

# 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 - Stubbington University of the Third Age (U3A)</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 Mrs Sheila Simpson, Treasurer of Stubbington University of the Third Age (U3A), for the sum of £500.00 to use towards the purchase of audio and visual equipment.

The U3A is a national, not-for-profit, self-help organisation for retired and semi-retired people, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. The U3A offers the opportunity for people to share their knowledge, experience and talents with others whilst also providing the chance to learn new skills themselves.

The Stubbington U3A division has been running since March 2015 and currently has over 300 members. Monthly meetings are held at Holy Rood Church Centre in Stubbington and they have also started up over 40 groups that meet regularly, including bird watching, computing, genealogy, gardening, photography and walking.

The group would like to purchase equipment including a laptop, projector and speakers for use at their meetings. This equipment will enhance their monthly meetings and assist with presentations to improve the visual and audio experience for the members. As well as being used at the monthly meetings, the equipment will also be available for members to use at their regular groups.

The total cost of the equipment is approximately £1513.00. Stubbington U3A will be contributing £1013.00 from their funds and are therefore applying to the community fund for the remaining £500.00.

Councillor Mrs Mandry and Councillor Wood are in support of this application.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £500.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mrs Simpson of Stubbington U3A towards the purchase of audio and visual equipment, 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 £500.00 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.