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EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION MAKING (LEISURE AND COMMUNITY)

Date: Wednesday, 23 August 2017

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Executive Meeting Area - Civic Offices

Executive Member: Councillor Miss S M Bell



1. Report Published

To consider the following matters for decision for which reports have been published:-

Non-Key Decision(s)

(1) Community Funding Application - 1st Fareham Scout Group (Pages 3 - 4)

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Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio: Leisure and Community

Subject: Community Grant Funding – 1st Fareham Scout Group

Report of: Director of Operations

Strategy/Policy: Leisure Strategy

Corporate Objective: Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Fund Programme.

Executive Summary:

An application for community funding has been received from the 1st Fareham Scout Group, for the sum of £4,911.61 to contribute to the replacement of the dilapidated asbestos roof of their scout hut, off Crescent Road, Fareham.

1st Fareham Scout Group is a popular branch of the Scouts Association, with 92 members at present. In addition to the use for scouting activities, the hut is regularly used by a local dance group, and as a venue for parties.

The organisation plans to entirely replace the aging roof of the hut, which is no longer watertight. The total cost of this work has been quoted at £19,572.84. Over the past year, the scout group has run a 'Raise the Roof' campaign and, to date, has secured £12,661.23. The campaign currently features in the Tescos Bags of Help vote at the local supermarket, and the group will secure a minimum of £1,000 from this funding stream. They also have organised a bag packing session at the store at the end of August, which previously has netted the group over £1,000.

At the close of 2016, the group had £3,902.47 in their account, £1,871 of which was from the Raise the Roof campaign.

Both Ward Councillors, Cllr Mrs Bryant and Cllr Mrs Clubley, are supportive of this application.

Recommendation:

- a) That the application for £4,911.61 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by 1st Fareham Scout Group to contribute to the replacement of the dilapidated roof of the Scout Hut be approved.
- b) That a condition of the award is that the Scout Group provides evidence that they have successfully raised the remaining £2,000.

Reason:

This application meets the agreed Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards the project will be £4,906.61, which can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this report.