

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 03 July 2018

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Warsash Tennis Club
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

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 Warsash Tennis Club, for the sum of £4,999 to contribute to their project to resurface their four tennis courts.

The Club leases the tennis courts at Osborne Road, Warsash, from Fareham Borough Council with a condition of the lease being that they are responsible for the maintenance of the courts. The organisation states that they maintain the facility at a high level. However, two of their courts are urgently in need of resurfacing due to degradation of the tarmac. As the remaining two were last surfaced in 2007, and to enjoy the economies of scale, the Club plans this year to resurface all four courts together.

Despite being a private members club, with 140 members, the Club holds approximately 20 'pay and play' sessions per year and 5 coaching sessions per week for children, none of which require membership.

The project has been costed at £44,813 in total. The Club has secured a loan from the Lawn Tennis Association for £12,000 and a contribution from Hampshire Playing Fields for £2,000. The organisation's end of year accounts in February 2018 reported total funds of £44,060. However, of these funds £20,400 is being ringfenced for floodlight replacement and running costs, leaving £23,660 available for the court resurfacing project. Since this time, members have raised an additional

£2,154 through donations and fundraising activities, leaving a shortfall for the project of £4,999.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Ford, have indicated their support for this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by Warsash Tennis Club, be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the agreed Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards the project will be £4,999 which can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this report.