

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Victory Indoor Bowls Club
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 Mr Ken Clay, Committee member of Victory Indoor Bowls Club, for the sum of £2,700.00 for the purchase of new indoor bowls mats.

The club meets at Victory Hall in Warsash four times per week and has been running for over 30 years. All ages and abilities are catered for and members enjoy both the competitive and social aspect of the sport. Sets of bowls are available at the Victory Hall so beginners are not expected to supply their own equipment. As well as the weekly sessions, matches with other bowling clubs are occasionally arranged.

The club is requesting £2,700.00 to enable them to purchase new indoors bowls mats to replace their existing mats. The current mats are approximately 30 years old and are very badly worn, causing the bowls to act abnormally, which is disheartening to both new and existing members.

By replacing these old mats with news ones, it will make for a much more enjoyable experience for all members, which in turn will help to retain existing members and also encourage more people to join.

The total cost of the project is £2,900.00 and the club will be contributing £200.00 towards the cost.

Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Ford are in support of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £2,700.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr Clay of Victory Indoor Bowls Club for the purchase of replacement indoor bowls mats, 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 £2,700.00 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.