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## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive for Decision 11 July 2016

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Policy and Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Warsash Wasps Matched Funding Report</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Grants Policy
<b>Corporate Objective:</b>	All corporate objectives apply

**Purpose:**

To provide details of matched funding requests received by the Council during the second quarter of the 2016/17 financial year.

**Executive summary:**

During the second quarter of 2016/17, the Council has received one matched funding request:

Warsash Wasps Sports and Football Club have requested £20,000 towards the cost of upgrading New Road Lane.

**Recommendation/Recommended Option:**

That the Executive:

- (a) considers whether matched funding of up to £20,000 be awarded to Warsash Wasps Sports and Football Club towards the cost of upgrading New Road Lane, in order to improve access to the new changing rooms, the all-weather artificial football pitch and full size grass football pitch; and
- (b) agrees the award of funding is subject to agreeing satisfactory terms for community use to ensure that the facilities are made available for use by the community.

**Reason:**

To act as an enabler, assisting the local community in making improvements to local community facilities, and introducing new facilities for the benefit of all age groups within the community.

**Cost of proposals:**

Up to £20,000 (the community funding budget currently has funds of approximately £60,625.

**Appendices:**                    **A: Matched Funding Request – Warsash Wasps**

**Background papers:**   **File of Correspondence**

**Reference papers:**

Report to the Executive on 8 March 2010 - Review of Discretionary Grants

Report to the Executive on 17 May 2010 - Grants Review Update

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### Executive Briefing Paper

<b>Date:</b>	11 July 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Warsash Wasps Matched Funding report
<b>Briefing by:</b>	Director of Operations
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of any matched funding requests received by the Council during the second quarter of the 2015/16 financial year.
2. On 8 March 2010, the Executive considered a report on the various discretionary grants provided by the Council. The report included details regarding each category of grant and the level of funding available. Members agreed to combine a number of grants into a single pot for the 2010/11 financial year onwards.
3. The report also highlighted the need for the Council to take a more coordinated approach in assessing matched funding requests in the future.
4. It was agreed that the procedure for applying for matched funding be changed so that bids would be considered by the Executive on a quarterly basis, by predefined dates, in order that applications could be prioritised.
5. It was also suggested that as matched funding requests are received, those "in the pipeline" are identified, as well as those submitted for formal consideration.

#### CRITERIA

6. The criteria for matched funding awards have been deliberately kept simple. The Council will consider any project which benefits the local community and/or improves the local environment. Awards will generally only be made for capital projects.
7. The important fact about a matched funding application is that the sum being requested from the Council needs to be matched by the applicant and/or other agencies. This helps to ensure that there is a definite commitment and sense of ownership from the local community in both delivering the project and maintaining the facilities thereafter. All successful applicants have to sign a Community Use Agreement with the Council.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The current balance of the community funding budget is approximately £60,625.

## **MATCHED FUNDING BIDS RECEIVED**

9. Warsash Wasps is a popular local football club that has sought in recent years to improve the facilities it is able to offer its members, with the refurbishment of its changing rooms earlier this year.
10. A matched funding bid has been received from Warsash Wasps Sports and Football Club towards the cost of upgrading New Road Lane, the sole access road to the Club's facilities which includes the new changing facilities and the all-weather artificial football pitch and the full size grass pitch. It is anticipated that the proposed upgrading of the access road will increase its value to the local community by enabling improved access to these facilities.
11. The total cost of the project is £67,092.77 exclusive of VAT, of which the Football Club will be funding £47,092.77 from their reserves.

## **COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION**

12. Both ward Councillors for Warsash, Councillor Ford and Councillor Cartwright, have expressed their support for the matched funding, whilst also identifying the need for the Football Club to enter into a Community Use Agreement for their facilities to ensure that the benefits of the project are extended beyond the members of the Club.
13. This Community Use Agreement would specify that the Club's facilities would be available to the local community to hire.

## **MATCHED FUNDING BIDS "IN THE PIPELINE"**

14. A potential matched funding bid from the Locks Heath Free Church, to help them construct a large extension to their church building has been received.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

15. The risks and opportunities associated with each funding bid are considered on an individual basis and details are included in each assessment document.

## **CONCLUSION**

16. This report sets out details for the matched funding bid received from Warsash Wasps Sports and Football Club. The bid is for £20,000 towards the cost of upgrading the access road to the sports facilities at New Road, Warsash.

## **Enquiries:**

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