

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION (LEISURE AND COMMUNITY)

Date: Thursday, 20 September 2018

Time: 9.00 am

Venue: Executive Meeting Area - Civic Offices

Executive Member: Councillor Miss S M Bell



1. Report Published

To consider the following matters for decision for which reports have been published:-

Non-Key Decision(s)

- (1) **Community Fund Application - Fareham North West Community Association** (Pages 3 - 4)
- (2) **Community Fund Application - Little Terrors Play Group** (Pages 5 - 6)



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Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 20 September 2018

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Fareham North West Community Association
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

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 Fareham North West Community Association for the sum of £1,880 to replace the heating system in the Fareham North West Community Centre.

The Association leases these facilities, in Henry Cort Drive, Fareham, from Fareham Borough Council with a condition of the lease being that the Association is responsible for keeping the interior, including all fixtures, in good repair and condition. The current old heating system in the community centre is no longer fit for purpose, with many of the heaters being broken or ineffective. A quote has been received for £1,880 to replace the existing system with a more efficient system which will include the replacement of broken heaters in the main hall, coffee lounge and toilets.

The Community Centre is used by a good number of community groups and services, including the Tea, Talk and Tonk Group for elderly residents, the Games Club, the Petanque Club and the Fareham North West Youth Club. In addition, the facilities are hired by the local community for hosting parties.

The Association is requesting the full amount towards the project. Their accounts of August 2018 list a balance of £9,810.87. However, the Association is about to enter

the winter months, during which their income remains static while their outgoings increase dramatically. In addition, in the past eighteen months, the Association has self-funded a number of projects to improve the facility. These include a new dishwasher, cooker and fridge and the installation of a hearing loop system.

Fareham North West Community Association has received no Community Funding from Fareham Borough Council since 2015.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Davies and Councillor Birkett, have indicated their support for this application.

A 'health check' of Fareham North West Community Centre, carried out in August 2018, identified certain maintenance that the Association was required to undertake to improve the safety of the facility. This report recommends that funding is only released once these safety improvements have been actioned.

Recommendation:

That the application for £1,880 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by Fareham North West Community Association, be approved.

That the funding is only released following the receipt of satisfactory evidence that the safety improvements identified in the August 2018 Health Check have been undertaken.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards this project will be £1,880 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.

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Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 20 September 2018

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Little Terrors Play Group
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

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 Little Terrors Play Group for the sum of £4,394 to fund the initial set-up, equipment and materials for the Group. Little Terrors is a mother and toddler group that has recently established in a trial capacity at Broadlaw Community Space in Fareham South, in response to local need.

Since its first session in May 2018, attendance has steadily increased and the Play Group currently attracts on average 10 parents and 15 children.

The cost of providing equipment for the Play Group has been costed at £3,186. Running costs for the first year, including rent, insurance and administration bring the total requested to £4,394. The Play Group has already successfully secured £500 from the Partnership Foundation to cover the cost of further necessary equipment, and is confident that in the long-term attendance fees will fully cover running costs.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Barton and Councillor Fazackarley, are fully supportive of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £4,394 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by the Little Terrors Play Group, 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 this project will be £4,394 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.