

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application – St. Peter’s Church, Titchfield</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Community Engagement Strategy
<b>Corporate Objective:</b>	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 Paul Angelides, Chairman of the Fabric Committee at St. Peter’s Church, Titchfield, for the sum of £1512.00 towards the restoration of a Gothic Tomb which is located in the churchyard.

The tomb was built circa 1850 for the Woolridge family but was dismantled approximately 50 years ago with many others, which have long since disappeared. The tomb is the only example of a Gothic Tomb in Hampshire and is of great historical value to the village of Titchfield. Although the tomb is currently lying flat on the ground, 80% of the tomb chest has survived and it is proposed that the tomb be restored. A Faculty for the works to be undertaken has already been obtained from the Portsmouth Diocese and approval has been given by the Registry Clerk.

The restoration work will be carried out in three phases, at a total cost of £3906.00:

Phase one will ensure the clearing of all the debris and soil from the site, building of the tomb foundation (using Fareham red bricks from site or reclamation), and repairing the barrel roof of the vault.

Phase two will entail building onto the new foundation stone and works to support the inner walls, sides and end panels.

The third and final phase will include the building of the Portland stone tomb chest using all available existing stone on site, with any missing sections to be replaced

with reclaimed Portland. The Portland stone ledger will also be reinstated.

The restored tomb will be seen by all those visiting the churchyard and the church, which already holds historical monuments including the Earl of Southampton Tomb.

The local community in Titchfield has been involved in fundraising for the restoration project and the project team has already raised the funds for the first two phases, with the support of local residents and community groups. They are therefore requesting £1512.00 from the community fund to enable them to finance the final stage of the restoration.

Councillor Mrs Hockley and Councillor Miss Harper are in support of this application.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £1512.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr Paul Angelides, 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 £1512.00 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.