

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 4 March 2013

Portfolio:	Policy, Strategy and Finance
Subject:	Matched Funding - Quarterly Report
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Grants Policy
Corporate Objective:	All corporate objectives apply

Purpose:

To provide details of matched funding requests received by the Council during the fourth quarter of the 2012/13 financial year.

Executive summary:

During this quarter, the Council has received three matched funding requests as follows:

Fareham Bowls Club have requested £25,000 towards an extension towards their existing club house. Full details are set out in Appendix A.

Sarisbury Community Centre have requested £7,500 towards the overhaul of their existing heating and hot water system. Full details are set out in Appendix B.

Salmiakki Community Interest Company have requested £21,500 towards a multi-purpose sports rink. Full details are set out in Appendix C.

Recommendation:

- (a) That a matched funding award of up to £25,000 be considered for Fareham Bowls Club.
- (b) That a matched funding award of up to £7,500 be considered for Sarisbury Community Centre.
- (c) That a matched funding award of up to £21,500 be considered for Salmiakki Community Interest Company.
- (d) Any award would be subject to all contributory funding being secured.
- (e) A community use agreement be entered into with Fareham Bowls Club and Salmiakki Community Interest Company. (A community use agreement is already in place with Sarisbury Community Centre as a condition of the lease).

Reason:

To act as an enabler, assisting the local community in making improvements to local community facilities, and introducing new facilities for the benefit of all age groups within the community.

Cost of proposals:

Up to £54,000 (the matched funding budget currently has funds of £228,000)

Appendices:

A: Matched Funding Application - Fareham Bowls Club

B: Matched Funding Application – Sarisbury Community Centre

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C: Matched Funding Application - Salmiakki Community Interest Company.

Background papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by: Director of Community

Portfolio: Policy, Strategy and Finance

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of any matched funding requests received by the Council during the fourth quarter of the 2012/13 financial year.

BACKGROUND

2. On 8 March 2010, the Executive considered a report on the various discretionary grants provided by the Council. The report included details on each category of grant and the level of funding available. Members agreed to combine a number of grants into a single pot for the 2010/11 financial year onwards.
3. The report also highlighted the need for the Council to take a more coordinated approach in assessing matched funding requests in the future.
4. It was agreed that the procedure for applying for matched funding be changed so that bids would be considered by the Executive on a quarterly basis, by predefined dates, in order that applications could be prioritised.
5. It was also suggested that as matched funding requests are received, those "in the pipeline" are identified, as well as those submitted for formal consideration.

CRITERIA

6. The criteria for matched funding awards has been deliberately kept simple. The Council will consider any project which benefits the local community and/or improves the local environment.
7. Awards will only be made for capital projects and will not include ongoing revenue funding.

8. The important fact about a matched funding application is that the sum being requested from the Council needs to be matched by the applicant and/or other agencies. This helps to ensure that there is a definite commitment and sense of ownership from the local community in both delivering the project and maintaining the facilities thereafter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The current balance of the matched funding budget is £228,000.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS RECEIVED

Fareham Bowls Club

10. A matched funding bid has been received from Fareham Bowls Club for a sum of up to £25,000 towards an extension to their existing club house. This will provide new changing rooms and an equipment store, which would then enable the club to amend the layout of the existing club house.
11. Ultimately, it is hoped that the improvements will attract additional community use. The details are set out in Appendix A.

COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION

Ward Councillors Mr and Mrs Bryant are both supportive of the application.

Sarisbury Community Centre

12. A matched funding bid has been received from Sarisbury Community Centre for a sum of up to £7,500 towards the cost of overhauling their existing heating and hot water system. This includes the purchase of a replacement boiler, parts of the hot water system, electric storage heaters and a new oven and hot plate. The details are set out in Appendix B.

COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION

13. Councillor Woodward and Councillor Swanbrow both support the application as Ward Councillors.

Salmiakki Community Interest Company

14. A matched funding bid has been received from Salmiakki Community Interest Company for a sum of up to £21,500 towards the cost of building a multi-sports rink to provide a venue for sports activities that are not currently catered for in Fareham. The details are set out in Appendix C.

COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION

15. Ward Councillors Whittle and Mrs Trott have both commented on the proposed expenditure related to the bid as follows:
16. Councillor Whittle gave “in principle” support for the bid, subject to being able to evaluate the impact on local residents in respect of traffic, noise etc.

17. Cllr Mrs Trott is fully supportive of the application and proposals.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS “IN THE PIPELINE”

18. There are no potential matched funding bids in the pipeline at the current time.

RISK ASSESSMENT

19. The risks and opportunities associated with each matched funding bid are considered on an individual basis and details are included in each assessment document.

CONCLUSION

20. This report sets out details for the matched funding bids received by the Council for the fourth quarter of the 2012/2013 financial year.

Reference Papers:

- Report to the Executive on 8 March 2010 - Review of Discretionary Grants.
- Report to the Executive on 17 May 2010 - Grants Review Update

MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST

APPLICANT

Fareham Bowls Club

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Fareham Bowling Club based at Park Lane Recreation Ground wish to provide an extension to their existing club house to provide new separate changing rooms and an equipment store next to their current club house. This would then enable the club to amend the layout of the existing club house by removing the existing changing rooms and then extending the kitchen and providing additional seating areas within the club house.

The improvements would allow adequate provision to host existing events and would allow the club to attract additional community use.

PROJECT COSTS

The total project cost is £50,000

PROJECT FUNDING

The club propose to fund £25,000 of the project from existing club accounts and have agreed a loans scheme from members as a contingency fund.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The proposed works would allow the bowls club to:

- Actively pursue additional membership in the knowledge that they are able to provide the required level of facilities to attract and retain members.
- Invite schools and other groups to participate in an outdoor activity that they had previously not tried.
- Host higher level bowls competitions on a bowls ring that is acknowledged to be one of the best in Hampshire.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

None identified.

<p>LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES</p>	<p>This application is consistent with the Council's role of "a partner", as identified in the Leisure Strategy, to continue, where possible, to actively collaborate with other providers within the local area to maximise potential opportunities for sport.</p> <p>The ward councillors are fully supportive of the application and proposal.</p>
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<p>PROJECT RISKS</p>	<p>The project is dependent on securing Building Control approval and planning consent; both of which have been applied for.</p> <p>The project would be managed by the bowls club who may not have the required expertise or experience to manage a new build / refurbishment project.</p> <p>Asbestos containing materials will need to be removed as part of the demolition of the existing garage structure. Method statements and risk assessments would be required for this element of the work which may need supervision by the Councils Building Services division.</p> <p>A number of trees need to be felled to accommodate the works. The Councils Principal Tree Officer has given his consent to this but will need to be consulted to ensure that the removal is in accordance with the required British Standards.</p>
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<p>RECOMMEND</p>	<p>That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £25,000 to this application, subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The remainder of funding being in place. 2. The club entering into a Community Use Agreement. 3. All local authority approvals being obtained. 4. The approval of the Head of Building Services to the proposed methods for carrying out the building related works.
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	<p>5. Approval of the Principal Tree Officer to the proposed method for removing the trees.</p> <p>6. And the club agreeing to close supervision of the project by Council officers.</p>
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MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST

APPLICANT	Salisbury Community Centre
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The Salisbury and District Community Association wish to overhaul their existing heating and hot water system to provide a more efficient, reliable and easier to maintain system.</p> <p>The project includes provision of a replacement boiler, parts of the hot water system, electric storage heaters and the provision of a new oven and hot plate.</p>
PROJECT COSTS	The total project cost is £15,000
PROJECT FUNDING	<p>The club propose to fund £7,500 of the total costs from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £2,000 grant from the COOP Community Fund;• £4,000 from Hampshire County Councillor grant;• £1,500 from the associations' reserves.
COMMUNITY BENEFITS	<p>The proposed works would allow the community association to:</p> <p>Provide an enhanced service to those users of the centre which include cultural activities, sports and fitness, dancing, children's education and social activities.</p> <p>The local charity, Communicare, would also benefit as they would be a significant user of the new oven and currently provide a weekly lunch for the elderly.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS	None identified.

<p>LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES</p>	<p>This application is consistent with the Council's role of "a partner", as identified in the Leisure Strategy, to continue, where possible, to actively collaborate with other providers within the local area to maximise potential opportunities for sport.</p> <p>The ward councillors are fully supportive of the application and proposal.</p>
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<p>PROJECT RISKS</p>	<p>There are no significant risks associated with this project.</p>
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<p>RECOMMEND</p>	<p>That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £7,500 to this application, subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The remainder of funding being in place.
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MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST

APPLICANT	Salmiakki Community Interest Company
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Salmiakki CIC is a not for profit Community Interest Company (CIC). Its sole purpose is to acquire the funds to build a multi-sport rink in Fareham.</p> <p>The multi-purpose sports rink will serve people who enjoy minority and disabled sports and can participate in their chosen activities in a safe, open and unthreatening setting. The intention is to run sports that are not catered for in Fareham or the neighbouring areas. The multi-purpose rink will be the only rink in the UK that conforms to the safety regulations to be introduced in 2014. The rink is suitable for roller sports such as inline hockey, skater hockey, roller derby and public skating. Other rink sports include lacrosse, rink soccer and floorball. To date, Salmiakki CIC has found suitable premises in Fareham near the town centre and is ready to proceed immediately if the Council supports the project with community funding. Without council support, the project will need to be shelved for the foreseeable future.</p>
PROJECT COSTS	The total capital cost of the project is £53,387.
PROJECT FUNDING	<p>Salmiakki CIC has raised £25,000 from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £5,000 donation from the British Rink Hockey Association (BRHA)• £5,000 donation from Translizer Ltd• £15,000 loan guaranteed by Setti Mulari• There is a possibility for the BRHA to contribute an additional £2,500 should there be an unforeseen shortfall in funding. <p>Salmiakki CIC is seeking a community fund grant of £21,500 from Fareham Borough Council which will cover the cost of purchasing the Rink Dasher Boards. A request has been made for the grant to be paid in advance of the project completion to allow payment in advance to the dasher board supplier and shipping company rather than reimbursing Salmiakki CIC against receipts. The reason behind this is that in order for Salmiakki CIC to pay for everything up front, they would have to borrow the money from a bank which carries an additional cost.</p>

	The banks approached are willing to lend up to £20,000, but indicated that it is unlikely higher amounts would be approved.
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COMMUNITY BENEFITS	<p>The project was started by the inline hockey community due to the lack of facilities in the area. This community recognised that it cannot sustainably run such an operation, so other minority sport communities joined the effort. The minority sports are closely related to disabled sports on the continent and Salmiakki CIC want to bring this feature into Britain and so have designed a facility that actively includes a variety of disabled activities. Salmiakki CIC will reduce the cost barrier for participation by running a non-profit organisation and will provide much needed variety in the number of different sports and activities that Fareham residents can participate in.</p> <p>Salmiakki CIC propose that profits from the rink are reinvested into local minority sports in the form of sports equipment for people to use free of charge at the rink as well as completely free rink time for public skating sessions.</p>
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ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS	<p>The long-term plan is to build a near carbon neutral sport facility. In Phase 1, LED lighting will be installed that will reduce the electricity consumption drastically. Phase 2 will follow in Year 6 when the proposal is to install solar panels to provide a renewable energy source funded by a half price rent period in Year 6 so no external funding is expected to be needed.</p>
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LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES	<p>This application is consistent with the Council's role of "a partner", as identified in the Leisure Strategy, to continue, where possible, to actively collaborate with other providers within the local area to maximise potential opportunities for sport.</p> <p>The Ward Councillors for Fareham East have been consulted on the application.</p> <p>Cllr Whittle gave in principle support, subject to being able to evaluate the impact on local residents from traffic, noise etc. when the location of the venue was available.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Trott is fully supportive of the application and proposals.</p>
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PROJECT RISKS	<p>For the project to be sustainable Salmiakki CIC require 100% rate relief. The Council's Local Taxation Manager has indicated that based on current information provided in the business plan they would be entitled to 100% relief. However the final decision can only be made when the club is up and running as further consideration needs to be given to the proposed bar and club shop arrangement.</p> <p>Salmiakki CIC is a new organisation with no trading record. The Business Plan has been reviewed by Finance Officers and whilst it appears comprehensive the sustainability of the project depends on significant income being generated through use of the facility as well as income from advertising, club shop and bar and catering sales.</p> <p>Salmiakki CIC are seeking the grant to be paid in advance of the project completion to allow payment in advance to the dasher board supplier and shipping company rather than reimbursing Salmiakki CIC against receipts.</p>
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RECOMMEND	<p>That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £21,500 to this application, subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The remainder of funding being in place. 2. The organisation entering into a Community Funding Agreement. 3. The organisation holds the lease for the property where the new facility is to be developed.
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Appendix C (1) - [Address of property where the new facility is to be developed](#)