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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 23 February 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Programme.

Executive summary:

An application for Community Funding has been received from Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club for £2,700 from the Community Fund towards the purchase of four replacement sight screens.

Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club is very community focused with five senior sides, multiple colt's age (6-15yr) groups and a women's softball team. They have 135 senior members and nearly 100 junior members with a further 48 via the England and Wales Cricket Board All Stars programme. In addition to the players, the social members increase membership of the club to almost 500 people on a regular basis within the local area.

Their home ground is at Allotment Road in Sarisbury where the current four sight screens are situated. The current white sight screens are nearing the end of their peak use and the Southern Premier and Hampshire Leagues have changed the rules, now requiring black sight screens to be used for the Division One games.

Due to the topography of the home ground, two of these sight screens were engineered to be situated on a bank. Two of the new sight screens will be engineered accordingly and can be used as either black or white screens, depending on which level if being played, thus meeting the requirements of the Southern Premier and Hampshire Leagues.

The two old standard sight screens will be repurposed to Sarisbury Green recreation ground for their lower leagues.

Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club have identified that the total cost of the equipment will be £7,416 and are requesting a contribution of £2,700 from the Community Fund towards these interchangeable sight screens. The remainder of the funds required can be met by Cllr Woodward's Hampshire County Council grant (£2,731 already paid) and the Club would fundraise £1,685 from their JustGiving campaign and reserves.

As of the close of September 2022, the organisation listed £21,439 in their accounts, with 2021-22 income of £125,646 and expenditure of £128,061.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Woodward and Councillor Burton, are fully supportive of this request.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that this application be approved.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards the equipment will be £2,700, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.