

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 20 January 2023

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application – Burridge Sports and Social Club</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Leisure and Community
<b>Corporate Priorities:</b>	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 Burridge Sports and Social Club for £4,999 from the Community Fund towards their project to renovate the Gents' toilets of their Clubhouse off the Botley Road in Burridge.

The Clubhouse is owned by the Burridge Sports and Social Club and as a result they are fully responsible for its upkeep.

The Club is a thriving organisation, providing a base for Burridge Cricket Club, Burridge Association Football Club and Cobbetts Boules Club. The Clubhouse provides a venue for the members of each of these Clubs, 305 in total, in addition to being widely used by competing teams and spectators, alongside external bookings by the community for meetings, drama rehearsals, band practice, charity events and birthday parties when the neighbouring Village Hall and Scout Hut are unable to accommodate hirers.

Over the last two years, the Club has carried out extensive renovations, including the installation of double glazing and LED lighting, the redecoration of the changing rooms and ladies' toilets, in addition to progressing with security improvements.

The existing gents' toilets are worn and no longer fit for purpose. The Club has identified that the cost of the project will be £11,982 and are requesting a contribution of £4,999 from the Community Fund towards these improvements. The remainder of the funds required can be met from the Club's reserves.

As of the close of November 2022, the organisation listed £20,572.92 in their accounts, with expenditure for the previous year of £24,150.71.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Woodward and Councillor Burton, are fully supportive of this request.

**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.