

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2017/18  
Decision No.  
1950

### Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Leisure and Community Monday, 4 September 2017

<b>Portfolio</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Funding Application - Friday Night Club</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Operations
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Leisure Strategy
<b>Corporate Objectives:</b>	Strong and Inclusive Communities

#### **Purpose:**

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

An application for community funding has been received from the Friday Night Club, for the sum of £2,700 to purchase a replacement trailer to transport the organisation's off-road buggies.

The Friday Night Club is a local Community Interest Company, which supports people with learning disabilities and mental health disorders from across the Borough from its base at Wallington Village Hall. On a weekly basis, the organisation runs an activity day at Marwell Activity Centre, where attendees can try archery and off-road buggy racing, in addition to socialising in a supportive environment. Between 24 and 30 people attend this event every week. In addition, the Club arranges up to 5 further events every year during which they support other groups to access the equipment.

In May of 2015, Fareham Borough Council approved an allocation of £4,400 to fund an off-road buggy for this group to add to the 2 they already owned. The Club is requesting £2,700 to fund the replacement of one of their two trailers, which is no longer fit for purpose, to enable the reliable transportation of these buggies to Marwell.

As of May 2017, the Club had a reserve of £2,406 in its account. The organisation saves this amount as a buffer in the event of the buggies requiring repairs, to ensure that the activities remain available.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Mrs Trott and Councillor Dr Brady, are supportive

of the work of this group and their application.

**Options Considered:**

That the application for £2,700 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by the Friday Night Club to fund the replacement of one of their trailers for the organisation's off-road buggies be approved.

**Decision:**

That the application for £2,700 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by the Friday Night Club to fund the replacement of one of their trailers for the organisation's off-road buggies be approved.

**Reason:**

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

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor Miss S M Bell  
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<b>Portfolio</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Open Market Review</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Planning and Regulation
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Corporate Strategy
<b>Corporate Objectives:</b>	Maintain and extent prosperity

#### **Purpose:**

To consider and approve a change to the way the open markets in Portchester and Fareham are managed, to move from managing them internally within the Council to engaging a Market Management Company. To approve the cessation of the Monthly Farmers market at the end of the current calendar year.

The open street markets in Portchester (Wednesdays) and Fareham (Mondays) have been managed in-house by the Council for a number of years. The responsibility for them currently sits within the Environmental Health section. These markets are well attended although generally markets appear to be on the decline. It is however proving difficult to attract new traders and fill spaces when traders go elsewhere. It is believed that moving to a Market Management Company by way of a management contract arrangement, would give both markets the potential to become a greater asset to the centres and improve the potential and vibrancy of the town centre. Currently there is a staffing vacancy so there would be no redundancy implications with such a move. A number of other local markets are operated by management companies and benefit from the trader databases that they hold. Officers have contacted the main local Market Management Companies and met with them to discuss their terms and conditions. Bray Associates are one such company and offer the best value and would introduce the least disruption for existing traders, in effect it would be business as usual, with a greater potential for future growth. The Street trading consents would still be issued by the Council and the Council would remain responsible for; setting fees, issuing consents, resolving disputes.

In respect of the monthly Farmers Markets, numbers of traders have been declining over the last couple of years and currently despite inviting some 30 traders on each occasion, usually between 4 and 8 are attending. We have received complaints from

members of the public that we advertise a farmers market and it is so poorly attended and not worth their while. The current programme of farmers markets run up until December, it is proposed that next year the Farmers Markets are discontinued. Any Farmers stalls that wished to trade in Fareham would be welcome to continue to do so as part of the general Monday market.

**Options Considered:**

To approve: -

- a) Entering into a Management Contract with Bray Associates for the day to day operation of the Monday and Wednesday open markets in Fareham and Portchester.
- b) To discontinue the Farmers Markets after the current commitment ends in December 2017.

**Decision:**

To approve: -

- a) Entering into a Management Contract with Bray Associates for the day to day operation of the Monday and Wednesday open markets in Fareham and Portchester.
- b) To discontinue the Farmers Markets after the current commitment ends in December 2017.

**Reason:**

For the reasons detailed above. Essentially in respect of the Monday and Wednesday Markets, there is greater potential for growth with an external operator. As regards the Farmers Markets, these have become so poorly attended that they are no longer viable.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor Miss S M Bell  
Monday, 4 September 2017

