

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Autism Hampshire
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:

Kathryn Cornish, Project Officer for Autism Hampshire, has requested £2,687.66 for the purchase of good quality resources that can be reused to support and enhance the social activities that Autism Hampshire and their partners run for adults with autism in Fareham.

Autism Hampshire is currently working in partnership with Fareham Leisure Centre, Sensecere Ltd and Hampshire County Council's Disability Sports Development Officer to run regular sporting and sensory social activities for adults who are disabled by their autism. Autism Hampshire is also working with The Highlands Hub.

Autism Hampshire is requesting the full amount from CATs and in turn they will provide, and have resourced, the following which have a monetary value of approximately £4,500.

- project development and management, autism training and expertise, links with the autism community. Group facilitator for Highlands Hub group, including travel costs.
- Fareham Leisure Centre – project development, free room provision and staff payment for autism awareness training, reduced room hire, room set up and provision of a free quiet room.
- Hampshire County Council – provision of expert sporting disability advice and grant funding.
- Highlands Hub, support from staff and volunteers, free use of a quiet room when needed. Staff and volunteers have attended autism awareness.

Autism Hampshire uses various satellite venues around the Borough, therefore the views of all the Ward Councillors where potential CATs funds will be distributed have been sought and the following Councillors are supportive of the bid, Councillor

Howard as Chairman of Fareham Town CATs Area, Councillors Bryant, Woodward and Swanbrow.

Recommendation:

That the application for £2,687.66 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Kathryn Cornish, Project Officer for Autism Hampshire 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 £2,687.66 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks.