

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

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| <b>Portfolio:</b>           | Leisure and Community                                  |
| <b>Subject:</b>             | <b>Community Fund Application – The Rainbow Centre</b> |
| <b>Report of:</b>           | Director of Finance and Resources                      |
| <b>Strategy/Policy:</b>     | Community Engagement Strategy                          |
| <b>Corporate Objective:</b> | Strong and Inclusive Communities                       |

#### **Purpose:**

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

#### **Executive Summary:**

Joanne White, Development Officer from The Rainbow Centre has requested £3,000.00 to install a condensing central heating boiler and flue. This will include the adaptation of existing pipework, replacing leaking level valves, electrical connections to new boiler, fill and vent central heating and commission the boiler and register with gas safe.

The work is required as The Rainbow Centre's current boiler is in poor condition which means that they have no hot water, the under floor heating system is not fully functional and the room temperatures are not maintained at the correct levels as the boiler needs to be reset constantly throughout the day.

Also the heat exchangers are leaking and corroded which is causing electrical problems inside the boiler. The boiler has broken down several times in the last 12 months and The Rainbow Centre has already paid for replacement parts, at considerable cost. The Rainbow Centre has been advised that it has now become uneconomical to keep repairing the old boiler.

Whilst The Rainbow Centre has reserves, this is money that has been specifically donated as running costs following a recent appeal. The total cost for the project is £4,708.80 and Rainbow Centre is requesting £3,000.00; the remainder of the cost will come from reserves.

Councillor Howard is supportive of the bid; however, Councillor Steadman is not supportive.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £3,000.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Joanne White, Development Officer from The Rainbow Centre be approved.

**Reason:**

This application meets the agreed Community Funding Programme criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

**Cost of Proposals:**

The total cost of this project will be £3,000.00 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no identified risks.