

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 10 June 2013

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Matched Funding - Quarterly Report
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Grants Policy
Corporate Objective:	All corporate objectives apply

Purpose:

To provide details of matched funding requests received by the Council during the first quarter of the 2013/14 financial year.

Executive summary:

During this quarter, the Council has received three matched funding requests as follows:

Portchester Bowls Club has requested £22,500 towards replacing the artificial outdoor rink. Full details are set out in Appendix A.

Titchfield Bowls Club has requested £20,000 towards replacing their existing pavilion, toilets and storage facilities. Full details are set out in Appendix B.

Fareham Hockey Club has requested £11,000 towards replacing the lights and reflectors on the existing floodlight pylons. Full details are set out in Appendix C.

Recommendation:

- (a) That a matched funding award of up to £22,500 be considered for Portchester Bowls Club.
- (b) That a matched funding award of up to £20,000 be considered for Titchfield Bowls Club.
- (c) That a matched funding award of up to £11,000 be considered for Fareham Hockey Club.
- (d) Any award would be subject to all contributory funding being secured.
- (e) The award for Titchfield Bowls Club and Fareham Hockey Club would be subject to the work receiving all necessary Local Authority approvals i.e. planning permission and building regulations.
- (f) A Community Use Agreement is entered into with Portchester Bowls Club, Titchfield Bowls Club and Fareham Hockey Club.

Reason:

To act as an enabler, assisting the local community in making improvements to local community facilities, and introducing new facilities for the benefit of all age groups within the community.

Cost of proposals:

Up to £53,500 (the matched funding budget currently has funds of approximately £174,000)

- Appendices A:** Matched Funding Application – Portchester Bowls Club
B: Matched Funding Application – Titchfield Bowls Club
C: Matched Funding Application – Fareham Hockey Club

Background papers: None

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INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of any matched funding requests received by the Council during the first quarter of the 2013/14 financial year.

BACKGROUND

2. On 8 March 2010, the Executive considered a report on the various discretionary grants provided by the Council. The report included details on 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. The report also highlighted the need for the Council to take a more coordinated approach in assessing matched funding requests in the future.
4. It was agreed that the procedure for applying for matched funding be changed so that bids would be considered by the Executive on a quarterly basis, by predefined dates, in order that applications could be prioritised.
5. It was also suggested that as matched funding requests are received, those "in the pipeline" are identified, as well as those submitted for formal consideration.

CRITERIA

6. The criteria for matched funding awards have been deliberately kept simple. The Council will consider any project which benefits the local community and/or improves the local environment.
7. Awards will only be made for capital projects and will not include on-going revenue funding.

8. The important fact about a matched funding application is that the sum being requested from the Council needs to be matched by the applicant and/or other agencies. This helps to ensure that there is a definite commitment and sense of ownership from the local community in both delivering the project and maintaining the facilities thereafter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The current balance of the matched funding budget is approximately £174,000.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS RECEIVED

Portchester Bowls Club

10. A matched funding bid has been received from Portchester Bowls Club for a sum of up to £22,500 towards replacing the artificial outdoor rink, by repairing the base of the rink and providing a new underlay and surface carpet. The improvements would enable the club to continue to provide bowling facilities to all members of the community, including club members and casual players.
11. Ultimately, it is hoped that the works will allow the club to increase membership and participation in the sport. The details are set out in Appendix A.

Councillor Consultation

12. Ward Councillors Fazackarley, Norris and Price are fully supportive of the application.

Titchfield Bowls Club

13. A matched funding bid has been received from Titchfield Bowls Club for a sum of up to £20,000, towards replacing the club's pavilion, toilets and storage facilities. The improvements would provide the club with facilities better suited to its current membership and casual players from the community. The full details are set out in Appendix B.

Councillor Consultation

14. Ward Councillors Miss Harper and Mrs Hockley are fully supportive of the application.

Fareham Hockey Club

15. A matched funding bid has been received from Fareham Hickey Club for a sum of up to £11,000, towards replacing the lights and reflectors on the existing floodlight pylons. The improvements will enable the pitch to meet the requirements laid out by England Hockey and the Hampshire Hockey Association.
16. In completing the works the club can continue to promote hockey in the community and the facility can continue to be used by a number of other local sports clubs.

Councillor Consultation

17. Councillors Steadman and Whittingham are fully supportive of the application. Councillor Davies is also supportive, but would like to see the Hockey Club make a financial contribution to the project.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS “IN THE PIPELINE”

18. There are no potential matched funding bids in the pipeline at the current time.

RISK ASSESSMENT

19. The risks and opportunities associated with each funding bid are considered on an individual basis and details are included in each assessment document.

CONCLUSION

20. This report sets out details for the matched funding bids received by the Council for the first quarter of the 2013/14 financial year.

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