APPENDIX A

## MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST

APPLICANT	Portchester Bowls Club
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The Portchester Bowling Club was formed in 1986 to serve the needs of bowlers in the Portchester area.
	The club play on an all-weather artificial outdoor rink, which is ideal for players who may not have the strength to play on grass rinks.
	The club also have an indoor section who play at the adjacent Portchester Community Centre.
	The artificial outdoor rink is approaching the end of its life and is in need of replacement to enable bowls to continue to be played at this location. The required works would include repairs to the base of the rink, provision of a new underlay and a new surface carpet.
	The improvements would enable the club to continue to provide this facility to all members of the community, either on a membership or casual play basis.

PROJECT COSTS	The total project cost is £45,000
PROJECT FUNDING	The club propose to fund £22,500 of the project from existing club funds and are seeking matched funding of up to £22,500 to fund the remaining balance.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS	<ul> <li>The proposed works would allow the bowls club to:</li> <li>Actively pursue additional membership in the knowledge that they are able to provide the required level of facilities to attract and retain members.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Invite schools and other groups to participate in an outdoor activity that they have previously not tried.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Provide coaching sessions to those who have</li> </ul>

not previously tried the sport.
• Continue to work in partnership with the tenants of the new Portchester Community Centre to develop and offer bowls facilities both outside and inside of the community centre.
<ul> <li>To provide a social base for those non-playing members of the bowls club.</li> </ul>

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS	None identified.
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LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES	This application is consistent with the Council's role of "a partner", as identified in the Leisure Strategy, to continue, where possible, to actively collaborate with other providers within the local area to maximise potential opportunities for sport.
	The application links to the Council's corporate priority of providing a range of leisure opportunities for the health and fun of residents of all ages.
	The ward councillors are fully supportive of the application.

	The project would be managed by the bowls club who would appoint a sole contractor to carry out all of the works.
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RECOMMEND	That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £22,500 to this application, subject to:
	1. the remainder of funding being in place.
	<ol> <li>the club entering into a Community Use Agreement.</li> </ol>