

# 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 – Friday Night Club</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 Friday Night Club, for the sum of £2,700 to purchase a replacement trailer to transport the organisation's off-road buggies.

The Friday Night Club is a local Community Interest Company, which supports people with learning disabilities and mental health disorders from across the Borough from its base at Wallington Village Hall. On a weekly basis, the organisation runs an activity day at Marwell Activity Centre, where attendees can try archery and off-road buggy racing, in addition to socialising in a supportive environment. Between 24 and 30 people attend this event every week. In addition, the Club arranges up to 5 further events every year during which they support other groups to access the equipment.

In May of 2015, Fareham Borough Council approved an allocation of £4,400 to fund an off-road buggy for this group to add to the 2 they already owned. The Club is requesting £2,700 to fund the replacement of one of their two trailers, which is no longer fit for purpose, to enable the reliable transportation of these buggies to Marwell.

As of May 2017, the Club had a reserve of £2,406 in its account. The organisation saves this amount as a buffer in the event of the buggies requiring repairs, to ensure that the activities remain available.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Mrs Trott and Councillor Dr Brady, are supportive of the work of this group and their application.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £2,700 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by the Friday Night Club to fund the replacement of one of their trailers for the organisation's off-road buggies 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 the project will be £2,700, 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.