

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
PART II

1. BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL SOCIAL INCLUSION GRANT COVID-19 SUPPORT PAYMENT

- 1.1. On 29 September 2020 the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health granted approval to award a grant of up to £22,776 to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for the purposes of the provision of Covid-19 support payments to service providers commissioned to provide Homelessness Support Services in this area. This grant to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council ensures that the Homelessness Support services commissioned in this area receive the same financial support during the Covid-19 pandemic as those commissioned directly by the County Council.
- 1.2. The County Council currently spends £2.4m on Homelessness Support Services and has contracts with organisations to deliver services in Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Hart, Havant, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley and Winchester. Services in Basingstoke and Deane are commissioned locally through a grant agreement with the County Council agreed by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health on 5 December 2018. Provision includes hostels, supported accommodation, community support and street outreach services for rough sleepers.
- 1.3. As part of the County Council's commitment to supporting the providers of care and support services during the Covid-19 pandemic, contract uplifts of 10% were agreed for the Homelessness Support Services for the period from 1 April 2020 – 11 October 2020. This decision enabled this uplift to be applied to the grant to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, to match the arrangements made under delegated authority to the directly commissioned providers.

2. DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION GRANTS

- 2.1. On 29 September 2020 the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health granted approval to award grants to three Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations under the Demand Management and Prevention Programme to reduce, delay and/or divert demand on Adults' Health and Care by supporting individuals on the cusp of care within their local communities in Hampshire so that they are able to lead healthy, happy independent lives for as long as possible.
- 2.2. There have been three previous rounds of Local Solutions Grants (Round 1 (awarded 24 July 2019), Round 2 (awarded 15 January 2020) and Round 3

(awarded 18 March 2020) and these decisions taken in September 2020 build on this approach.

- 2.3. The grant awarded to Winchester GoLD (£10,000), is to fund a series of workshops across the 24 month duration of the grant, aimed at supporting those with learning disabilities in building both confidence and practical life skills required for living full and independent lives. Focus will be placed on those who have suffered a drop in confidence and independence as a result of Covid- 19 and clients with lower level needs, ensuring they are able to live independently with minimal support requirements for as long as possible.
- 2.4. The grant awarded to MHA Eastleigh (£4,700), is to fund the opening of 4 local book groups targeting the socially isolated and lonely older adults in the area. Whilst all groups will be run as physical book groups funding will enable a digital approach to be embedded into the project allowing those who are housebound or unable to join in person to take part remotely. Full digital training will be given to those taking part and the project seeks to build on and maintain the digital skills which many older adults have gained in lockdown as a means of keeping in touch with friends and family.
- 2.5. It has been identified that there is a need to continue the work conducted by Unity (formally known as Test Valley Community Services), who operate in Romsey and Andover. Unity have been fully embedded in Test Valley's COVID-19 response. The connector service has been an integral part of Test Valley's local response centre, responding to requests directly from Test Valley Borough Council and it is felt that removing the service and support it provides could adversely affect the COVID-19 recovery in that area. As a result, a grant award to enable the connector service to continue for an additional six months without wider advertisement of this potential grant opportunity was approved, to avoid destabilisation at this time.

Further details can be found at the link below:

[Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health Decision Day 29 September 2020](#)

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