

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Grant Funding – Breast Cancer Haven</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Operations
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Leisure Strategy
<b>Corporate Objective:</b>	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 Emma Bazeley, Trusts and Foundations Executive for the Wessex Breast Cancer Haven in Titchfield, for the sum of £2,535 to purchase therapeutic equipment and furniture.

Breast Cancer Haven is a National Registered Charity, which aims to provide specialist therapies to assist with the emotional and physical recovery from breast cancer. The Wessex centre supports people from Hampshire, West Sussex, the Isle of Wight, Wiltshire and Dorset. Following initial consultation with each new visitor to the centre, a tailored programme of 10 complementary treatments is offered. Despite the size of its 'catchment area', of 263 visitors who benefitted from the services of the centre last year, 85 lived within the Borough of Fareham.

Breast Cancer Haven purchased the property in Titchfield in October 2015. Over the last year the Wessex centre has focussed on refurbishing the building to ensure it meets the needs of its visitors, and attracting volunteers to help with practical and administrative tasks.

During this period of establishing the service in Titchfield, the Wessex Breast Cancer Haven has identified the need for a Shiatsu mattress and perching stool to increase the variety and availability of its treatments.

In addition to providing care for clients, the Haven also hosts events, information days and training. Wessex Breast Cancer Haven has requested funding for 20 stackable chairs which would increase the number of attendees that the Haven would be able to provide for during these sessions.

The centre's success in securing the commitment of volunteers has resulted in the need for more office furniture to accommodate them and as a result, the charity is also requesting funding for a desk, office pedestal and office chair.

Although accounts are held nationally, the Wessex centre has its own budget and has responsibility for its own fundraising. The 2015 – 16 Wessex area budget shows a surplus of £25,877. However, the monthly outgoings for therapist costs and overheads equates to £15,232. All income for the centre is generated by fundraising and donations.

Councillor Mrs Hockley is strongly supportive of this application, as the Haven is one of the Mayor's Charities.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £2,535 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund Programme, submitted by Emma Bazeley of Wessex Breast Cancer Haven for the purchase of therapeutic equipment and furniture, be approved.

**Reason:**

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

**Cost of Proposals:**

The total allocation towards this project will be £2,535, 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.