

# 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Fareham Scout Group</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 the 1<sup>st</sup> Fareham Scout Group, for the sum of £4,911.61 to contribute to the replacement of the dilapidated asbestos roof of their scout hut, off Crescent Road, Fareham.

1<sup>st</sup> Fareham Scout Group is a popular branch of the Scouts Association, with 92 members at present. In addition to the use for scouting activities, the hut is regularly used by a local dance group, and as a venue for parties.

The organisation plans to entirely replace the aging roof of the hut, which is no longer watertight. The total cost of this work has been quoted at £19,572.84. Over the past year, the scout group has run a 'Raise the Roof' campaign and, to date, has secured £12,661.23. The campaign currently features in the Tesco's Bags of Help vote at the local supermarket, and the group will secure a minimum of £1,000 from this funding stream. They also have organised a bag packing session at the store at the end of August, which previously has netted the group over £1,000.

At the close of 2016, the group had £3,902.47 in their account, £1,871 of which was from the Raise the Roof campaign.

Both Ward Councillors, Cllr Mrs Bryant and Cllr Mrs Clubley, are supportive of this application.

**Recommendation:**

- a) That the application for £4,911.61 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> Fareham Scout Group to contribute to the replacement of the dilapidated roof of the Scout Hut be approved.
- b) That a condition of the award is that the Scout Group provides evidence that they have successfully raised the remaining £2,000.

**Reason:**

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

**Cost of Proposals:**

The total allocation towards the project will be £4,906.61, 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.