

FAREHAM

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Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Leisure and Community Wednesday, 22 January 2020

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application - Warsash Neighbourhood Forum
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

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

An application for Community Funding has been received from the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum for the sum of £812.51 to fund £576 for an advertisement in the local Loop magazine, £56.51 for 2000 A5 flyers and £180 for one year's website hosting and domain validation.

The Forum was designated by the Council on 1st July 2019 following evidence of public support for its establishment, identified through public consultation.

The purpose of the Forum is to enable the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Warsash Neighbourhood Area, covering the villages of Warsash, Chilling and Hook. This allows residents from each of these areas to have a say in the production of the Plan.

The group is in the process of setting up as a Community Interest Company (CIC). Once the CIC has been registered, the Forum need to apply for Locality funding, which it plans to support the Group's future development and ensure sustainability.

Locality funding is allocated by the Government and provides an initial basic grant of up to £9,000 to groups working on a Neighbourhood Plan, to cover costs of publicity, hosting events, producing copies of plans and contracting professional consultants to advise on the proposed plans. Further funding of an additional £8,000 is also available through Locality, for groups working on allocating sites for housing. The Warsash Neighbourhood Forum would meet this qualifying condition.

The Director of Leisure and Community and the Executive Member for Leisure and Community have previously met with representatives of the Forum to remind the organisation of their ability to apply for Locality funding.

The Warsash Neighbourhood Forum has received much support from the Council. The Department of Leisure and Community has supported the Forum with community consultation and advice regarding accessing Locality funding. The Planning Department continues to work closely with this group to advise on appropriate options for the Neighbourhood Plan and planning processes.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Ford, are supportive of the work of the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered that the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum has a clear purpose to represent the views of the residents of Warsash in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and that the community funding application for promotional material and resources will provide opportunities to increase the number of residents whose views are being represented.

In cases where there is an alternative funding source that would be more appropriate the Council will direct the organisation to that other funding stream. In this case it has been determined that locality funding is available. This is a specific grant funding that has been created entirely for the purpose of supporting Neighbourhood Forums.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Community Fund Application in respect of Warsash Neighbourhood Forum be refused on the grounds that locality funding would be a more appropriate source to access to meet the set-up costs for the Forum.

Reason:

This application is suitable for consideration of Community Funding.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Miss S Bell (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Wednesday, 22 January 2020

