

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Tuesday, 4 February 2025

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor F L Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S M Bayford

R N Bird

Miss T Harper

L J Whittle

D P Wiltshire

Deputies: C A Bainbridge

Mrs P M Bryant



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 02 October 2024.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive and declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Opportunities Plan Update (Pages 9 - 16)

To receive a report by the Assistant Director (Finance and ICT) which will present the Panel with an update on the Opportunities Plan.

7. Scoping Report - Everyone Active (Pages 17 - 20)

To receive a draft scoping report to accompany an invitation to Everyone Active to attend a future meeting of the Panel.

8. Fareham Park Vision (Pages 21 - 22)

To receive a presentation from the Assistant Director (Democracy) providing the Panel with an update on the Fareham Park Vision.

9. Executive Business (Pages 23 - 24)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of Leisure and Community Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

(1) Voluntary Sector Funding Application - Titchfield Community Association (Pages 25 - 26)

(2) Fareham Park Vision Update (Pages 27 - 28)

(3) Community Funding Application - Portchester Choir (Pages 29 - 30)

(4) Community Funding Application - Titchfield Village Trust (Pages 31 - 34)

10. Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities (Pages 35 - 36)

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the Scrutiny Panel priorities for

Leisure and Community.



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Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor F L Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, R N Bird, Miss T Harper, L J Whittle and
D P Wiltshire

Also Present: Councillor Mrs P M Bryant (Item 7)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies of absence were received at the meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 25 June 2024 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

I would just like to say how much I enjoyed the Gala event at Fareham Live last night (01 October 2024). Fareham Live is a superb venue and team have done us proud. I am sure that the increased footfall produced by this great venue into will have a positive impact with our vision for the Town Centre. I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone involved.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

No declarations of interest were received at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at the meeting.

6. FAREHAM PARK VISION UPDATE

The Panel received an Executive report and supporting presentation from the Leisure and Community Officer providing Members with an update on the Fareham Park Vision to create a Masterplan for new leisure, community and recreation facilities.

The presentation, which is appended to these Minutes, provided Members with a detailed overview of the developing project including, timescales, community engagement and how this has fed into the options chosen and the next steps with the Executive decision on Monday 07 October, which if approved will allow for the planning application to be submitted in the coming months.

Members of the Panel showed overall support for the exciting project although raised concerns over the uncertainty surrounding the car parking on site, due to the current Hampshire County Council consultation with regards to the future of Henry Cort school. Members of the Panel were reassured by the Officers' phased approach which will allow for the various possible scenarios to be fed into the project as it moves forward.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel:-

- a) note the contents of the Executive report at Appendix 1; and

- b) ask that the Executive consider the comments above at their meeting on the 07 October 2024.

7. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

The Panel received a report with supporting presentation from the Leisure and Community Manager which updated Members on a variety of ongoing projects which are being managed within the Leisure and Community function that do not require a full report.

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor Mrs P M Bryant contributed to discussion on this item.

Throughout the presentation Members of the Panel asked questions for clarification on the various workstreams and projects highlighted.

During discussions regarding the new Fareham Live venue, Members asked that Officers liaise with Trafalgar Theatres to investigate options for affordable ticketing, in particular the pantomime which although competitively priced, remains unaffordable for those families on lower incomes.

Members also discussed the future of the Westbury Manor Museum building in detail, with Hampshire Cultural Trust due to vacate the premises by Christmas. Members were reassured that the Asset Management Team are in regular discussions with Savills (who have been appointed to sell the property) to secure an appropriate buyer for this much-loved Fareham building.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel notes the contents of the summary report and updates contained within the presentation.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Members of the Panel were asked to consider the items of Executive business, including a tabled item which was circulated to Members ahead of the meeting and will be published with these Minutes.

(1) Community Fund Application - 1st Locks Heath Scouts

No questions or comments of clarification were received.

(2) Community Fund Application - Live Art Local

Members enquired about this decision as the pilot event for which the funds had been allocated had been postponed. Officers reassured the Panel that until Live Art Local have secured a date for their pilot event the funds would not be released.

(3) Fareham Park Play Area - Award of Contract

No questions or comments of clarification were received.

(4) Community Fund Application - Stubbington Football Club

No questions or comments of clarification were received.

9. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel were invited to consider the priorities for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED that Members considered the priorities for the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.36 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date

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Report to the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date **04 February 2025**

Report of: **Assistant Director (Finance and ICT)**

Subject: **OPPORTUNITIES PLAN UPDATE**

SUMMARY

A detailed update to the Opportunities Plan is being developed for 2025/26 to help ensure that we can continue to balance the Council's budgets. This report presents an overall update on the current Opportunities Plan including projects linked to the Leisure and Community Portfolio. Members are asked to consider and comment on the projects. They were also asked to propose any new ideas they may have in a workshop preceding the meeting. These comments and ideas will be presented as part of the Opportunities Plan 2025/26 report at the 11 March 2025 Executive.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Leisure and Community Panel consider and comment on the progress of the current Opportunities Plan projects.

INTRODUCTION

1. This report provides an update on the progress of the Council's current Opportunities Plan, including General Fund projects linked to the Council's Leisure and Community provision.

BACKGROUND

2. The Council has a long history of prudent financial management and of responding to fiscal challenges whilst continuing to provide a wide range of customer focused services.
3. The Council's original Opportunities Plan was approved at the 7 January 2019 Executive meeting, in response to a predicted funding shortfall by 2020/21. The Plan ran until the end of 2022/23.
4. It contained a number of successful projects such as the introduction of a Garden Waste Subscription Service and Coastal Parking Charges. These projects and other initiatives across the Council managed to close the predicted budget gaps from 2020/21 to 2022/23.
5. The Medium-Term Finance Strategy (MTFS) presented at the 9 January 2023 Executive forecast a further budget gap for each of the following 5 years, rising from a £0.4m gap in 2023/24 to £2.4m in 2025/26.
6. The use of our limited general reserves would have enabled balanced budgets in 2023/24 and 2024/25. However, the Council's reserves would then have run out and we would not have been able to plug the then predicted £2.4m budget gap in 2025/26.
7. In response to this, a new Opportunities Plan for 2023/24 was developed and approved by the Executive on 18 September 2023. There were no opportunities included on the scale of introducing Garden Waste subscriptions or coastal parking charges.
8. An initial progress update was presented to the 22 January 2024 Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel and MTFS projections were updated in early 2024. This showed that the Opportunities Plan projects helped us to plug the predicted £0.4m budget gap for 2023/24 and resulted in £0.1m being added to our general fund reserves that year.

CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

9. For the Council's General Fund, the updated projections in January 2025 show that we had sufficient reserves, based on the assumption that we raise Council Tax by the 2.99% allowed each year, to bridge the £0.29m budget gap in 2024/25 and £0.06m gap in 2025/6 and £1.29m budget gap in 2026/7. However, our useable reserves would then run out and we would not be able to balance the predicted £1.25m budget gap in 2027/28.
10. We also have in place the recently reviewed Corporate Strategy 2023-29. This contains 42 projects in total, with 12 of these added or significantly updated as part of the December 2024 review. Many of these projects have not been fully costed. It must therefore also be remembered that part of the Opportunities Plan work is to release funding needed to deliver the Council's priorities over the coming months.

OVERALL OPPORTUNITIES PLAN UPDATE

11. Work has progressed well on many of the 94 projects in the 2023/24 Opportunities Plan. In the 2023/24 revised budget £498,500 of opportunity savings were used to reduce the need to draw on reserves to balance the budget. In addition, £260,000 of savings were fed into the base budget for 2024/25.
12. Further to the Opportunities Plan projects, a number of wider activities have been added to the work plan to deal with the forecast budget gap. Projects included reviews of all vacant posts in the establishment, unused budgets and deep monitoring of spend in targeted areas by the Senior Leadership Team.
13. The table below summarises the tangible budget savings that have been built into the revised 2024/25 and base 2025/26 budgets as a result of the project delivery during 2024/5:

	Additional Savings 2024/25 Revised	Savings 2025/26 Base Budget
Opportunity Plan Projects – Annual	250,940	195,190
Opportunity Plan Projects – One off	36,700	5,000
Vacant Post Review - Annual	425,839	-
Unspent budget review - Annual	146,500	-
Senior Leadership Team targeted monitoring - Annual	885,000	-
	1,744,979	200,190

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY ORIGINAL OPPORTUNITIES

14. The 2023/24 Opportunities Plan projects reported to the 22 January 2024 included 10 Leisure and Community focused projects. Progress updates on these, alongside updates for projects in other Panels and Committees, can be seen in Appendix A, with figures highlighted in green included in budget setting. Members are asked to consider and comment on Leisure and Community related project progress.

UPDATED OPPORTUNITIES PLAN FOR 2025/26

15. This work has had a positive impact overall. However, as discussed earlier there are several identified ongoing budget pressures and budget growth areas across the Council. In order to respond to these and to ensure balanced budgets going forward an updated Opportunities Plan is being created for 2025/26 onwards.
16. Potentially difficult policy decisions will likely need to be made regarding elements of discretionary service provision to help ensure we can continue to balance our budgets whilst meeting our statutory duties.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES PLAN

17. Executive Members took part in a workshop in November 2024 to assess the top-level feasibility of potential income generation or cost saving opportunities based on some difficult decisions. Relevant opportunities identified in this session were then presented to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Members at a workshop held immediately preceding today's, 04 February Panel Meeting.

18. Feedback from this session will be considered by the Executive when the proposed Opportunities Plan 2025/26 is presented for approval at the 11 March 2025 Executive.

RISK ASSESSMENT

19. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

20. The Leisure and Community Projects presented for consideration help the Council to have balanced budgets whilst meeting our statutory requirements.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: 22 January 2024, Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel – Opportunities Plan 2023/24 Update

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Roy Brown 01329 824 489

Appendix A – 2023/24 Opportunities Update
 (Green highlight denotes that this has been fed into the budgets)

Key: Savings/income highlighted in green are included in the Budget for that year

Leisure and Community								
No.	Project	2023/24		2024/25		2025/26		Update Notes
		Revenue Income	One-off Income	Revenue Income	One-off Income	Revenue Income	One-Off income	
66	Events Sponsorship			£2,400				Started. Income in 23/24 of £2,540, compared to original projection of £4,000. However, £11,000 income already received in 24/25 so far. Ongoing
70	Access All Areas – management					£600		Started. All tickets sold to cover the cost of providing events in 2024. Potential to revisit purpose e.g. revert to trying to tackle ASB Hot Spots. Ongoing
81	Padel tennis					£20,000		Started. 3 March Executive 2024 approval for disposal of land following consultation and delegated responsibility for agreement of terms following this. May see income estimates of £20,000 start in 25/26.
Sub Totals								
Built into budgets		£0	£0	£2,400	£0	£600		
Total Potential Opportunities		£0	£0	£2,400	£0	£20,600	£0	
No.	Leisure and Community	Projects to Be Costed			Notes			
191	Funding bid for Energy Saving Infrastructure in Leisure Centres	Started Awarded around £670,000 from phase 2 of swimming pool fund for Solar PV at Fareham Leisure Centre. Projects needs to be complete by end of 2024/5.						

Leisure and Community Completed Projects

	Project	2023/24		2024/25		2025/26		Update Notes
		Revenue Income	One-off Income	Revenue Income	One-off Income	Revenue Income	One-off Income	
73	Fareham Live sound wave bar donors		£39,200					Complete Wave bars have been a success, and all sold.
80	Genesis centre R&M lease			£5,000				Complete Lease signed in Autumn 2023.
63	Community First Wessex Grant	£18,500						Complete. Spend in 23/24 well below budget. Potential to review allocation for 25/6 if spend remains low in 24/5.
57	Community Grants			£45,300				Complete Confirmed that budget will be cut to £50k from 1 April 2024. Monitor spend to see if further opportunities.
72	Fareham Live Business Operation Costs		£43,100					Complete
Sub Totals								
Built into budgets.		£18,500	£82,300	£50,300	£0	£0		
Total Potential Opportunities		£18,500	£82,300	£50,300	£0	£0		

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 04 February 2025
Report of: Assistant Director (Democracy)
Subject: Scoping Report – Everyone Active

SUMMARY

Following a request by Members of the Panel, Officers have compiled a draft scoping report to accompany an invitation to ask Everyone Active to attend a future meeting of the Panel. Members are asked to consider the scoping report at Appendix A and provide any comments or suggested amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Panel note the contents of the scoping report and provide any comments or suggest any amendment.

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LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL SCOPING REPORT
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Report Title: Leisure Centre Contract Performance

Date Agreed by Panel: 04 February 2025

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Matter Raised	To understand how Fareham Leisure Centre and Holly Hill Leisure Centre are performing and what measures Everyone Active have implemented to date, to help reduce the Centres Co2 emissions and what further plans they have to help reduce the Centres carbon footprint.
Background	<p>In November 2019, the Executive agreed to award a 15-year contract for the management of Fareham Leisure Centre and Holly Hill Leisure Centre to Everyone Active, it also agreed to the capital investment required, particularly at Fareham Leisure Centre which at the time was 40 years old, to help deliver improved revenue and thereby increase the annual management fee income which the Council receives.</p> <p>The performance of the contract is closely monitored with client monitoring meetings taking place on a monthly basis between the Council's Leisure and Community Manager and the Everyone Active Contracts Manager.</p> <p>Everyone Active are fully responsible for the day-to-day operations and under the terms of the lease are responsible for all repair and maintenance requirements at both Centres.</p>
Description	<p>The purpose of inviting Everyone Active to a future meeting of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel is to provide an overview on how the Leisure Centre contract is performing.</p> <p>In particular, the Panel would like to understand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Participation for both Centres, including swimming lessons, fitness, classes and activities and how these compare to participation levels prior to the Covid -19 pandemic. 2) What concessions and discounts are in place for residents that are entitled to benefits and support.

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	<p>3) How is the Leisure Card promoted, what does it provide and what plans are in place to help further promote the scheme to increase uptake.</p> <p>4) How do Everyone Active ensure they are responsive to the current needs of residents of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>5) How are the Leisure Centres' facilities accessible to all residents?</p> <p>6) As one of the leading leisure operators, what are your priorities and what do you hope to achieve as a business over the next 5 years.</p> <p>7) What has been done at both Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure Centres to help reduce emissions over the past 5 years?</p> <p>8) What further opportunities are there to help reduce the Co2 emissions generated by Fareham and Holly Hill Leisure's that will then reduce the Council's overall footprint.</p> <p>9) What financial costs (approx.) are associated with any proposals and how much of an impact could they potentially have on reducing Fareham's emissions?</p> <p>10) What measures have Everyone Active implemented, as a business, over the past 5 years to help reduce its Co2 emissions?</p> <p>11) What other plans do Everyone Active have as a business to further reduce its emissions by 2030?</p>
Objective	It is proposed that a max. of two representatives from Everyone Active are invited to a meeting of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel and requested to address the Panel on the matters outlined above.
Preferred Meeting Date	Tuesday 25 March 2025

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Presentation to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 04 February 2025
Report of: Assistant Director (Democracy)
Subject: FAREHAM PARK VISION

SUMMARY

The Panel is to receive a presentation from the Assistant Director (Democracy). The presentation will provide the most up to date summary on the vision for providing new leisure, community and recreation facilities at Fareham Park.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel notes the contents of the presentation.

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Report to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 04 February 2025
Report of: Assistant Director (Democracy)
Subject: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of this Scrutiny Panel is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to account in the delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business which fall under the remit of the Leisure and Community portfolio and have been dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The relevant notices for decisions taken are attached for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

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2024/25
Decision No.
2573

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community
Monday, 30 September 2024**

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Voluntary Sector Funding Application - Titchfield Community Association
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priority:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:
This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Voluntary Sector Support Fund Programme.

An application for Voluntary Sector Support Funding has been received from Titchfield Community Association for £150 to pay for one year's membership to Action Hampshire. The Association was previously a member but had allowed this to lapse several years ago when finances became more challenging. They would now like to benefit from this support once more.

The Association's aim is 'To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Titchfield and district and that part of the Borough of Fareham, West of A32 and Newgate Lane, together with the Electoral District of Curbridge without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre, for activities promoted by the Company in furtherance of the above objects' and 'to promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined and that in the attainment of the said objects the Company shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.' In 1964 when the Constitution was first written, in keeping with the history of the village, its outreach extended to the boundary of the ancient parish of Titchfield, which included Curbridge and the outreach was maintained when the Constitution was renewed in 2012.

The Community Centre regularly has between 1,500 and 2,000 visitors per week and raised income of £195,006 for the year 23/24.

Ward Councillor, Councillor Harper and Executive Leader Councillor Martin are both supportive of the application.

Options Considered:

It is recommended that the Executive Leader approve the application to award £150 from the Voluntary Sector Support Fund.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive Leader approve the application to award £150 from the Voluntary Sector Support Fund.

Reason:

This application meets the Voluntary Sector Support Fund criteria for governance support.

Confirmed as a true record:

Monday, 30 September 2024

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2024/25
Decision No.
2576

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 October 2024

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Fareham Park Vision Update
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy) & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Corporate Priority:	Strong, Safe and Healthy Communities

Purpose:

To inform the Executive of progress with the creation of a Masterplan for new leisure, community and recreation facilities at Fareham Park, to recommend the submission of an outline Planning Application to progress this plan and to flag the financial challenges of achieving the Vision.

In July 2022, The Executive received a report detailing plans to submit a Local Investment Plan to secure an allocation of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund for the Borough.

The report confirmed the intention that this would include a community-led approach to developing a plan for the regeneration of the Fareham Park area, addressing the need for modern sporting, leisure and community facilities, and delivering essential new affordable homes.

Following support by the Government of the Council's Local Investment Plan, £1m was awarded to meet the Council's aspirations. Of this, £700,000 was allocated to creating the Masterplan for the Fareham Park area.

This report provides an update on progress with the Masterplan for Fareham Park. It details the consultation that has driven the plan to date, advises of the works that are scheduled to be completed from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation, considers the next step of the submission of an outline Planning Application for the new community facilities and reviews the financial requirements of delivering the project in its entirety.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P W Whittle addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes the content of the report and supports the identified next steps:
- (b) considered the comments of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel;
- (c) agrees to the submission of the outline Planning Application to progress the Fareham Park Vision; and
- (d) notes the financial challenges of delivering such a transformative project for the Fareham Park area.

Reason:

To agree the direction of the Fareham Park Vision and the approaches to funding the improvement proposals.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

Monday, 7 October 2024

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2024/25
Decision No.
2593

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community
Thursday, 21 November 2024**

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application - Portchester Community Choir
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for wellbeing and fun

Purpose:
This report presents an application for funding under the Council’s Community Funding Programme.

An application to the Community Fund has been received from Portchester Community Choir for £2,047.21 for the purchase of technology and storage equipment for their Singalong Outreach project.

Portchester Community Choir started in 2017 and now has over 70 members. More recently they have received requests from local groups asking if they could take singing to people who cannot attend their performances for groups of 20-30 people. Care homes and groups like Dementia Care Hub have already benefited through their trial sessions and they would like to continue and expand these extremely beneficial outreach performances. This technology and storage equipment would enable Portchester Community Choir to be self-sufficient as currently they use members’ personal equipment which is not fit for purpose.

Portchester Community Choir are looking for £2,047.21 from the Community Fund for the purchase of a laptop, portable speaker, printer (to print their song sheets), microphone and headphones plus storage for these items and the song sheets.

As of October 2024, Portchester Community Choir held £1,654.20 in their accounts. In the accounting year January 2023 – December 2023 there was an income of £10,401.51 and expenditure of £9,754.63.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Bainbridge and Councillor D Wiltshire supports Portchester Community Choir’s funding application.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Leisure and Community approve the application to award £2,047.21 from the Community Fund.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Mrs C Hockley (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Thursday, 21 November 2024

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2024/25
Decision No.
2613

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community
Monday, 13 January 2025**

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Grant Application - Titchfield Village Trust
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for wellbeing and fun

Purpose:
This report presents an application for funding under the Council’s Community Funding Programme.

An application to the Community Fund has been received from Titchfield Village Trust for £3,485 towards the replacement of the emergency exit doors and toilet doors at Titchfield Village Hall.

Titchfield Village Trust have just completed a 5-year project to re-roof and refurbish the interior of the Titchfield Village Hall. One of the last remaining parts of this project is the replacement of the fire exit doors and doors to the toilets. These doors are failing resulting in users having difficulty entering and exiting the toilets. The emergency exit doors are not very secure due to past water damage and previous damage which has been repaired as much as possible. A number of groups use the community building, including stitching and crafts groups aimed at over 65s, brownie groups and home school groups for primary school aged children.

The total cost of the project is £3,885. Titchfield Village Trust are looking for £3,485 from the Community Fund, with the remainder being funded by Titchfield Village Trust reserves.

As of 5 November 2024, Titchfield Village Trust held £1,344.82 in their accounts. In the accounting year April 2022-April 2023, there was an income of £94,410.10 and expenditure of £26,024.72.

Both Councillor Miss Harper and Councillor Mrs Hockley supports Titchfield Village Trust’s application.

Options Considered:
That the Executive Leader considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive Leader approved the application to award £3,485 from the Community Fund.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Simon Martin (Executive Leader)
Monday, 13 January 2025

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Report to the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 04 February 2025

Subject: Scrutiny Panel Priorities

SUMMARY

Members are asked to consider the Panels Scrutiny Priorities. The main purpose of these priorities is set out in the Council's Corporate Strategy and Portfolio Responsibilities. In addition to this the Panel is also responsible for scrutinising service performance.

Consideration may also be given to external organisations and items of Executive Business which may formulate a future topic for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Priorities and make suggestions on future topics for consideration by the Panel.

