

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 22 January 2020

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application – Warsash Neighbourhood Forum</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Leisure and Community
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	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 the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum for the sum of £812.51 to fund £576 for an advertisement in the local Loop magazine, £56.51 for 2000 A4 flyers and £180 for one year's website hosting and domain validation.

The Forum was designated by the Council on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 following evidence of public support for its establishment, identified through public consultation.

The purpose of the Forum is to enable the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Warsash Neighbourhood Area, covering the villages of Warsash, Chilling and Hook. This allows residents from each of these areas to have a say in the production of the Plan.

The group is in the process of setting up as a Community Interest Company (CIC). Once the CIC has been registered, the Forum need to apply for Locality funding, which it plans to support the Group's future development and ensure sustainability.

Locality funding is allocated by the Government and provides an initial basic grant of up to £9,000 to groups working on a Neighbourhood Plan, to cover costs of publicity, hosting events, producing copies of plans and contracting professional consultants

to advise on the proposed plans. Further funding of an additional £8,000 is also available through Locality, for groups working on allocating sites for housing. The Warsash Neighbourhood Forum would meet this qualifying condition.

The Director of Leisure and Community and the Executive Member for Leisure and Community have previously met with representatives of the Forum to remind the organisation of their ability to apply for Locality funding.

The Warsash Neighbourhood Forum has received much support from the Council. The Department of Leisure and Community has supported the Forum with community consultation and advice regarding accessing Locality funding. The Planning Department continues to work closely with this group to advise on appropriate options for the Neighbourhood Plan and planning processes.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Ford, are supportive of the work of the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £812.51 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by the Warsash Neighbourhood Forum, be considered.

**Reason:**

This application is suitable for consideration of Community Funding.

**Cost of Proposals:**

The total allocation towards this project would be £812.51 which could be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no identified risks associated with this report.

**Appendix A: Letter to Mr Matt Hall dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**