

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Grant Funding – 1st Warsash Sea Scouts
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 1st Warsash Sea Scouts, for the sum of £2,000 to contribute to two new Canadian canoes, safety equipment and a replacement dinghy.

1st Warsash Sea Scouts is a popular branch of the Scouts Association. They offer the same opportunities as land-based scouts, such as fun and challenging activities and the chance to make a positive impact to their communities, in addition to providing water based activities in their programme.

The group currently has 170 members, and is also working with the Fareham West Explorers Group, Warsash Sailing Club and local land-based scout groups to increase opportunities for children to try water based activities. They plan to bring their equipment to the Warsash Strawberry Fayre, and to contact local schools, to further extend these opportunities.

The organisation is replacing worn equipment, but also has a strong focus on increasing opportunities for its younger members. The addition of Canadian canoes, which have a much more stable base, would enable this expansion.

The 2015/16 accounts of the organisation list a carry forward of £25,892. However, £4,070 was ring-fenced for repairs to the boatshed, camping equipment, and securing nine further kayaks. The remaining funds are being used to continue to repair and replace equipment.

Both Ward Councillors, Cllr Ford and Cllr Cartwright, are supportive of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £2,000 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by 1st Warsash Sea Scouts to contribute to the purchase of two new Canadian canoes, safety equipment and a replacement dinghy, be approved.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards this project will be £2,000, 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.