

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Southern Domestic Abuse Service
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

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 Ms Claire Chatwin, Chief Executive Officer of Southern Domestic Abuse Service, for the sum of £4,980.55 for the purchase of furniture for their refuge in Fareham.

Southern Domestic Abuse Service provides refuge accommodation offering support to women and children escaping domestic abuse. They also offer outreach to victims and survivors of domestic abuse living in the wider community in need of advice, support and information.

The organisation is based in Havant; however on 1 April 2014 they started providing services to victims and survivors in Fareham. This includes a six bedroom refuge in Fareham Town which can accommodate six families, often with up to sixteen children at any one time.

The organisation is requesting £4,980.55 to enable them to purchase bedroom furniture and furnishings. The refuge is currently in a very run down condition and Southern Domestic Abuse Service will use the funding to begin the refurbishment of the premises, thereby providing a welcoming environment to those needing refuge by ensuring that the standard of the bedroom furniture is acceptable. The funding will be used to purchase bunk beds, single beds, mattresses, pillows and bed linen.

The total cost of the project will be £4,980.55 and Southern Domestic Abuse Service has requested the full amount.

Councillor Mrs Trott and Councillor Whittle are in support of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £4,980.55 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Ms Chatwin of Southern Domestic Abuse Service for the purchase of furniture, 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 project will be £4,980.55 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this report.