

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 07 January 2019

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Matched Funding: Sarisbury Cricket Club
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priorities:	All corporate objectives apply

Purpose:

To provide details of the matched funding request received by the Council during the third quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.

Executive summary:

A matched funding bid has been received from Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club towards the cost of the reconfiguration of the changing rooms at the Club's premises at Allotment Road Recreation Ground, Sarisbury.

It is anticipated that the proposed changes to the layout will increase capacity and accommodate the inclusion of indoor toilets, in addition to increasing the useable space in the clubhouse in such a way as to maximise the space available for other community organisations to hire.

The total cost of the project is £48,000, of which Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club has applied to Hampshire County Council's Community Buildings Fund for £16,000.

The Club currently has £5,000 pledged in sponsorship from local businesses for the project and, as of the accounting period ending September 2018, had £14,117 listed in current assets.

Sarisbury Athletic Club has requested £16,000 towards their project to reconfigure the changing rooms.

This grant award is critical to the delivery of the project and is also needed to secure the other source of grant funding.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive:

- (a) considers offering a matched funding grant of up to £16,000 to Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club, to reconfigure the changing rooms at their clubhouse at Allotment Road Recreation Ground, Sarisbury;
- (b) agrees the award of the funding subject to Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club producing the final detailed plans, in addition to written consents and permissions from Planning and Building Control;
- (c) agrees the award of the funding subject to Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club agreeing terms for community use as set out in the Community Fund Agreement in Appendix A and Community Fund Award Letter as set out in Appendix B; and
- (d) agrees the award of the funding subject to Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club providing written acknowledgement of a successful application to the Hampshire County Council Community Buildings Fund for the £16,000 to match Fareham Borough Council's contribution.

Reason:

To act as an enabler, assisting the local community to introduce new and improved facilities within the community.

Cost of proposals:

The grant requested is £16,000 and the Community Funding Budget currently has funds of £84,121.88

Appendices:

A: Proposed Community Funding Agreement – Sarisbury Athletic Club

B: Proposed Community Funding Award Letter – Sarisbury Athletic Club

Background papers:**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

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date:	07 January 2019
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Briefing by:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
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INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the details of the matched funding requests received by the Council during the third quarter of the 2018/19 financial year.
2. On 8 March 2010, the Executive considered a report on the various discretionary grants provided by the Council. The report included details regarding 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. It was agreed that any matched funding bids would be considered by the Executive on a quarterly basis. These Matched Funding reports would also identify matched funding requests "in the pipeline", to enable a more strategic approach to prioritising these requests.

CRITERIA

4. The criteria for matched funding awards are deliberately inexplicit. The Council will consider any project which benefits the local community and / or improves the local environment. Awards will usually only be made for capital projects.
5. Any matched funding application must demonstrate that the applicant will contribute an equal sum to the project as is being requested from the Council. This fosters a sense of commitment and ownership to the project from the local community, and as a result increases the likelihood that the benefits will continue to be valued and maintained in the future.
6. All successful applicants are required to sign a Community Use Agreement with the Council, to ensure that the project provides benefit to the local community. This enables an extension of this benefit to reach much further than the organisation making the application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The current balance of the community funding budget is £84,121.88.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS RECEIVED

8. Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club is a popular and growing organisation, with 5 adult sides, 130 children in various teams and a ladies' team. This popularity has resulted in the facilities in their existing layout being inadequate.
9. A matched funding bid has been received from Sarisbury Athletic Club towards the cost of reconfiguring the layout of their premises at Allotment Road Recreation Ground, making the garage the away team changing room which will increase the size of the usable space in the clubhouse and enable the inclusion of indoor toilets. In addition to providing space to accommodate more members at any one time, the Club also plans to design the layout of the clubhouse in such a way as to maximise the useable space available for other community organisations to hire. The Club anticipates use by physiotherapists, the Allotment Association, pilates groups, tea parties for elderly people, a youth group, and are also in negotiation with the neighbouring Sarisbury Junior School regarding school groups being able to use the facility.
10. The total cost of the project is £48,000. The Club has approached Hampshire County Council for £16,000 from their Community Buildings Fund. The Club currently has £5,000 pledged in sponsorship from local businesses and is positive that they would be able to raise the additional £11,000 required through further sponsorship.
11. The accounts for the Club for the period ending September 2018 lists £14,117 in current assets.
12. The Club's premises at Allotment Road Recreation Ground is leased from the Council, and as such both the Estates Team and Property Team have an interest in this application. Neither Team has raised any objections to the plans. However, the Property Team has requested copies of the final details drawings, the Planning Permission and official Building Control approval in writing.

COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION

13. Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Woodward and Councillor Butts, have confirmed their support of this application.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS "IN THE PIPELINE"

14. AFC Portchester has demonstrated some interest in making an application for up to £50,000 for flood lighting at their site at Wicor Recreation Ground. However, these plans are currently in the early stages and formal Planning consent is required before further consideration can be given to this application.

RISK ASSESSMENT

15. Any delay in awarding the community grant will jeopardise the project due to Hampshire County Council not supporting the application to the Community Buildings Fund, as a result of the Club's inability to identify adequate funding.

CONCLUSION

16. This report sets out details for the matched funding bid received from Sarisbury Athletic Cricket Club. The bid is for £16,000 towards the cost of reconfiguring the layout of the Club's premises at Allotment Road Recreation Ground.

Enquiries:

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