

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Policy & Resources for Decision

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Policy and Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application –David Weyman</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Community
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Community Engagement Strategy
<b>Corporate Objective:</b>	Strong and Inclusive Communities

#### **Purpose:**

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

#### **Executive summary:**

David Weyman, a local resident, has requested funding of £1,500 for the purchase of outdoor LED Christmas lights to be used to decorate trees in West Street, Portchester.

The lights will be used to decorate the five established trees in the precinct at Christmas time to *“encourage a feel-good factor and bring pleasure to the residents of Portchester”*. The funding application relates only to the purchase of these lights and not their installation or any ongoing costs. The funding would not go to Mr Weyman but would be paid directly to the suppliers of the lights on his behalf. The lights would be stored at a shop unit in the precinct, Petfayre, 6 West Street when not in use.

The total cost of the project is approximately £3,000, including the electrical installation of the lights and the cost of purchasing a Christmas tree for this year. This application seeks funding for the purchase of the lights only; the rest of the money will be raised by the Portchester Traders Association and Portchester Community Association.

Ward Councillors R. Price & G. Fazackarley have written in full support of this funding application.

Comments have also been received from Councillors N. Walker & S. Bell in relation to the need to ensure that Hampshire County Council, the owners of the precinct land and the trees, have agreed to the lights being installed. (Hampshire County Council Highways have since given consent for the lights). Once the lights are in place all electrical checks and certification would need to be made available to the highway authority under the terms of this licence.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £1,500 from Fareham Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr David Weyman, for the purchase of outdoor LED Christmas lights be approved.

**Reason:**

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

**Cost of Proposals:**

The total cost of this application will be £1,500 and can be met from within the existing budget for the community fund programme.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no risks associated with this application.

**Background papers:** None