

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – 1st Catisfield Scout Group
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

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

Executive Summary:

Mrs Mary Maclean, Treasurer for the 1st Catisfield Scout Group has requested £2,400 to reduce two mature Oaks by 30%, fell a line of Leylandii and Ash trees, fell all boundary trees and shrubs behind the scout hut and remove all tree stumps.

The work is required as the trees overhang neighbouring residential properties and are causing concern to residents and the site would become safer and tidier reducing risk to neighbours' property and those who use the site.

Whilst the 1st Catisfield Scout Group do have reserves, these are monies which have been specifically donated to re-build/re-furbish the Scout Hut, have been ring-fenced for a year's running costs and also funds collected from parents for activities, camps, etc. and funds from fundraising. Therefore, the full amount of £2,400 is being requested from CATs funding.

Councillor Howard is supportive of the bid as Chairman of Fareham Town CATs Area. Councillors Keeble and Gregory are also supportive of the bid.

Recommendation:

That the application for £2,400 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mrs Mary Maclean, Treasurer for the 1st Catisfield Scout Group 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 £2,400 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks.