

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I067167</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Voluntary Sector Core Revenue Grants 2017-18

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Chief Executive's Office

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The Executive Member is asked to approve, subject to Service Level Agreements being concluded between the Council and each grantee, to award grants to various voluntary bodies for 2017-18.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Culture, Corporate Services and Public Protection

6. **DECISION:**

That subject to Conditions of Grant agreements being concluded between the council and each grantee, grant funding be awarded as set out in the table below.

Organisation	2016/17 Award	2017/18 Award
Citizens Advice	£167,292	£167,250
Involve	£126,909	£106,900
Shopmobility	£29,520	£29,500
Victim Support	£15,300	Nil
Berkshire Community Foundation	£4,608	Nil
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£343,629</b>	<b>£303,650</b>

That the Assistant Chief Executive be given delegated authority to enter into Conditions of Grant agreements in respect of the grant funding.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Bracknell Forest Council has historically provided revenue funding to its major local partners within the voluntary sector under the general power of competence created by the Localism Act 2011. These grants subsidise their core overheads to enable them to carry out functions which contribute to the council's objectives.

Following the review of core grant funding in 2016, the council proposed to discontinue funding for Berkshire Community Foundation and Victim Support through this grant.

Excluding a £20,000 reduction to take account of rent on the Magistrates Court building, the level of grant to Involve is maintained. The total core grants budget stands at £303,650 in 2017/18;

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Council is not under any statutory duty to continue to provide the same level of financial support to its local voluntary sector partners.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Chief Executive's Office  
Borough Treasurer  
Borough Solicitor

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
28 March 2017	4 April 2017