

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 14 November 2018

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – St Mary’s Church, Hook with Warsash
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 St Mary’s Church, Hook-with-Warsash, for the sum of £3,400 to replace the boiler at the Church Hall.

The Hall is a popular facility, well-used by the community for various activities, including Guides, an art group, a dance and theatre group, a bridge club and parties. It is managed by a subsidiary committee of the Church, and all profits from its hire, averaging £3,600 per year, are absorbed by the Church at the end of the financial year.

The current boiler is ageing and is no longer fit for purpose.

The Church’s accounts for the year ending December 2017 listed £23,217 available in unrestricted funds. However, the Church has a priority repair project for the church building itself, which is anticipated to cost in excess of £50,000 in the coming years. In addition, the Hall’s guttering, fascia and soffits are in need of repair which has been anticipated to cost the Church a further £3,800.

Ward Councillor, Councillor Cartwright, is fully supportive of the application. His fellow Ward Councillor, Councillor Ford, has declared his interest with the application as he is a member of the St Mary’s Church Hall Management committee.

Recommendation:

That the application for £3,400 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by St Mary's Church, Hook with Warsash, 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 this project will be £3,400 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.