

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
<b>Date:</b>	24 October 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Demand Management and Prevention Grant: Emmaus Hampshire
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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#### Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for making grant award to Emmaus Hampshire as part of the Demand Management and Prevention Programme.

#### Recommendations

2. That approval be given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health to award a grant to Emmaus Hampshire of £7,500 toward the capital cost of additional 'companion' rooms.

#### Executive Summary

3. The report outlines a proposal for funding towards a project to support formerly homeless people within Hampshire.
4. The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) contributes to improving people's quality of life. The grants programme is one of the ways in which County Council supports the sector to support people to live fuller more independent lives and to reduce the demand for County Council services.

#### Contextual information

5. The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) contributes to improving people's quality of life. The grants programme is one of the ways in which the County Council supports the sector to support people to live fuller more independent lives.

6. A voluntary organisation may be considered for grant aid from the County Council only if its services, projects or activities are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of the County Council.
7. Grants are awarded to support services that are better provided by the voluntary sector e.g. the mobilisation of community resources to help vulnerable people maintain their independence.
8. A grant is defined as a sum of money to support a particular activity. It does not usually cover the entire cost of the activity and it is legally considered to be a one-sided gift, rather than a payment in exchange for services.
9. Voluntary and community organisations provide valuable locally based services that are often rooted in the communities which they serve. Significant benefit is produced through this activity, often through voluntary action and focused towards activity that clearly assists in providing early intervention and prevention initiatives. Grant funding by the County Council contributes to, and helps sustain, this activity.

#### Demand and Prevention Programme

10. Prevention, incorporating Demand Management is one of the three key areas identified to achieve the Vision of Adults' Health and Care, as detailed in the Adult's Health and Care Strategy 2018. The Demand Management and Prevention work will build on people's strengths, enabling them to improve their health and take more personal responsibility for looking after themselves with support from their family, friends and community network. The County Council will encourage this by making the healthy choice the easy choice and developing accessible, inclusive and readily available information and advice services.
11. In alignment with the overall Demand Management and Prevention Programme Strategy, the five-year objectives for the Demand Management and Prevention Programme are:
  - More people will be keeping fit and well in the community, reducing the need and demand for health and social care services.
  - Information and advice via Connect to Support will be routinely accessed to enable people to make informed choices about their care and support.
  - The County Council's contact centre will resolve the majority of client enquiries for help and support.
  - Private pay care technology solutions will be routinely requested and provided.
  - Community support offers will be increasingly known about, better trusted and more widely used.
  - Fewer people will be socially isolated or people will be better connected and Carers will be better supported.

## **Emmaus Hampshire**

12. Emmaus Hampshire is a charitable social enterprise aimed at supporting homeless people in Hampshire. Emmaus Hampshire provide accommodation and meaningful work experience through retail, catering, distribution and DIY services along with personal development for all individuals, which can help maximise their potential and secure their entry back to independent living.
13. The project requiring funding is the delivering of a further 8 new studio flats within the existing Emmaus Community and maximise the asset that Emmaus already own. This delivers to their core strategic aim of supporting 40 companions (ex-homeless people) by 2020 and to increase their accommodation by 78%, from their inception 10 years ago.
14. The Community opened in 2009 with 23 rooms. Subsequently Emmaus have expanded twice, including three additional rooms in 2018, which means they now have 29 high quality studio flats on site, with an additional “move on flat” externally for up to 3 people. Emmaus therefore provide services to 32 companions currently.
- 15 Hampshire County Council originally provided the land for their Community and holds a vested interest in their mission.
16. A recent survey (undertaken by Emmaus) of Companions demonstrated the impact Emmaus has on ex – homeless people and the cost benefits to local services within Hampshire. All the benefits described are fully funded by the income generated from their recycling stores and have no costs, but significant benefit to Hampshire County Council.
17. Delivery of this project is fundamental to their strategic plan and to support the ever-increasing number of homeless people in Hampshire.
18. Emmaus Hampshire has secured over £200k of the targeted £280k (plus a contingency) that they require to build these 8 extra studio flats. This grant of £7,500 will go towards the remaining funds required to undertake this project.

## **Finance**

19. The grant proposal of £7,500 in this report will be one off in year funding from non-recurrent savings. Payments of the grant award set out in this report will be made in one instalment.

## **Performance**

20. The provision of grants to voluntary and community sector organisations by statutory bodies always presents a degree of risk. Specific risks that statutory bodies are required to manage include voluntary and community organisations accepting funding without providing any activity; organisations not delivering the service as expected; and there being an under spend on the expected activity. This applies to all grants however; larger grants represent a potentially higher risk to the County Council.

21. A number of mechanisms have been employed successfully over a number of years to mitigate and alleviate these risks. These include nominating a Liaison Officer from the County Council whose responsibility is to monitor how the grant is spent, specifying within the grant agreement that the grant is 'restricted' funding for the provision of the specified activity only.
22. All organisations awarded a grant sign a declaration stating they accept that grant funding can only be awarded for the given period and no commitment exists from the County Council to continue funding after this time, or in subsequent years.

### **Consultation and Equalities**

23. It is for the Executive Member as decision maker to have due regard to the need to: eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
24. The grant awarded to Emmaus Hampshire will increase the number of people who can access the service, but it is not expected that the profile of individuals accessing the project will alter as a result of the extra rooms being built. The project currently has Companions of both genders accessing the service aged from 21 to 64 years of age, some of whom identify as having a disability. The grant is expected to have a positive impact on reducing those affected by poverty, as it will enable more people to be supported on the pathway to independent living.

### **Conclusion**

25. Emmaus Hampshire have a proven track record in supporting homeless people in Hampshire. The development of further accommodation to assist in the resettlement and supported move-on of individuals who the charity supports. The development of additional accommodation will continue to enable the organisation's mission to be achieved.
26. The provision of a one-off grant of £7,500 to support the capital costs of the proposed development is in line with purposes defined within the overall demand and prevention programme and the grants that support community capacity building and resilience.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	no
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u> Supportive Communities Grant Award	<u>Date</u> 22 November 2017
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

**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>
None	

## **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 award of grants to the voluntary and community sector to support people to live long, healthy and happy lives with the maximum possible independence, as part of the demand management and prevention programme and in-line with Adult's Health and Care Strategy 2018.

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