and also notes the funding allocations to Hampshire County Council departments totalling £48,066 also in Appendix C and described in Section 2.6 above, subject to approval of the 2013/14 budget by Council on 21st February 2013.
- 7.2. That the Executive Lead Member approves the Panel's recommendation to award the Bridging Workers Grant to Parent Voice hosted by the Rose Road Association as outlined in 4.2 above i.e. £139,993 in 2013/14 subject to approval of the 2013/14 budget by Council on 21st February 2013.
- 7.3. That the Executive Lead Member approves the Panel's recommendation to award the Parent Voice Information and Participation Service Grant to Parent Voice hosted by the Rose Road Association as outlined in 4.3 above i.e. £249,989 in 2013/14 subject to approval of the 2013/14 budget by Council on 21st February 2013.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Short Breaks Grant Awards	3353	17 October 2011
Short Breaks Statement of Future Provision and Grant Awards	3153	
Short Breaks for Disabled Children	2589	6 April 2011
Short Breaks Grant Awards	3440	18 January 2012
Short Breaks Grant Allocations for 2012-13	3441	1 February 2012
Short Breaks Grant Allocations for 2012-2013	3717	17 July 2012
Short Breaks for Disabled Children: Service Statement Review	4120	6 December 2012
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulation 2011		2011

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>
Short Breaks: Statutory guidance on how to safeguard and promote the welfare of disabled children using short breaks	https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/DCSF-00183-2010
Short Breaks: Advice for Local Authorities	http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/s/short%20breaks%20-%20advice%20for%20local%20authorities.pdf

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed for the Short Breaks programme and along with our stakeholders we will continue to progress the action plan as agreed. The outcomes and action from the Equalities Impact Assessment were shared with all grants panels. The proposals support that the needs of disabled children and their carers are met within local services and that parents and their representatives have an opportunity to be consulted and to influence services.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: N/A

3. Climate Change: N/A

APPENDIX C – SHORT BREAKS RECOMMENDED GRANT ALLOCATIONS BY AREA

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
All of Hampshire		
AACT Climbing (Calshot)	AACT Climbing April 2013 - March 2014 - One to one and small group climbing sessions for children with autism/additional needs based in South West Hampshire	£22,200
AACT Climbing (Hayling Island)	AACT Climbing April 2013 - March 2014 - One to one and small group climbing sessions for children with autism/additional needs based in South East Hampshire	£16,432
Wessex Children's Hospice Trust	Play at Naomi House - varied daily play programme for children/young people with life-limiting conditions staying at Naomi House	£26,150
The Rose Road Association (Bradbury Scheme)	Bradbury Activity Scheme - Holidays & Saturday playscheme for children with complex needs in South areas of Hampshire.	£10,000
SONUS (Working name of Hampshire Deaf Association)	Deaf.F Youth Programme and Fun 4 You activities - supporting community-based activities for deaf and hearing impaired children and young people	£15,000
National Childminding Association (NCMA)	SPACE Short Breaks - Breaks for families provided by trained childminders in the family home	£23,000
YMCA Fairthorne Manor	Short Breaks at YMCA Fairthorne Manor Daycamps - inclusion via supported places at outdoor adventure & play activities in school holidays	£75,876
UK Youth	Environmental and Adventure Outdoor Activity Experience - weekend & holiday outdoor activities for the whole family	£41,980
Total for All of Hampshire		£230,638

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Winchester and Eastleigh		
Eastleigh Youth Trust	Cycles for all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, evening and school holiday cycling using accessible bicycles; and Bike Ability teaching cycling skills and safety 	£10,900
Tower House Horses	Equine Assisted Learning Weekend and Holiday Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small group half-day sessions; hands-on learning and fun with horses for disabled children & young people 	£15,640
Solent Youth Action	SLAMS Supported Youth Club/ J's Club/ Holiday Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outings and activities for teenagers with disabilities, and supported volunteering 	£40,495
The Point	Access the Arts - Disability Arts Strategy for Eastleigh Borough <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dance, drama, music/media projects during evenings, weekends and holidays, plus performances - 	£14,992
KIDS	Osborne Short Breaks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After-school & Saturday clubs; and Holiday Activity Days for disabled children & young people 	£87,000
Integr8 Dance	Integr8 for children and young people with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday and school holiday dance classes and for disabled children 	£11,299
In Touch Project	In Touch Project after school groups & BGS junior youth groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After-school club and youth clubs for children/young people with autistic spectrum disorder 	£17,000
KIDS	Shepherds Down Short Breaks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After-school & Saturday clubs; and Holiday Activity Days for disabled children 	£87,000
KIDS	Thumbs Up Youth Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly Youth Club sessions for young people with disabilities and additional needs 	£9,291
Total for Winchester and Eastleigh		£293,617

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Test Valley		
Mountbatten Activity Club	Mountbatten Activity Club: - Supported places at mainstream holiday playscheme	£30,245
Romsey Community School Ltd	Test Valley Play Services: - Inclusive school holiday play service delivered in community locations	£16,000
Andover & District Mencap	Andover & District Mencap Playscheme - Saturday club, Holiday schemes, After School Club, and Stephen's Ark Daycare scheme	£134,500
Valley Leisure Ltd	3 Smiles Club - Sunday sports & crafts activity club for disabled children & siblings	£13,749
Total for Test Valley		£194,494

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Havant and Waterlooville		
Face It	Face It Art Workshops - Holiday and weekend Art workshops at Making Space	£3,524
KIDS (Gateway Club)	The Gateway Club: - Youth Club and holiday activities for disabled young people	£14,125
KIDS (Havant Young People's Project)	HYP (Havant Young Peoples Project): - Saturday and holiday Club and Youth club evenings at South Downs college	£25,900
Havant & District Holiday Venture	HDHV Summer Playscheme - Summer holiday playscheme for children and young people with disabilities	£8,750
KIDS (Rachel Madocks Extended Services)	Rachel Madocks Extended Services - weekend, holiday and after school playschemes for children and young people with disabilities	£71,084
Chaos Support	Chaos (Choice, Health, Aspiration, Opportunity, Support): - Saturday Club for young people aged 15- 19 with complex needs	£22,080
Horizon Leisure Trust	Children's Activities and Inclusion - contribution to co-ordination of inclusive activities within leisure centre and developing Activity Buddy Scheme	£5,623
Enable Ability (PALS)	PALS Fun activities: - Supported leisure, sport & recreation activities for children & young people with physical/mild learning disabilities, in evenings, weekends and holidays	£11,984

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Havant and Waterlooville – other funding recommended (HCC)		
The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre	Accessible Arts and Wonderful weekends: - Supported places and access classes and for disabled children and young people	£4,003
Sir George Staunton Country Park	Themed Family Days Out at Staunton - Inclusive Fun days during holidays for disabled children & young people and their siblings; and supported places at mainstream holiday activity	£5,350
Riverside Community Special School	Extended School Activities - Summer holiday playscheme	£20,602
Total for Havant and Waterlooville		£193,025

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Fareham and Gosport		
Let Us Play Scheme (LUPS)	St Francis School Easter/Summer Playschemes - Easter and Summer Playschemes for children and young people with complex needs and disabilities in Fareham	£35,180
KIDS	Heathfield Extended Services - After-school club, Saturday Club and Holiday playschemes for children with learning disabilities in Fareham	£72,300
KIDS	St Francis Extended Services - Saturday Club and After-School club for children and young people with complex needs and disabilities in Fareham	£50,463
Woodpeckers Childcare Ltd	Woodpeckers at Brune Park Holiday Scheme - Supported places at mainstream holiday playscheme in Gosport	£10,000
The Rose Road Association	Baycroft Activity Scheme - Saturday and holiday activity scheme for young people with learning disabilities and autism	£28,196
KIDS (Youth2Gosport)	Y2G (Youth 2 Gosport) - Youth club and Saturday and holiday club for teenagers based at St Vincent's College	£28,000
Y Services for Young People	- Special Needs Youth Clubs	£5,300
KIDS Early Years	KIDS - Early Years Short Break Service (Fareham) - weekdays and holidays specialist day care and play sessions for under-5s with disabilities	£32,000

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Fareham and Gosport - other funding recommended (HCC)		
Ashcroft Arts Centre	Accessible Arts and Wonderful weekends: - Family activities, supported places and access classes for disabled children and young people	£5,611
Total for Fareham and Gosport		£267,050

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Hart and Rushmoor		
Disability Challengers (Farnham)	Challengers Hampshire – Farnham - Playscheme and Youth scheme for children and young people with disabilities including complex needs	£128,764
Parity for Disability	- Teenagers School Holiday Activity scheme	£8,000
Caterpillar Crafts	- Themed Family Fun Days in an outdoor environment at Alice Holt	£4,714
Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre	Holiday activity clubs - Carer support - Supported places at holiday activity clubs at outdoors centre	£11,500
Parkside (Aldershot and District Mencap)	- Summer playscheme, After school Club and Saturday club for children and young people with learning & physical disabilities	£46,500
KIDS	KIDS Rushmoor Short Breaks: - Saturday club and summer play scheme for children and young people with disabilities	£25,000
Family Resource Centre UK	GO! (Great Opportunities!) - GO! Club - Saturday club for children and young people with activities including cookery, dance and sports	£5,000
Hart and Rushmoor - other funding recommended (HCC)		
West End Centre	Accessible Arts and Wonderful weekends: - Family activities, supported places and access classes for disabled children and young people	£6,250
Total for Hart and Rushmoor		£235,728

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
New Forest		
New Horizons EAL	Equine Assisted Learning Saturday Clubs - Small group half-day sessions; hands-on learning and fun with horses for disabled children & young people, based in Lymington	£14,000
First Opportunities	Learning through play - Play sessions for under 3s at specialist pre-school	£8,000
Sunrise Bushcraft	Bushcraft & Woodland Activities for families with disabled children - Weekend Bushcraft and woodland activities for families with disabled children	£6,000
Parent Link	Parent Link - Holiday club and youth club for disabled children and young people; weekly activity club and fishing club for families	£25,000
New Forest District Council	Inclusive Swimming - a range of activities co-ordinated across the 5 New Forest Leisure centres, to include supported swimming lessons; holiday swimming, inflatable sessions and therapy swim	£28,000
Linwood School	Holiday and After School Clubs - Provision for Hampshire disabled children to attend Linwood's After School Clubs and Holiday Clubs.	£14,860
The Gap Club	All children can play together - Supported places at mainstream After-School & Holiday clubs based at Ashley Junior School near New Milton	£30,000
The Rose Road Association	Oak Lodge Activity Scheme - School holiday & Saturday activities for teenagers with disabilities	£21,867

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
SCARF	SCARF Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - range of activities run by parent-led group including youth club, monthly swim session, holiday activity programmes, tennis club, cycling and multi-sports club 	£18,000
The Rose Road Association	Ringwood Activity Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holiday activities based at Community venue in Ringwood 	£13,600
KIDS	Forest Park Short Breaks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After-school club, Saturday Club and Holiday for children and young people with disabilities 	£72,000
New Forest - other funding recommended (HCC)		
Forest Arts Centre	Accessible Arts and Wonderful weekends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family activities, supported places and access classes for disabled children and young people 	£6,250
Total for New Forest		£257,577

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
Basingstoke		
Disability Challengers (Basingstoke)	Challengers Hampshire – Basingstoke - Saturday and weekdays youth scheme for young people with disabilities including complex needs	£66,302
Romsey Community School Ltd	Basingstoke Play Services - Support to enable children with additional needs to access local play schemes and play days across the Basingstoke area	£16,000
Dove House School Academy Trust	After School clubs, Easter & Summer holiday activities & Link Centre Club for older teenagers	£35,000
NAS Basingstoke	Activities - A range of activities run by parent-led group including youth club nights ,weekend and holiday activities and family days out	£5,239
Spotlight UK	Activities at Spotlight Centre - drama, art, music activities for 6-15 year-olds with disabilities	£17,638
Family Resource Centre UK	GO! (Great Opportunities!) - GO! Club - Saturday club for children and young people with activities including cookery, dance, basketball	£18,000
Total for Basingstoke		£158,179

A further grant round is arranged to ensure specialist disability playschemes are in place for the Basingstoke area.

Short Breaks Provider	Activity title/details	Grant Recommended for 2013-14
East Hampshire		
The Oaks Playscheme	The Oaks Playscheme (Froxfield, near Petersfield) - Easter and summer holiday playscheme for children aged 5-12 with disabilities	£7,098
KIDS	East Hants Short Breaks - Mobile and community-based Activity Days supporting children and young people with disabilities in a rural area	£22,000
Caterpillar Crafts	- Themed Family Fun Days in an outdoor environment at Queen Elizabeth Country Park	£4,918
The King's Arms Youth Project	Super Sonic Saturdays/ SuperKings - Saturday and evening groups for young people with disabilities in Petersfield	£13,000
Disability Challengers	Challengers Hampshire (East Hants) - Holiday and weekend playscheme for children with disabilities, including complex needs in Alton area and Holiday Youth Scheme in Petersfield area for teenagers.	£69,000
Total for East Hampshire		£116,016