

MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST

APPLICANT	Lee-on-the-Solent Golf Club
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The Lee-on-the-Solent Golf Club is a members only golf club located off Broom Way, Fareham.</p> <p>Approximately 80% of the land occupied by the club is in the Borough of Fareham with the remaining 20% within Gosport.</p> <p>The club is seeking to develop a dedicated playing area for the Junior Golf Academy which would consist of 5 short holes suitable for junior golfers starting out in the sport. It would provide opportunity juniors to experience golf and learn the basic techniques required before having to negotiate the 18 hole challenging course.</p> <p>When not in use by juniors, the short five hole course could be used by those older golfers who are still keen on the sport but can no longer manage to play a full round.</p> <p>The trustees aim to complete the work in autumn 2015.</p>
PROJECT COSTS	The total project cost is £32,000
PROJECT FUNDING	<p>The Management Committee have secured funding of £5,000 from the Hammond Memorial Trust and committed £12,900 of the clubs own funds to the first phase of the project.</p> <p>The club propose to fund the balance of the costs from applications to the Community Fund, the Veolia Trust and the Hampshire Playing Fields Association.</p> <p>Should there remain a shortfall then the club would hold Extraordinary General Meeting to seek to draw on the clubs reserves.</p> <p>The club and officers of Fareham Borough Council have approached Gosport Borough Council to seek funding support, but they have not responded positively.</p>

<p>COMMUNITY BENEFITS</p>	<p>The proposed junior golf area would be available to members only, but the club have significantly reduced their junior membership fees to encourage membership with fees starting at £10 per annum for Under 12's rising to £100 for the age group 15 – 17. The annual fee allows for unlimited access to the course.</p> <p>The proposal will provide younger members of the community the opportunity to learn the skills of golf and thereby encourage them to get into the sport without any previous experience.</p> <p>The proposal will also benefit the older community by enabling them to continue to play golf on a smaller less demanding course.</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS</p>	<p>There are no significant environmental benefits arising from the project.</p>
<p>LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES</p>	<p>This application is consistent with the Council's role of "a partner", as 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 Member for Leisure and Community has given "in principle" support subject to consideration by the Executive.</p>
<p>PROJECT RISKS</p>	<p>The project would be managed by the trustees who would appoint a sole contractor to carry out all of the works.</p>
<p>RECOMMEND</p>	<p>That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £12,000 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.