

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 13 December 2022

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Warsash Tennis Club
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 funding has been received from Warsash Tennis Club for £4,999 from the Community Fund towards their project to replace the traditional halogen floodlights for tennis courts 3 and 4 with more energy efficient LED lighting.

Warsash Tennis Club is a popular organisation based at Osborne Road Recreation Ground, Warsash. It has four tennis courts which it leases from the Council and has 230 members to date. In addition to providing a venue at which members and non-members alike can practice their skills and members can take part in matches, it holds popular coaching events for local children. The Club is very community focussed, making its coaches and facilities available to the neighbouring Hook with Warsash Church of England Primary School and local scout troops as well as providing a Holiday Activities and Food scheme for local children in receipt of Free School Meals.

In 2020 the Club chose to replace 4 of its 8 old halogen floodlights with LED lighting, to reduce both energy bills and the impact of the energy usage on the planet. Having seen the improvement that this work has made, notably an 80 percent reduction in energy usage, the Club is now eager to replace the 4 remaining older floodlights with LEDs.

The Planning Department has recently notified the Club that no planning permission is required for this project.

The work has been quoted at £10,464 for supply and installation. To date, the Club has requested £3,000 from the Hampshire County Councillors Fund and plans to

contribute £2,465 from the Club's reserves. The Club is requesting £4,999 from the Community Fund towards this project.

The last full accounts available for the Club, from February 2021, lists total funds of £30,307. Of this, £11,880 is allocated to the 'court maintenance and replacement fund' which saves towards costly court resurfacing.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Ford and Councillor Burgess, are in support of this application. Councillor Burgess has declared a conflict of interest as she is a member and coach of the Club.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that this application be approved.

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 £4,999 which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.