

<b>MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST</b>	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Catisfield Scout Group
<b>BACKGROUND TO PROJECT</b>	<p>The Catisfield Scout Group has operated from the same location at Blackbrook Road since the 1950's from two former builder's site huts which has seen little maintenance since the 1970's.</p> <p>The facilities are no longer suitable and require significant improvement to address problems with water ingress, poor insulation, inadequate security and limited access for those with a disability.</p>
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Following a structural survey, the following works have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creation of a new off road parking area.</li> <li>• The demolition of one of the huts which is no longer structurally sound.</li> <li>• A replacement roof and rainwater goods.</li> <li>• Replacement windows and external doors.</li> <li>• Repairs to the external waterproof cladding.</li> <li>• The creation of new kitchen and WC facilities (currently located in the hut to be demolished.)</li> <li>• Dry lining the interior walls.</li> <li>• Replacing the floor</li> <li>• Demolition of one of the huts.</li> </ul>
<b>PROJECT COSTS</b>	The total project cost is £100,000
<b>PROJECT FUNDING</b>	<p>The total project cost is £100,000</p> <p>The Catisfield Scout Group intends to utilise £30,000 of their reserves of (£38,000). This will enable them to commence the project and undertake this as a phased basis as further funds are raised.</p> <p>The Catisfield Scout Group is seeking a matched funding request of up to £30,000.</p> <p>The scout group have accumulated a building fund of £38,000 towards the project which will enable them to commence work on the first phases of the project. The final phase, the demolition of the redundant hut will take once the balance of the funding has been secured.</p>

<b>COMMUNITY BENEFITS</b>	<p>The Scout hut and site is a key community facility in the Fareham West ward where there is a general shortage of community space.</p> <p>In addition to the scouts it is used by a number of community groups but the standard of the facilities is deterring some users in particular the presence of WC's facilities in only one of the buildings (the one to be demolished).</p> <p>On completion of the project, the building will provide a fit for purpose community facility available to local groups along with improved facilities to the local children attending the scout group.</p>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS</b>	<p>Energy consumption will be significantly reduced by providing a building insulated to current building regulations.</p>
<b>LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES</b>	<p>This application is consistent with the Council's role of "a partner", as identified in the Leisure Strategy, continuing, where possible, to actively collaborate with other providers within the local area to maximise potential opportunities for sport and the provision of community facilities.</p>
<b>PROJECT RISKS</b>	<p>No significant risks have been identified for this project.</p>
<b>RECOMMEND</b>	<p>That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £30,000 to this application.</p>