

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	12 January 2023
Title:	Short Break Activity Grant
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. Approves the Short Break Activity grant recommendations to voluntary organisations, private organisations and charities for 2023-25, totalling £1,046,000 to the organisations as listed in Appendix 1 for 24 months from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2025;
- 1.2. Approves the Short Break Activity grant recommendations to Schools supported by Hampshire County Council for 2023-25, totalling £33,000, as listed in Appendix 1 for 24 months from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2025;
- 1.3. Approves the parental participation grant to be paid to Hampshire Parent Carer Network of up to £17,500 to cover 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024;
- 1.4. Delegates authority to the Director of Children's Services to approve the parental participation grant for the period 01 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 in consultation with the Executive Lead Member, up to the total value of £17,500;
- 1.5. Delegates authority to the Director of Children's Services to approve all Exceptions Fund grant applications for 2023-2025 in consultation with the Executive Lead Member, up to the total value of £20,000 per annum.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of the Short Break Activity grants programme is to support the County Council's duty under the Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations.
- 2.2. Short Break Activities grants are awarded to a range of voluntary organisations and special schools to provide short breaks, including activity providers (arts, sports clubs etc.), holiday and weekend playschemes and youth clubs. Any activity provider that meets the Short Break priorities can apply for funding to include a child or young person in their programme of

activities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To not fund Short Break Activities, however this would mean that there would be either a limited number of activities or none available to families whose children have a disability or additional need.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker: Not Applicable

Approved by:

Date:

**Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

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