

MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST

APPLICANT	Catisfield Memorial Hall
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The Catisfield Memorial Hall is a small community hall in Catisfield that provides a range of facilities for the local community.</p> <p>The trustees own the freehold and both maintain and manage the hall on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>The trustees are seeking to upgrade the hall itself and the immediate boundary. Specific objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure the northern boundary to prevent unauthorised access from the new neighbouring housing development and the paddock next to it. • Redecoration of the kitchen. • The provision of additional kitchen equipment. • The provision of new folding tables. • The provision of baby changing facilities and electric hand driers in the WC's. • Installation of an illuminated notice board and illuminated bollards in the access way. <p>The trustees aim to complete the work in autumn 2014.</p>
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PROJECT COSTS	The total project cost is £15,553
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PROJECT FUNDING	The trustees propose to fund £7,993 of the project from their existing reserves of £8,000 with the balance of £7560 being sought from the Community Fund.
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APPENDIX A

COMMUNITY BENEFITS	<p>The proposed works will result in the users of the hall enjoying greater security.</p> <p>The hall is currently used by groups with young children and the provision of baby changing facilities will result in their needs being achieved and the ability to attract new similar groups to the hall.</p> <p>The improvements to the kitchen facility will be of benefit to the current users, and allow the hall to cater for the increased demand that is likely to occur following the completion of the residential development on the site of the former Hinton Hotel.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS	<p>There are no significant environmental benefits, however the use of modern kitchen appliances will be more energy efficient.</p>
LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES	<p>This application is consistent with the Council's role as "a partner", identified in the Leisure Strategy, to continue, where possible, to actively collaborate with other providers within the local area to maximise potential opportunities for sport.</p> <p>The ward Councillors are fully supportive of the application and proposals and the Executive Leader has given "in principle" support subject to consideration by the Executive.</p>
PROJECT RISKS	<p>The project would be managed by the trustees who would appoint a sole contractor to carry out all of the works.</p>
RECOMMEND	<p>That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £7,560 to this application, subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The remainder of funding being in place.2. Receipt of all Local Authority approvals, i.e. building regulations.