

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday, 14 November 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

R Bird

M J Ford, JP

Miss T G Harper

Mrs K K Trott

Deputies: Ms C Bainbridge

Mrs P M Bryant



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 28 June 2023.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive and declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Leisure and Community Project Update (Pages 9 - 16)

To receive a presentation from the Assistant Director (Democracy) outlining the progress of all the current projects that fall within the remit of the Leisure and Community Portfolio.

7. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the Scrutiny Panel priorities for Leisure and Community.

8. Executive Business (Pages 17 - 18)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of Leisure and Community Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Fareham Town Centre Festive Lights Scheme - Award of Contract (Pages 19 - 20)

(2) Revision to Shopmobility Community Fund Award (Pages 21 - 24)

(3) Community Fund Application - Sarisbury and District Community Centre Association (Pages 25 - 26)

(4) Community Fund Application - Fareham Town Youth Football Club (Pages 27 - 28)

(5) Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Dementia Care Hub (Pages 29 - 30)



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 28 June 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, R Bird, M J Ford, JP, Miss T G Harper, Mrs K K Trott and Mrs P M Bryant (deputising for Mrs L E Clubley)

Also Present: Councillor Mrs S M Walker, Executive Member for Leisure and Community.



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs L E Clubley.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 31 May 2023 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made no announcements at the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at the meeting.

6. OPPORTUNITIES PLAN

The Panel received a presentation from the Policy, Research and Engagement Manager providing an overview of the Council's Opportunities Plan which currently under development. The presentation focused on the Leisure and Community Portfolio and the significant Year 1 project proposals which will be considered by the Executive on the 04 September 2023.

Members asked questions for clarification on some of the projects within the Opportunities Plan, including the Paddle Tennis and Genesis Centre, expressing overall support for the projects outlined in the presentation.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Panel RESOLVED that it was in the public interest to exclude the public and representatives of the press for this item on the grounds that the matter to be dealt with under item 8 of the agenda involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

8. FESTIVE LIGHTS - AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Panel received a report and supporting presentation from the Leisure and Community Manager on the Festive Lights Award of contract which is to be considered by the Executive at its meeting on the 03 July 2023.

The Leisure and Community Manager advised that there is an error in the Executive report at paragraph 17. The Paragraph should read - The current scheme uses approx. ~~2,000~~ 4163kWh over the festive lighting period which is 7 weeks from around 20 November until 05 January when the scheme is illuminated from 4pm to 11pm each day. The preferred bidder, based on the same timings, will use approx. ~~1,008~~ 2081kWh.

The Panel discussed the contents of the confidential Appendix A at length and provided Officers with valuable feedback on the possible options available from the preferred bidder, should the Executive agree to accept the results of the procurement exercise and award the contract to the contractor ranked 1st.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel: -

- a) note the contents of the Executive report attached at appendix 1; and
- b) recommends that the Executive agree to award the contract the contractor ranked 1st at their meeting on the 03 July 2023.

At the end of this item, the meeting moved back into open session.

9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Community Fund Application - Shopmobility

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

(2) Fareham Live - Award of Contract

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

(3) Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Burridge Community Association

This decision sheet was tabled at the meeting.

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

10. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman asked Members of the Panel to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

Members asked that an update be brought to the Panel on the Westbury Manor Museum by the Hampshire Cultural Test (HCT). A scoping report was agreed by the Panel last year which invited the HCT to attend a meeting of the Panel. Officers explained that this would be investigated further with the HCT and an update would be provided to Members in due course.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel considered the Scrutiny Priorities.

(The meeting started at 6.01 pm
and ended at 6.58 pm).

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Presentation to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 14 November 2023

Report of: Assistant Director (Democracy)

Subject: Leisure and Community Projects Update

SUMMARY

This report seeks to update Members on a variety of ongoing projects which are being managed within the Leisure and Community function that do not require a full report in their own right. This method of reporting will be supported by a presentation which will provide the most up to date summary of the progress of these projects and workstreams.

RECOMMENDATION

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel notes the contents of the summary report and updates contained within the presentation.

Introduction

1. This report provides Members with an update on the various projects and workstreams currently being managed within the Leisure and Community function.
2. The published report will be further updated by a short presentation delivered to the Panel, which will provide up to date information for each of the projects, thus ensuring that Panel Members receive the most recent status updates.

Fareham Live

3. Fareham Live is currently planned to open as a new community, arts and entertainment venue in 2024 and will be operated by Trafalgar Theatres on behalf of the Council through a management agreement.
4. The construction of Fareham Live is progressing at pace and in October the gold panelling was secured to the fly-tower - a significant milestone for the project. The foyer stairs were installed, the timber framework for the balcony seating was completed, blockwork to north and west elevation got underway and some of the doors and windows started to be installed.
5. Works scheduled for November will include:
 - floor screed will start to be laid
 - ongoing works to prepare for and install the mechanical installation
 - ongoing works to the electrical installation
 - the frame being installed for the cladding to the north elevation
 - continuing to install the doors and windows – south elevation, followed by the north and east elevations
 - the installation of the internal partitioning

Donor Wall – A Wave of Thanks

6. The Council earlier this year commissioned 'A Wave of Thanks', a permanent and bespoke piece of wall art for the foyer in Fareham Live.
7. Individuals, community groups, organisations, clubs and businesses have been given the opportunity to become part of the building's history by sponsoring their own small piece of this unique artwork. This opportunity has been well received with many businesses, groups and individuals having already purchased a bar.
8. A Wave of Thanks will be made up of coloured bars, which will be inscribed with the name of each sponsor. These engraved bars will be used to create a 'sound wave' design depicting both the audio and visual spectacle that Fareham Live will provide.

Leisure Centre Contract

9. In November 2019, when the Executive agreed to award a 15-year contract for the management of Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres to Everyone Active, it also agreed to the capital investment required, particularly at Fareham Leisure Centre, to help deliver improved revenue and thereby increase the annual management fee income which the Council receives.
10. Included in the capital investment proposal was to upgrade the gym at Holly Hill Leisure Centre in 2023/24 (year 3 of the current contract) by which time the equipment will be 7+years old and requiring an upgrade. In addition, it also provides an opportunity to change the equipment arrangement so that it is in line with the current behaviour of customers. These works are expected to be carried out in December 2023.

Performance Monitoring

11. The performance of the contract is closely monitored with client monitoring meetings taking place on a monthly basis between the Council's Leisure and Community Manager and the Everyone Active Contracts Manager.
12. Overall usage figures for both leisure centres are outlined in the table below for October 2022 to September 2023 with a comparison for the same period prior to the pandemic and investment at Fareham Leisure Centre that was completed in October 2021.
13. Both Centres are performing well across all areas and continue to provide a wide range of facilities, classes and activities for all ages and abilities.

Site	2018/19	2022/23	Overall % increase
Fareham Leisure Centre	597,112	757,690	21.2%
Holly Hill Leisure Centre	514,621	519,551	0.9%
Total	1,111,733	1,277,241	11.1%

Swimming Pool Funding

14. Earlier this year the Government's Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF) was launched, providing funding to local authorities in England with a support package for public leisure facilities with swimming pools. This funding was split into two phases.
 - **Phase I** - Revenue: £20m was made available to support facilities with swimming pools with increased cost pressures, leaving them most vulnerable to closure or significant service reduction.
 - **Phase 2** - Capital: £60m was made available for capital investment to improve the energy efficiency of public facilities with pools in the medium to long term.
15. The Council was unsuccessful in its application for revenue funding but has applied for phase 2 and will be notified of the outcome by the end of January 2024.

UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF)

16. The Government launched its UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in 2022, as part of its Levelling Up agenda, providing £2.6 billion of funding intended to reduce inequalities between communities. Following a successful application, Fareham Borough Council was allocated a total of £1m.

17. In July 2022, the Council submitted a plan outlining how this funding would be used to reduce inequalities. Two of the proposals contained within that plan are to be overseen by the Leisure and Community Team:

Crossfell Walk (Fareham South)

18. This project will include improvements to the play and recreational facilities. The allocation from the UKSPF towards these improvements is up to £100,000 and will include redirecting the existing cycle path currently running through the middle of the children's play area.

19. During September, consultation with residents and interested parties was carried out. Three engagement methods were employed; an online survey, the Facebook consultation group 'Let's Talk Fareham' and a pop-up engagement event was held at the play area.

20. The consultation was well received with 345 responses.

21. Subject to contractor availability and ground conditions, improvement works to the play and recreational facilities at Crossfell Walk are expected to be carried out in Spring 2024.

Henry Cort Drive (Fareham North-West)

22. This project will allow for the creation of a community-led Masterplan for much needed affordable housing alongside the first phase of works to improve the community, sport and leisure facilities on the open space at Henry Cort Drive.

23. The allocation from the UKSPF to the Fareham North-West Vision of £700,000 (£500,000 capital and £200,000 revenue) will be combined with £1.75 million of Section 106 developers' contributions (for outdoor recreation and maintenance) which has been reallocated from the Cams Alders Vision.

24. The cost to deliver the leisure and community improvements is estimated to be £4.6m and while funds totalling £2.25m have been secured, this leaves a shortfall of approx. £2.35m which will need to be funded through external grants.

25. This project will be divided into phases, with phase 1 needing to be delivered by March 2025 because of the time constraints imposed by the Shared Prosperity Funding.

26. The delivery of phase 2 will be subject to securing additional funding and the delivering of phase 3 will be subject to the existing community facilities having been relocated.

27. A summary of the phases can be seen in the table below:

Phase 1	Relocation and enhancement of the existing play and recreational facilities i.e. multi-use games area and a children’s play area
	Sports pitch orientation and drainage improvements
	Ecological site surveys
Phase 2	A new community centre (larger, fit-for-purpose, more energy efficient)
	Accessible facilities for use by hirers of the football pitches
	Replacement pétanque court
	Car parking to serve the leisure and community facilities
	Site landscaping
Phase 3	Provide affordable housing <i>This element of the project will be managed by the Councils Housing Team.</i>

Play Area Improvement Programme

28. The Council has 47 play areas located across the Borough for children and young people up to the age of 15, including three large destination play areas at Holly Hill, Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park and Abbey Meadows.
29. In November 2022, the Executive approved a new five-year play and recreational facilities improvement programme to help ensure the Council’s existing facilities continue to be accessible and well maintained. This included £500,000 (£100,000 per annum) for play area improvement works and a one-off sum of £200,000 to improving the skate park facilities at Stubbington and Wicor Recreation Grounds.
30. To help identify the play areas that hadn’t received any recent investment and to help prioritise those that require attention over the next five years, an initial review of play areas was carried out by Leisure and Community and Streetscene Officers to help inform which play areas would be improved in year 1 (2023/24) and year 2 (2024/25) of the programme. The outcome of that review is detailed in the table below.
31. A further assessment to help determine the play areas that will undergo improvement works in years 3 to 5 will be carried out by Officers next year.

Year 1 (2023/24)	Year 2 (2024/25)
Seafield Park Play Area (Hill Head)	Course Park Play Area (Titchfield Common)
Badgers Copse Play Area (Park Gate)	Bellfield Play Area (Titchfield)
Fielding Road Play Area (Whiteley)	Laurel Gardens Play Area (Locks Heath)

Christmas Light Switch-On Event 2023

32. The annual Christmas Light Switch-On event will take place on Saturday 18 November 2023 from 10:00am – 7:00pm in the pedestrianised area of West Street and will include:
- Festive gift stalls
 - Food and drinks concessions
 - Fun fair rides
 - Children’s activities including face painting and circus skills
 - Performers and Father Christmas
 - Special finale
33. This year, the Council will be unveiling a new festive lighting display as part of a five-year contract with The Festive Lighting Company. The previous Christmas lights will be recycled.
34. The new lighting scheme, with its warm and cool toned white lights, is twice as energy efficient than the previous LED lighting, whilst delivering much brighter and more impressive lights.
35. Unlike previous years, the lights will be switched on by the winner of the Council’s summer colouring competition, along with the Mayor and Mayoress. The lights will be switched on at 5:30pm.
36. This event has been given a ‘golden’ theme to help officially announce the campaign to mark Fareham Borough Council’s 50th anniversary celebrations.

Westbury Manor Museum

37. In response to economic pressures, Hampshire Cultural Trust carried out a review of its managed venues, with a specific focus on those venues receiving no local authority funding.
38. Hampshire Cultural Trust have 4 years remaining on the current 10-year management agreement with a 12-month notice period required by either party under the current agreement and lease conditions if there was a desire to end the agreement.
39. Hampshire Cultural Trust had requested a variation to the management agreement, but this was not supported at the May 2023 Executive meeting due to the significant level of investment that was initially made by the Council.
40. The performance of the contract is closely monitored with client monitoring meetings taking place on a bi-monthly basis between the Council’s Leisure and Community Manager and senior representatives from Hampshire Cultural Trust including the Venue Manager.

41. Annual footfall for Westbury Manor Museum for the period October 2022 to September 2023 was 12,180. This figure is down by 39.33% when compared to the same period prior to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Risk Assessment

42. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

Conclusion

43. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and the updates contained within the accompanying presentation.

Background Papers: Project files and correspondence

Reference Papers: None

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Emma Bowler on 01329 824440

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 14 November 2023
Report of: Assistant Director (Democracy)
Subject: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of this Scrutiny Panel is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business which fall under the remit of the Leisure and Community portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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2023/24
Decision No.
2456

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 July 2023

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Fareham Town Centre Festive Lighting Scheme - Award of Contract
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun; Maintain and extend prosperity

Purpose:

This report seeks to award the contract following tenders received for a festive lighting scheme for Fareham Town Centre for a 5-year duration commencing August 2023.

Responsibility for the organisation and management of events in Fareham Town Centre comes under the Leisure and Community portfolio.

Part of these responsibilities include the organisation of the Christmas light switch on which takes place towards the end of November each year. This event sees the Mayor of Fareham turning on the Christmas lights as the culmination of entertainment and activities that take place beforehand. Historically, the event has attracted thousands of people into the Town Centre.

The contract for installing and maintaining the festive light display, that commenced in August 2018, expires in August 2023.

This report seeks approval to enter into a new 5-year contract for the design, supply, installation and maintenance of a festive lighting scheme for Fareham Town Centre.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

A correction to paragraph 17 of the report was noted to clarify that it should read that “the current scheme uses approx. 4,163kWh and that the preferred bidder, based on the same timings, will use approx. 2,081 kWh”.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the tender submitted by the contractor ranked 1st, as set out in the confidential Appendix A to the report, being the most advantageous tender received, be accepted and the contract awarded to the company and;
- (b) the contractor ranked 2nd, as set out in the confidential Appendix A to the report, is appointed as the reserve bidder.

Reason:

To provide a new and improved festive lighting scheme for Fareham Town Centre.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

Monday, 3 July 2023

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2023/24
Decision No.
2465

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community
Tuesday, 11 July 2023**

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Revisions to Shopmobility Community Fund Award
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:
This report presents an amendment to the conditions attached to Shopmobility Fareham’s award from the Community Fund.

Shopmobility Fareham is a charitable service that provides mobility scooters, electric and manual wheelchairs to people with limited mobility living within or visiting the Borough of Fareham.

On 23 May 2023, the Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered and approved a request from this organisation for £6,646.98 from the Community Fund for the costs associated with the service’s relocation from Osborn Road Multi-Storey Car Park to a vacant unit within Fareham Shopping Centre.

Three conditions were attached to the award, following consultation with Fareham Shopmobility:

1. That a signed lease for the Shopping Centre Unit is provided prior to the transfer of funding
2. That the relocation is completed prior to the close of June 2023
3. That the Fareham Shopmobility unit in the Shopping Centre will also be used to promote volunteering opportunities for Fareham based charities

Despite Fareham Shopmobility being confident that the conditions of the award were appropriate and achievable, since the award was approved their Legal Team has raised some minor challenges with the Shopping Centre regarding the details of the draft Lease. This has resulted in a delay to the Lease being signed and consequently the schedule for relocation. As a result, Fareham Shopmobility is not able to meet the deadline imposed by the Community Funding award of the close of

June 2023.

Fareham Shopmobility is confident that the Lease will be finalised and signed imminently, enabling a relocation of the service prior to the close of July 2023.

Options Considered:

That the Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the conditions of the Community Funding award are revised to reflect this unforeseen change in schedule, as follows:

- a) a signed lease for the Shopping Centre Unit is provided prior to the transfer of funding;
- b) the relocation is completed prior to the close of July 2023;
- c) the Fareham Shopmobility unit in the Shopping Centre will also be used to promote volunteering opportunities for Fareham based charities; and
- d) the decision on any further revision to these conditions will be delegated to the Director of Leisure and Community following consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure and Community.

Reason:

This approach provides Fareham Shopmobility the additional time required to finalise a Lease for the vacant unit with Fareham Shopping Centre, ensuring their relocation is beneficial for all parties.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Mrs S Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Tuesday, 11 July 2023

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2023/24
Decision No.
2466

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community
Tuesday, 25 July 2023**

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application - Sarisbury and District Community Centre Association
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:
This report presents an application for funding under the Council’s Community Funding Programme.

An application for Community Funding has been received from Sarisbury and District Community Centre Association for £4,500 from the Community Fund towards the replacement of the main entrance doors at Sarisbury Community Centre.

Sarisbury Green Community Centre is a busy community facility with a range of user groups. A number of regular users of the centre have mobility issues, are wheelchair users or use walking aids. The current main entrance has inner and outer double doors that need opening manually and those with mobility issues can struggle to gain access.

The project involves removing the existing doors and wooden structure surrounding the doors and replacing them with a new set of double automatic opening doors. The company who will be carrying out the works will use local installers and a local engineer to cover the services and repairs in the future.

An additional consequence of this project would be that the building would be more energy efficient, thus reducing heating costs. Unfortunately, the current doors have warped creating drafts and heat loss.

Sarisbury and District Community Centre Association have identified that the total cost of the replacement entrance doors is £14,839.67 and are requesting a contribution of £4,500 from the Council’s Community Fund. The remainder of the funds required can be met by the Association from bar donations (£4,500) and their own funds (£5,839.67).

As of 5 April, Sarisbury and District Community Centre Association held £35,830.14 in their accounts. In the accounting year Jan-Dec 2022 there was an income of

£87,550.41 and expenditure of £63,579.74.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Woodward and Councillor Burton, are fully supportive of this request.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that this application be approved.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Mrs S Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Tuesday, 25 July 2023

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Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 04 September 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Fareham Town Youth Football Club
Report of:	Director of Neighbourhoods
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

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

Executive summary:

An application for Community Funding has been received from Fareham Town Youth Football Club for £3,400 from the Community Fund towards vehicle prevention works.

Fareham Town Youth Football Club is an 'FA chartered football club' coaching local youths between 5 and 18 years of age. They have over 200 children registered with the club and host other teams in the local area at weekends during the football season. A weekend long tournament takes place annually during the summer, with teams entering from all over the county. Over 500 children took part in the tournament this year.

Damage made previously by vehicles to the football pitches meant that their usual training and matches could not take place and reinstatement work had to be completed to allow reopening of the pitches.

The project to deter future damage to the pitches involves the installation of 50 wooden posts (150mm square and 1.8m in height) set in a concrete base around the youth pitches and an access gate for maintenance. The current gate to the whole Cams Alders site has proven to not be a reliable prevention method as it relies on various groups coordinating locking the gate.

The total cost to install the wooden posts and access gate is £6,400. Fareham Town Youth Football Club are requesting a contribution of £3,400 from the Community Fund. The remaining funds required will be provided by an allocation from a

Hampshire County Councillor's Fund of £1,000, with the final £2,000 being contributed from the Club's accounts.

As of 31st May 2023, Fareham Town Youth Football Club held £2,560.03 in their accounts. In their accounting year June 2022-May 2023 there was an income of £104,574.10 and expenditure of £104,588.15

Both Cllr Ingram and Cllr Gregory support Fareham Town Youth Football Club's application.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is RECOMMENDED that this application be approved with the following conditions:-

- a) that Streetscene approves the contractor to be used in advance of the work;
- b) that Streetscene approves the detailed plan for the project, to ensure that it matches the quote received;
- c) that a copy of the company's Public Liability Insurance for a minimum of £5 million, method statement and risk assessment be approved by Streetscene before installation commences;
- d) that the club liaises with Streetscene to agree the exact location of the wooden posts and access gate and confirm that the materials used are appropriate; and
- e) that the Club formally accepts in writing that Fareham Borough Council is not responsible for maintaining the works.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards the equipment will be £3,400, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.

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Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 14 September 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Voluntary Sector Support Fund Application – The Dementia Care Hub
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Voluntary Sector Support Fund Programme.

Executive Summary:

An application for Voluntary Sector Support Funding has been received from The Dementia Care Hub for £30 to cover the costs of one year's membership to Action Hampshire.

The Dementia Care Hub was formed for the 'public benefit to relieve the needs of persons living with a dementia, their families and carers, by providing support, training and guidance and by the provision of facilities for respite and recreation in a safe and stimulating environment.' To aid this objective in August 2023, The Dementia Care Hub started running trial sessions at Titchfield Community Centre, with a view to making this support permanent. Already 25 members are attending, the vast majority of which live in the Borough of Fareham.

The Dementia Care Hub would like to become a member of Action Hampshire to help support the dementia community in the borough and enable them to access Action Hampshire support, information and events. The organisation is not currently a member of Action Hampshire and had a turnover last year of £9,864.61.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that this application be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the Voluntary Sector Support Fund criteria for governance support.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation will be £30 which can be met from the existing budget for Voluntary Sector Support Fund.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Gemma Rowland, Leisure and Community Officer (Tel: 01329 824471)