

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 04 September 2023

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Fareham Town Youth Football Club
Report of:	Director of Neighbourhoods
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 Fareham Town Youth Football Club for £3,400 from the Community Fund towards vehicle prevention works.

Fareham Town Youth Football Club is an 'FA chartered football club' coaching local youths between 5 and 18 years of age. They have over 200 children registered with the club and host other teams in the local area at weekends during the football season. A weekend long tournament takes place annually during the summer, with teams entering from all over the county. Over 500 children took part in the tournament this year.

Damage made previously by vehicles to the football pitches meant that their usual training and matches could not take place and reinstatement work had to be completed to allow reopening of the pitches.

The project to deter future damage to the pitches involves the installation of 50 wooden posts (150mm square and 1.8m in height) set in a concrete base around the youth pitches and an access gate for maintenance. The current gate to the whole Cams Alders site has proven to not be a reliable prevention method as it relies on various groups coordinating locking the gate.

The total cost to install the wooden posts and access gate is £6,400. Fareham Town Youth Football Club are requesting a contribution of £3,400 from the Community Fund. The remaining funds required will be provided by an allocation from a

Hampshire County Councillor's Fund of £1,000, with the final £2,000 being contributed from the Club's accounts.

As of 31st May 2023, Fareham Town Youth Football Club held £2,560.03 in their accounts. In their accounting year June 2022-May 2023 there was an income of £104,574.10 and expenditure of £104,588.15

Both Cllr Ingram and Cllr Gregory support Fareham Town Youth Football Club's application.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is RECOMMENDED that this application be approved with the following conditions:-

- a) that Streetscene approves the contractor to be used in advance of the work;
- b) that Streetscene approves the detailed plan for the project, to ensure that it matches the quote received;
- c) that a copy of the company's Public Liability Insurance for a minimum of £5 million, method statement and risk assessment be approved by Streetscene before installation commences;
- d) that the club liaises with Streetscene to agree the exact location of the wooden posts and access gate and confirm that the materials used are appropriate; and
- e) that the Club formally accepts in writing that Fareham Borough Council is not responsible for maintaining the works.

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 £3,400, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.