

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 10 December 2020

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application – Titchfield Allotments Association
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Programme.

Executive summary:

An application for Community Funding has been received from the Titchfield Allotments Association for the sum of £1,800, to contribute towards the installation of a composting toilet for their site on Segensworth Road.

The Association is a thriving part of the community with 72 members, 66 of whom reside within the Borough of Fareham. Its aim is to provide a horticultural experience for local residents at the 2.5 acre site that it leases from Hampshire County Council.

Due to an increase in membership by women and families, there is a growing need for toilet facilities on site. The Association has researched options and has identified that a composting toilet would be the most appropriate option. The toilet would remain the property and responsibility of the Titchfield Allotments Association once installed.

Hampshire County Council has provided written consent for the toilet to be installed on their land and initial conversations with the Council's Planning Department indicate that planning permission would be awarded for the toilet. The Association aims to make a formal planning application following confirmation that funding is available for the project.

The total cost of the project is £2,268, comprising of £2,034 for the toilet (including solar lighting) and £234 for the planning application. The Association is requesting £1,800 from the Community Fund, with the remainder being funded through their

reserves. As of September, of this year, the Association listed £2,171.88 in their accounts. The organisation has also made contact with Hampshire County Council enquiring about funding towards the project. At this moment in time, no funding is available from the County Councillors' grant for the remainder of the financial year and as a result their request was declined.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Mrs Hockley and Councillor Harper, are supportive of this application.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

That the application for £1,800 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Titchfield Allotments Association, to contribute to the installation of a composting toilet for their Segensworth Road site, be approved.

That the award is subject to the Association securing Planning consent for the installation of the composting toilet.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Cost of proposals:

The total allocation towards the project will be £1,800, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.