

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	20 June 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

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#### Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to consider a grant request received from the New Forest Agricultural Show Society and to note an award recently made to the Friends of Hardway towards its D-Day event.

#### Recommendations

2. That a grant of £5,000 be awarded to the New Forest Agricultural Show Society towards the cost of the County Show being held during 30 July – 1 August 2019. This grant to offset the costs of the County Council stands and purchasing tickets.
3. That the sum of £2,986 awarded to the Friends of Hardway by the Director of Transformation and Governance on 13 May 2019 towards its D-Day 75th Commemoration Event being held on 6 June 2019 be noted.

#### Executive Summary

4. This report is to consider a request received from the New Forest Agricultural Show Society for financial assistance towards the New Forest and Hampshire County Show. Details of this request is outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.
5. In addition to this, following the last Decision Day in April, a request was received from the Friends of Hardway seeking a grant towards its D-Day 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration event being held on 6 June 2019.

6. Unfortunately, the next scheduled Decision Day where this request could be considered did not take place until after this event. In view of the timings, on 13 May 2019 the Director of Transformation and Governance agreed to award a grant of £2,986 towards this D-Day event. This decision is included in this report for the Executive Member to note.
7. The grants budget available at the meeting on 20 June 2019 is £144,014. This takes into account the grant detailed in paragraph 6 above.

### **Grants Criteria**

8. A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

### **Legal Implications**

9. Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	Yes

**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>
Application forms and correspondence received from organisations	Director of Transformation and Governance

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures. Further information can be found on individual requests.

## **FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS**

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Children's Services, etc.) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
  - District or Parish Councils
  - Government Institutions
  - Schools
  - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
  - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
  - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and are for small one-off projects.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general grants will only be awarded to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

**NEW FOREST AGRICULTURAL SHOW SOCIETY (CG00017288)**

The New Forest Agricultural Show Society is seeking grant aid of £5,000 towards the cost of running “The Heart of the Forest” area at the New Forest and Hampshire County Show being held between 30 July and 1 August 2019.

“The Heart of the Forest” is a hive of industry where visitors can learn about the people who work behind the scenes to make the New Forest thrive. Various organisations such as the New Forest Agisters, the New Forest National Park Authority and many more will educate visitors on the vast history of the New Forest and the way it is today.

A brand new Activity Zone will also be providing a variety of workshops and activities for visitors to take part in and enjoy.

**Total cost:** £15,160 (cost of “Heart of the Forest” area only)

**Income:** £10,160 (own funds and trade fees)

**Shortfall:** £5,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

**This budget:** The Society has received grants from the County Council towards this Show over a number of years.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The coverage of this event will be countywide.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Transformation and Governance:** The County Council will have one corporate stand a further 2 covering Fostering and Adoption services.

It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to offset the costs of the County Council stands and purchasing tickets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000 to offset the costs of the County Council stands and purchasing tickets