

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2510

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Leisure and Community

Wednesday, 17 January 2024

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Bee Released Counselling
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for wellbeing and fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Voluntary Sector Support Fund Programme.

An application for Voluntary Sector Support Funding has been received from Bee Released Counselling for £30 to cover the costs of one year's membership to Action Hampshire plus £446 for one day's one-to-one guidance from Action Hampshire to support future planning and increase referrals.

Bee Released are a local Community Interest Company operating in the community largely in Portchester and Whiteley. In the last year they have supported 50 people from across the Borough, offering low-cost counselling sessions for adults. They are professionally accredited and have a particular focus on providing counselling around mental health concerns and for carers.

The total income of the organisation for last year was £1,528. Bee Released is requesting funding to become a member of Action Hampshire and also for a one-to-one session for support with planning and projections for the future with aims and objectives to better target referrals.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that this application is approved.

Reason:

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

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Mrs S Walker (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
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