**LEISURE, WELLBEING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**14 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**PART I - DELEGATED**

**5. LEISURE, COMMUNITY AND CAPITAL GRANTS APPLICATIONS** (CED)

1. **Summary**
	1. The Committee is asked to consider Leisure & Community Grants for Mill End & District Community Association, Northwood Live at Home, SafeRoading Ltd and Small Acts of Kindness CIC.
	2. The Committee is also asked to consider Capital Grants for ASCEND, Bushey Cricket Club, Croxley Guild Bowls Club, Sarratt Tennis Club and South Oxhey Boxing Club.

2. **Details**

2.1 The Council administers a Leisure and Community funding pot of £35,000 per annum and a Capital funding pot of £60,000 per annum.

* 1. Awards previously agreed and the balance of funding available for 2016-17 is shown in the table below.

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| **Projects** | **Leisure & Community, £** | **Capital, £** |
| Abbots Langley Youth Project (Service Level Agreement, SLA) | 2,000 |  |
| Home Start (SLA) | 4,800 |  |
| Roundabout (SLA) | 6,000 |  |
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| **Total allocated** | **12,800** |  |
| 2016/17 budget | 35,000 | 60,000 |
| **Balance remaining** | **22,200** | **60,000** |

2.3 The following applications have been evaluated in accordance with the grants process agreed by the Executive Committee on 3 December 2012 along with the revisions made by the Leisure, Wellbeing & Health Committee on 6 July 2015 and 28 June 2016.

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| *Leisure & Community Grant Applications* | *Appendix* | *Priority Score* | *Grant**requested* | *Grant recommended* |
|  |  |  | £ | £ |
| Mill End & District Community Association | A | 55 | 2,050 | 1,690 |
| Northwood Live at Home | B | 36 | 3,000 | 0 |
| SafeRoading Ltd | C | 55 | 4,200 | 3,000 |
| Small Acts of Kindness CIC | D | 44 | 2,810 | 2,810 |
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| **Total** |  |  | **12,060** | **7,500** |

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| *Capital Grant Application* | *Appendix* | *Priority Score* | *Grant**requested* | *Grant recommended* |
|  |  |  | £ | £ |
| ASCEND | E | 70 | 4,000 | 3,960 |
| Bushey Cricket Club | F | 40 | 6,000 | 3,090 |
| Croxley Guild Bowls Club | G | 55 | 10,000 | 8,960 |
| Sarratt Tennis Club | H | 50 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| South Oxhey Boxing Club | I | 70 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
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| **Total** |  |  | **40,000** | **36,010** |

2.4 In line with the expressed views of Members, the applicants have been encouraged to attend the Committee meeting and speak for 3 minutes about their application.

* + 1. **Options/Reasons for Recommendation**

**Leisure and Community Grants**

* 1. Mill End & District Community Association (MEADCA)
		1. The project involves the delivery of music workshops targeted at the medium to long-term unemployed with the aim of getting them closer to learning, volunteering and employment.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
1. Other organisations including ASCEND and Youth Connexions have previously commissioned the organisation, who will deliver the workshops for MEADCA.
2. The Council’s Arts Officer reported that they were not aware of anything similar operating in the area and that the plan in place for continuing beyond the 10-week workshop sessions is encouraging. The officer also referenced to the evidence base for arts being used as a tool to improve health and wellbeing.
	* 1. The project score of 55 enables officers to recommend 70% (or £1,690) of the total project cost of £2,410 for award.
		2. Further details are provided in Appendix A.
	1. Northwood Live at Home (NLH)
		1. The project involves funding additional outreach staff to enable NLH to identify and enable people aged 60+, who live in the areas which border Northwood, to attend NLH services in Northwood along with the development of potential new Three Rivers-based activities.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following organisations that provide services for the same target group as NLH:

**Watford & Three Rivers Trust, WTRT**

1. WTRT is commissioned by Herts County Council, HCC to deliver lunch clubs in Three Rivers until the end 31 March 2017. A review is currently taking place concerning HCC funding to lunch clubs in Hertfordshire beyond April 2017.
2. WTRT clubs are delivered in venues across Three Rivers including in Mill End, Abbots Langley, South Oxhey, Chorleywood and Croxley Green. WTRT is currently investigating the possibility of opening a club in Rickmansworth.
3. The clubs cost £4.50/person/session on top of a membership fee of £12/year. Transport is provided (at a cost) for those that meet the criteria.
4. WTRT state that they have participants from all areas across the District, including areas that border Northwood.

 **Age UK Hertfordshire, AUK**

1. AUK is commissioned by HCC to deliver the following services in the District:

Healthwise / Chalmers Court Day Centre / InTouch Scheme / Visiting Scheme / Telephone Club / Hospital Discharge Scheme.

1. AUK also deliver the following services from the Clitheroe Club, South Oxhey:
- a daily Lunch Club and Coffee Mornings / weekly Exercise Sessions (including Council funded Tai Chi) / the Council-funded ‘Men in Sheds’ project.
2. The club has participants from a wide catchment area including the Eastbury ward.
3. Club services range from being free to attend to £11/person/session for the lunch club. Transport is provided (at a cost) for those that meet the criteria.

**The Royal Voluntary Service, RVS**

1. An RVS-managed lunch and activity club will move from central Rickmansworth to a venue in Mill End from October 2016 (with the help of a Council grant).
2. The club costs £5/person/session with attendees paying travel costs separately through the Council-funded Roundabout Transport service.
	* 1. Due to the points raised above, which include details of services already commissioned using public funds, officers do not recommend a grant award.
		2. Further details are provided in Appendix B.
	1. SafeRoading Ltd (SR)
		1. The project involves developing community ‘Share the Road’ cycle clubs in Mill End and South Oxhey by enabling participants to achieve Bikeability accreditation as well as be trained to be instructors/volunteers within the project.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
3. SR Ltd has applied for the Collective Group Community Interest Company (CIC) to exist so it can manage the Share the Road Cycle Clubs. Any grant agreed would go to the CIC and be ring-fenced for this project.
4. The Council is working on setting up a Public Health-funded Cycle Hub Scheme in various parts of the District. The Council Officer responsible reported that:
“When the cycle hub is launched there is a possibility of working with the CIC. The Hubs can provide the access to bikes in areas near key cycle lanes and the CIC can provide the education and on the road training.”
5. The Council’s Active Communities Officer stated that there is HCC-funded Cycle Training Scheme (CTS) that subsidises Bikeability training to years 4, 5 & 6 pupils in primary schools. CTS also offer adults ad-hoc individual and small group sessions delivered by community-based trainers. Watford Cycle Club (WCC) facilitate cycling to children and adults, primarily in Watford.
6. The officer believes that the Share the Road Cycle Clubs are different from CTS and WCC because they offer locally based subsidised training to whole family units as well as training local volunteers to become instructors themselves. Furthermore this will help in the sustainment of the two Community Cycle Clubs.
	* 1. The project score of 55 enables officers to recommend 70% (or £14,200) of the total project cost of £20,280 for award.
		2. The application was for £4,200. However the Leisure & Community cap is set at £3,000, officers therefore recommend this amount for award.
		3. Further details are provided in Appendix C.
	1. Small Acts of Kindness CIC (SAOK)
		1. The project involves delivery of 100 Warm in Winter and 100 Celebrate Christmas Packs to isolated and lonely older people throughout the District.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
7. There are a number of schemes that offer support to this client group including:

**Herts Healthy Homes**
Free home assessments which can lead to provision of heaters and heated blankets in crisis situations.

**Food Banks**

3 or 4 days food for people in crisis situations.

**Emergency Financial Schemes**

Schemes such as the Council’s ‘Beat the Killer Cold’ scheme offer financial support for people in crisis.

1. Organisations including Herts Independent Living Service, Age UK Hertfordshire, Watford Borough Council and Hertsmere Borough Council have either funded SAOK or referred clients to receive SAOK packs.
	* 1. The project score of 44 enables officers to recommend 55% (or £16,500) of the total project cost of £30,000 for award.
		2. However as the application was for £2,810, officers recommend this amount.
		3. Further details are provided in Appendix D.

**Capital Grants**

* 1. ASCEND
		1. The project involves installation of a new boiler in the Step-Up Learning & Wellbeing Centre in South Oxhey.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
1. The premises is owned by HCC and leased (at a subsidised rent) to Three Rivers District Council, who then sublet to ASCEND. A new lease, that would make ASCEND the sub-tenant until 2020, is currently in the process of being agreed between all parties.
2. ASCEND have consistently delivered on performance indicators set by the Three Rivers Local Strategic Partnership, who still part fund the Step Up project.
	* 1. The project score of 70 enables officers to recommend 85% (or £3,960) of the total project cost of £4,656 for award.
		2. Further details are provided in Appendix E.
	1. Bushey Cricket Club (BCC)
		1. The project involves purchase of a tractor and flail mower that will allow BCC to maintain its grounds in an efficient and cost effective manner.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
3. BCC have a lease with Affinity Water for the land until 2034.
4. BCC experienced severe flooding in 2009. A representative from the club stated the following:

“Following the flooding the pitch and clubhouse were restored through English Cricket Board funding, insurance money, Affinity Water help and BCC funds. We remain at the mercy of the elements because the land is a designated flood plain, so no barriers can be put in place.”

Furthermore it was stated that the new equipment will be stored in a place that is safe from being damaged by any future potential floods.

1. The Council’s Active Sports Officer is aware of the wider community work of BCC including outreach work at the primary schools in South Oxhey.
	* 1. The project score of 40 enables officers to recommend 40% (or £3,090) of the total project cost of £7,720 for award.
		2. Further details are provided in Appendix F.
	1. Croxley Guild Bowls Club (CGBC)
		1. The project involves the replacement of a worn out paved area surrounding the bowling green and replacement of a shed that is in a very poor state of repair.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
2. The Council lease the land, upon which the CGBC resides, to the Croxley Guild of Sport. There is 30 years left on the lease. CGBC pay a fee to the Guild to use the land and buildings.
3. The Council’s Active Sports Officer is aware of the wider community work of the club including encouraging pupils from Rickmansworth School, who do not take part in typical sports, to bowl.
4. The officer also supported CGBC in a recent unsuccessful funding application to Sport England for funding towards complete replacement of all paved areas surrounding the bowling green.
5. The club have applied to Croxley Green Parish Council for a grant towards repairing some pipework. Consequently they are not applying for funding from the Parish Council for this project.
	* 1. The project score of 55 enables officers to recommend 70% (or £8,960) of the total project cost of £12,800 for award.
		2. Further details are provided in Appendix G.
	1. Sarratt Tennis Club, STC
		1. The project involves resurfacing the 2 courts at the club.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
6. The club is located on King George V playing fields, of which the Parish Council is Custodian Trustees. A Charitable Trust runs the activities that take place on the fields. STC occupies the facilities under a long term licence from the Trust. The licence is a 25 year licence from 1 April 2007.
7. The current Council’s Active Sports Officer has not had any dealings with STC however the club arrange summer camps for children and young people to widen their reach into the community. The officer will contact the club regarding the possibility of delivering some of the Public Health-funded physical activity sessions to target health inequality groups (e.g. older people).
	* 1. The project score of 50 enables officers to recommend 55% (or £26,400) of the total project cost of £48,000 for award.
		2. However as the application is for £10,000 officers recommend this amount.
		3. Further details are provided in Appendix H.
	1. South Oxhey Boxing Club
		1. The project involves replacing the roof as well as the purchase and installation of new wall-mounted heaters and a boiler.
		2. Officers would like to make Members aware of the following:
8. The club is currently on a ‘holding over’ lease with the Council for the building. A new lease is currently in the process of being agreed.
9. The Council’s Sports Officer is aware of the wider community work of the club, including a fitness session aimed at females and the Box Cleva initiative.
	* 1. The project score of 70 enables officers to recommend 85% (or £10,670) of the total project cost of £12,550 for award.
		2. However as the application is for £10,000 officers recommend this amount.
		3. Further details are provided in Appendix I.

4. **Policy/Budget Reference and Implications**

4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council’s agreed policy and budgets. The relevant policy is the Strategic Plan 2016-2019.

5. **Financial Implications**

5.1 The recommendations can be achieved within existing budgetary provision.

5.2If the applications to be considered at this meeting were to be approved in full as requested by applicants, then the balances for the remainder of the 2016/17 financial year would be as follows:

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|  | Budget2016/17£ | Awards to date£ | Available Funds£ | Amounts requested£ | Remaining Balance£ |
| Leisure and Community Grants | 35,000 | 12,800 | 22,200 | 12,060 | 10,140 |
| Capital Grants | 60,000 | 0 | 60,000 | 40,000 | 20,000 |

5.3 If the applications to be considered at this meeting were to be approved as requested by officers, then the balances for the remainder of the 2016/17 financial year would be as follows:

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|  | Budget2016/17£ | Awards to date£ | Available Funds£ | Amounts requested£ | Remaining Balance£ |
| Leisure and Community Grants | 35,000 | 12,800 | 22,200 | 7,500 | 14,700 |
| Capital Grants | 60,000 | 0 | 60,000 | 36,010 | 23,990 |

6. **Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

6.1 The Council has agreed its risk management strategy which can be found on the website at http://www.threerivers.gov.uk. In addition, the risks of the proposals in the report have also been assessed against the Council’s duties under Health and Safety legislation relating to employees, visitors and persons affected by our operations. The risk management implications of this report are detailed below.

6.2 The subject of this report is covered by the Community Partnerships service plan***.*** Any risks resulting from this report will be included in the risk register and, if necessary, managed within this plan.

7. **Legal, Equal Opportunities Implications, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre and Communications & Website**

7.1 None specific.

8. **Recommendation**

8.1 That the Leisure, Wellbeing & Health Committee approve the following Leisure & Community grants:

* + - Mill End & District Community Association £ 1,690
		- SafeRoading Ltd £ 3,000
		- Small Acts of Kindness CIC £ 2,810
	1. That the Leisure, Wellbeing & Health Committee decline the Leisure & Community grant application from Northwood Live at Home Scheme.
	2. That the Leisure, Wellbeing & Health Committee approve the following Capital grants:
		+ ASCEND £ 3,960
		+ Bushey Cricket Club £ 3,090
		+ Croxley Guild Bowls Club £ 8,960
		+ Sarratt Tennis Club £10,000
		+ South Oxhey Boxing Club £10,000

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 **Data Quality**

Data sources: Grant Application Forms and Accounts

Data checked by: Andy Stovold, Community Partnerships Manager
 Bryan Collett, Assistant Finance Manager

 Data rating:

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| 1 | Poor |  |
| 2 | Sufficient | **✓** |
| 3 | High |  |

 **APPENDICES**

A - Mill End & District Community Association

B - Northwood Live at Home

C - SafeRoading Ltd

D - Small Acts of Kindness CIC

E - ASCEND

F - Bushey Cricket Club

G - Croxley Guild Bowls Club

H - Sarratt Tennis Club

I - South Oxhey Boxing Club

**Appendix A**

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| **Organisation** | Mill End & District Community Association (MEADCA) | **Ref** | 16/17/01 |
| **Amount Requested** | £2,050 |
| **Grant Recommended** | £1,690 |
| **About the Organisation:**MEADCA is a registered charity that manages the Mill End Community Centre and Social Club. MEADCA is run by a Committee of 8 volunteers from the local area. MEADCA employs a part time administrator and a job club manager. MEADCA employs several bar staff and has 10 additional volunteers who support the job club, café and office.MEADCA raise income from room/hall hire, external funding applications and community events including a yearly Mill End Day Celebration. The social club charges £17/year membership for adults and £21 for joint memberships. There are currently 202 members, all of whom reside in Three Rivers.The Community Centre strives to improve the life of the inhabitants of Mill End and surrounding areas by organising and promoting various activities at the centre. The activities are either free or subsidised. The Centre is a very widely used centre and offers a facility to the local community for social and cultural activities including the following:* Community Café
* Older People’s Lunch / Activity Club
* Job Club
* Breakfast / Afterschool Club / Toy Library / Parents & Toddler Group
* Dance / Fitness Class & Ballroom Dance
* Creative fun
* Ricky Running sisters
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| **Expenditure**(FY 2015) | **Income**(FY 2015) | **Cash Balance**(as of 31/12/2015) |
| £40,170 | £44,160 | £45,220 |
| **The Project**MEADCA have identified that a number of unemployed people, who are either Employment Support Allowance or Job Seeker Allowance claimants, who attend their job club have very little, if any, chance of getting a job in their current situation / state of mind. Job club volunteers end up supporting individuals to fulfil their requirements in order to maintain their benefits rather than moving them on towards learning, volunteering or even employment.These individuals are often long-term unemployed, living alone on limited incomes and either close to retirement age with health problems or a young adult with very little or no work experience. These factors lead to a lack of self-confidence and hopefulness which MEADCA consider is a massive barrier to gaining employment.The Job Club offered these individuals the chance to attend an employability course. The course was well attended with some of the quieter members really engaged and willing to talk about their interests with others. A member of the MEADCA committee attended a music workshop where participants with varying degrees of mental health issues with low self-esteem were encouraged to learn musical skills, both individually and together. The end result was a dramatic increase in the participant’s confidence and aspirations for the future. MEADCA decided to fund a one-off pilot course in August 2016 using the same technique and it was a resounding success and has generated a lot of enthusiasm for more. MEADCA now want to commission African Drum Circle Herts (ADCH) to deliver music workshops over a 10 week period culminating in a performance to the participant’s friends and relatives.Participants will be individually learning but also empowered as equal members of the group. As the 10 weeks unfold participants will take responsibility for activities such as setting up the room and instruments for the workshop, contributing to planning the sessions and doing the refreshments. MEADCA will encourage the participants to form a new community music group (based at the centre) after the 10 weeks.The participants can self-refer or be referred by the Doctor, local Children’s Centre, local Council, Job centre, Police, Churches and other local organizations. |
| **Expenditure*** Tutor/support staff (£1,000), Advertising (£150), Admin (£250), Rent (£170)
* Equipment - 9 x Djembe drums, 6 tambourines, 6 triangular bell instruments, wooden chimes, assorted light bells and shakers total cost (£840)

Total = £2,410 |
| **Monitoring:** * Attendee numbers and regular attendance including a performance to friends/relatives
* Observation/measurement of the number of participants who go into volunteering/employment post workshops
* Feedback / Evaluations of participants and volunteers
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| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £2,410% of project cost recommended 70% |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| * MEADCA (£170 rent)
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| **Application score****The Priority Score is 55** (maximum 100)This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan 2016-19
* 2 objectives of the Strategic Plan 2016-19

and meets 6 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objectives it matches are:1.3.1 Improve and facilitate access to leisure and recreational activities for adults1.3.2 Contribute to partnership working to reduce health inequalities.The identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* Work with unrepresented groups
* Works with some residents living in areas of deprivation
* The project is aligned with the Council’s Physical Activity Strategy
* 80% or more of people benefiting from the project are Three Rivers residents
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| **Previous grants to organisation**2006/07 £2,430 Leisure & Community2008/09 £823 Leisure & Community2009/10 £600 Leisure & Community |
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| **Recommendation** That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a grant of £1,690to be used for the purpose listed above. |

**Appendix B**

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| **Organisation** | Northwood Live at Home | **Ref** | 16/17/02 |
| **Amount Requested** | £3,000 |
| **Grant Recommended** | £0 |
| **About the Organisation:**Northwood Live at Home Scheme (NLH) operates as its own entity under the national charity Methodist Homes (MH). NLH is run by Live at Home Managers and supported by a local committee with services provided by a dedicated team of 64 volunteers.NLH stated that 16 out of 160 clients were from the Three Rivers District. NLH raise income from MH grants, London Borough of Hillingdon grants, other grant applications, donations / gifts (from churches and businesses) and fundraising.NLH provide a range of services to older people across Northwood and surrounding areas including the following:• Weekly friendship group• Weekly lunch club and coffee morning with exercises• Befriending including assisted shopping trips and regular trips and outings• Personal advocacy The services above strive to provide the following for older people:* A varied social programme to tackle social isolation and its implications
* Healthy eating, physical activity, learning opportunities to improve health/wellbeing

NLH aim is to ensure the most socially vulnerable are helped to stay connected for as long as possible. Participants generally pay a fee of between £3 and £6 to attend activities. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2015) | **Income**(FY 2015) | **Cash Balance**(as of 31/12/2015) |
| £108,180 | £94,820 | £113,890 |
| **The Project**NLH have state that according to research loneliness and social isolation amongst older people nationally is causing increased ill health equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.A small number of residents from areas including Eastbury, Moor Park, South Oxhey, Carpenders Park and Rickmansworth have approached NLH about their services. NLH consider that Moor Park/Eastbury have a similar profile to Northwood with many of the residents regarding Northwood as a natural focal point for shopping/social contact. NLH believe that there are people living in the Moor Park/Eastbury area who may be property rich and cash poor/relationally poor as families have moved away. NLH would particularly like to attract men who may be recently bereaved or experiencing isolation.NLH request funding for outreach staff costs, publicity and to increase transport capacity. Specifically they will use the funding to:1. Identify local partners/map out what they already know about the areas which NLH have identified as needing NLH services
2. Survey local residents and inform them of NLH current programmes
3. Offer additional activities in response to new member interests and requests, staffing capacity/spot purchasing will need to be increased
4. Provide transport to those with mobility issues using the established community transport or volunteer drivers
5. Offer tailored activities in Three Rivers settings to complement existing provision. The intention may be to offer activities in the Rickmansworth area which enable older people to have supported physical activity, social and learning activities.

NLH have not publicized their services within Three Rivers as they do not have the staff and volunteer numbers. NLH would take new Three Rivers referrals from GPs, Community Navigators and other partner organisations. NLH believe that this service will lead to a decreased use of GP, wider health services and social services. |
| **Expenditure*** 1 part-time member of staff costs (£14,190)
* Materials costs for sessional activities, publicity, advertising (£3,000)

Total = £17,190 |
| **Monitoring:** * Levels of uptake (including new volunteers) from the identified area
* Monitoring of all activities planned in response to members needs assessment
* Access to activities for those with limited mobility
* Ongoing feedback from new members
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| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £17,190% of project cost recommended n/a |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| Secured * Waitrose Charity of the Year Funding (£6,000 to £8,000)
* Hillingdon Council (£3,000)

Decision Pending* Church Urban Fund (£5,000)
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| **Application score****The Priority Score is 36\*** (maximum 100)This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan 2016-19
* 1 objective of the Strategic Plan 2016-19

and meets 6 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objective it matches is:1.3.2 Contribute to partnership working to reduce health inequalities.The identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* The applicant has secured at least 50% match funding towards the project
* The project is aligned with the Council’s Physical Activity Strategy
* Work with some unrepresented groups who had not previously taken part in or benefited from the project or service
* Contributes to their wellbeing including physical activity, mental health and social isolation of people with disabilities

*\* As part of the grant application assessment officers deducted points from the overall project score because the percentage of people from Three Rivers attending NLH services is less than 50%* |
| **Previous grants to organisation**None |
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| **Recommendation** That the Leisure & Wellbeing Committee declines the grant application. |

**Appendix C**

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| **Organisation** | SafeRoading Ltd | **Ref** | 16/17/03 |
| **Amount Requested** | £4,200 |
| **Grant Recommended** | £3,000 |
| **About the Organisation:**SafeRoading (SR) provides a number of training programs to get people back on the road through driving lessons and cycle proficiency, drink drive and speed awareness courses, driving tuition for disabled learners. SR also aims to increase road safety by changing attitudes and transferring skills.Individuals pay for the driving tuition and courses for cycle proficiency. Drink Drive and Speed Awareness courses are funded by schemes working closely with other organisations.The Collective Group CIC (TCG) will be managed as a separate entity linked to SafeRoading Ltd with all funds generated (including any potential Council grant) being invested into the ‘Share the Road’ project only. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2014) | **Income**(FY 2014) | **Cash Balance**(as at 31/12/14) |
| £16,120 | £11,290 | £7,690 |
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| **About the Project:**There is a growing concern that our roads are getting busier with more vehicles than ever, making them unsafe for cyclists and motorists alike. While there are excellent training structures in place for learner drivers, there isn’t an equivalent for cyclists. Without increased awareness/mutual respect there are always risks on our increasingly busy roads.TCG has set up the pilot Share The Road Cycle Clubs that encourages families to cycle safely and enjoy the activity as a family unit. Share the Roads project is aimed at all road users and to raise awareness, accountability and collective responsibility.The weekly 2 hour sessions will last for 12 months at a designated venue where members will receive basic training on cycling and riding on the roads. Once they are confident and reach a competent level, they will be taken on the roads. The idea being many will start cycling more frequently to make short and local journeys. The sessions will be led by staff / volunteers who are trained to be instructors and who have undergone DBS checks.Running alongside the sessions will be ‘Dr Bike’ support to train participants in basic bike maintenance and planning journeys alongside learning to apply Highway Code. This will be a fun, family activity where other issues such as diet and health will be highlighted.Over the course of the scheme, the project will allow over 300 people to have participated and learned to ride on the roads. This will be broken down on a monthly basis so we will have 40 new participants each month. Once they complete their month, they will be then encouraged to complete the Bikeability Training Level 1, 2 and or 3. With some additional funding the member fees will be kept low to encourage participation and commitment.TCG will also work with participants and train them to assist instructors and become volunteers within the project. SR will set a limit of a maximum of 20 people to be trained so it can be delivered safely. Once participants attain level 1 Bikeability they will also get an automatic registration on a new on-line SafeRoading Cycle Registration Tool allowing them to print out a unique license number, putting them in line with motorised vehicles. |
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| **Expenditure*** Two Instructors - 2 hour sessions (£4,605)
* Bikeability Training (Level 1 - £2,100 / Level 2 - £4,200 / Level 3 - £5,625)
* Venue Hire total - (£750)
* Insurance - (£200)
* Marketing/Advertising - (£900)
* Miscellaneous: Hi-viz gear, Bikeability badges/certificates, accessories - (£800)
* Tablet for on-site registration - (£300)
* Adult / Mid Age Training bikes x 3 - (£800)

**Total Project Cost : £20,280** |  |

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| **Monitoring**:* Monitor member numbers and progress (ability and learning)
* Completion of the Bikeability courses Level1, 2 & 3
* Numbers becoming trainers / volunteers
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| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £20,280 % of project cost recommended 15% |
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| **Other Possible Funding Sources**Secured* SafeRoading Ltd (£3,700)
* Thrive Homes, (£tbc, funding to be released when a tenant completes a course)

Decision Pending or tbc* Participants (£4,500), Other applications (£tbc), Support from businesses (£tbc)
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| **Application score**The Priority Score is 55This is because it meets* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan
* 2 objectives of the Strategic Plan

and meets 7 identified grant prioritiesThe aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objectives it matches are:1.2.1 Ensure the safety of people in the district1.3.1 Improve and facilitate access to leisure and recreational activities for adultsThe identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* Contributes to educating the community
* Fully accessible to all community / not exclusive to its members
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* The project aligned the Council’s Physical Activity Strategy
* Works with residents living in areas of deprivation
* 80% or more of people benefiting from the project are Three Rivers residents
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| **Previous grants to organisation**None |
| **Recommendation**That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a grant of £3,000 to be used for the purpose listed above. |

**Appendix D**

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| **Organisation** | Small Acts of Kindness | **Ref** | 16/17/04 |
| **Amount Requested** | £2,810 |
| **Grant Recommended** | £2,810 |
| **About the Organisation:**Small Acts of Kindness (SAOK) is a Community Interest Company, based in Watford, whose objects are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) lonely and socially isolated people, in particular older people.SAOK raise income from donations (cash and in kind) and grants. Organisations that have contributed to SAOK include Warner Brothers, Freedom Communications and John Lewis. SAOK has also applied for and received grants from Watford Borough Council, Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Councillors.SAOK have delivered Warm in Winter & Christmas Gift Packs to lonely, isolated and financially challenged older people in Watford since 2015. Gift packs also contain information about the services offered by partner organisations enabling recipients to access additional support and access to services that they may not previously have engaged with.There are 20 volunteers who support SAOK. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2014/15) | **Income**(FY 2014/15) | **Cash Balance**(as of 31/08/2015) |
| £1,460 | £2,640 | £3,424 |
| **The Project**SAOK receives referrals from organisations including Hertfordshire Independent Living Services, Age UK Hertfordshire, Thrive Homes, Watford Community Housing Trust Association and Watford and Three Rivers Trust. SAOK have received an increase in the number of referrals for Winter 2016/17 and will deliver 1,500 packs in total.SAOK plan to further expand the service into the Three Rivers District and aim to deliver packs to 100 Warm in Winter and 100 Celebrate Christmas Gift Packs. The packs will contain a large fleecy blanket, thermal socks, hat and gloves, a mug and hot drinks. Each Christmas pack will also contain an advent calendar and a selection of traditional small wrapped Christmas gifts.Every gift pack contains a feedback card and a postage paid envelope. The cards contain questions that provide quantitative and qualitative feedback which is then independently evaluated. This enables the people who benefit from the gifts to help shape the future of the project as well as creating an opportunity for them to engage in dialogue with us.The grant would pay for large, fleecy blankets, thermal socks, gloves and hats, mugs, instant coffee, soup, hot chocolate and tea, reusable packs that contain the gifts, advent calendars, Christmas gifts and wrapping for gifts for 100 gift packs, gift packs related print and distribution costs when volunteers were not able to deliver free of charge. |
| **Expenditure*** £30,000 (for total of 1200 Warm in Winter gift packs\* and 300 celebrate Christmas Gift Packs\*- throughout Hertfordshire)
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| **Monitoring:*** Evaluation of the feedback highlighting that recipients feel less lonely/isolated and with fewer health problems
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| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £30,000% of project cost recommended 9.4% |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| Secured* Watford Borough Council
* Hertsmere Borough Council
* Watford Rotary
* Warner Brothers Studios, Leavesden
* South Oxhey Councillor Locality Budget

The above funding adds up to £15,000Decision PendingThe rest of the funding will come from donations from individuals and businesses, applications to County Councillors Locality Budgets as well as an application to Hertfordshire County Council’s Innovation Fund |
| **Application Score****The Priority Score is 44** (maximum 100)This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan 2016-19
* 1 objective of the Strategic Plan 2016-19

and meets 6 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objective it matches is:1.3.2 Contribute to partnership working to reduce health inequalitiesThe identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* Applicant has secured at least 50% match funding
* Work with some unrepresented groups
* Work with some people with disabilities
* Works with some residents living in areas of deprivation

*\* As part of the grant application assessment officers deducted points from the overall project score because the percentage of people from Three Rivers receiving a pack is less than 50%* |
| **Previous grants to organisation**None |
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| **Recommendation** That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a grant of £2,810to be used for the purpose listed above. |

**Appendix E**

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| **Organisation** | ASCEND | **Ref** | 16/17/05 |
| **Amount Requested** | £4,000 |
| **Grant Recommended** | £3,960 |
| **About the Organisation:**ASCEND was set up in 1996 to help regenerate the South Oxhey Community. Its main focus is to give service users the confidence and life skills to allow them to take control of their lives and ultimately work towards volunteering and employment. This is done in a non-judgemental way removed from formal learning environments, which have previously left clients with low self-esteem and few qualifications.ASCEND has 8 members of staff, approximately 50 volunteers and 1000 service users per year. Approximately 80% of service users are residents of Three Rivers. ASCEND is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. ASCEND’s income is generated from a mixture of contracts, grants, business, individual donations and fundraising. ASCEND is managed by a board consisting of 7 volunteers along with a Treasurer and Project Director.ASCEND’s work includes individual advice and guidance, mentoring, basic skills and development courses, careers advice and the job club. ASCEND has been the lead agency for the Step-Up Learning & Wellbeing Centre, a multi-agency initiative part-funded by a Three Rivers Local Strategic Partnership grant.There is no membership fee but service users are charged £12.50 towards the cost of courses. If applicants cannot afford the fee it may be waved. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2014/15) | **Income**(FY 2014/15) | **Cash Balance**(as of 31/03/15) |
| £258,266 | £250,234 | £74,413 |
| **The Project:** ASCEND have to install a new boiler at 39 Oxhey Drive (the premises of the Step-up Learning & Wellbeing Centre). Despite the current boiler being installed just over 4 years ago the heater exchanger and filters have failed. ASCEND sought the advice of numerous boiler engineers who have stated that the parts required are obsolete and therefore a new boiler is required.Without a working boiler the centre may have to close leading to the loss of a vital service to vulnerable and deprived members of the community. Furthermore ASCEND are planning to open the centre in the evening in the near future.ASCEND deliver services from the building along with other partner organisations including Herts MIND Network, Resolving Chaos and PohWer.Approximately 500 people benefited from the various services delivered from the Centre each year. These services include:* Vocational Advice and Information
* Counselling
* Education and training
* Peer mentoring
* Support groups
* Volunteer opportunities
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| **Expenditure**New boiler and installation (£4,656 incl. VAT) |
| **Monitoring:** Performance is measured through:-* The centre will be heated again and therefore able to open in the colder months
* Feedback from clients / community partners
* Utility bills will reduce in cost (when compared with previous ones)
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| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £4,656% of project cost recommended 85% |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| * ASCEND funding / fundraising events – quiz night / concert, £656
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| **Application score****The Priority Score is 70** (maximum 100)This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan 2016-19
* 2 objective of the Strategic Plan 2016-19

and meets 8 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objectives it matches are:1.3.1 Improve / facilitate access to leisure and recreational activities for adults1.3.2 Contribute to partnership working to reduce health inequalitiesThe identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* Contributes to educating the community
* Fully accessible to all community / not exclusive to its members
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* Work with some unrepresented groups
* Work with some people with disabilities
* Works with residents living in areas of deprivation
* 80% or more of people benefiting from the project are Three Rivers residents
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| **Previous grants to organisation**2013/14 £4,000 - Capital Grant2010/11 £3,500 - Capital Grant2010/11 £100 - Leisure & Community £2,500 - Leisure & Community2006/07 £250 - Leisure & Community |
| **Recommendation** That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a capital grant of £3,960to be used for the purpose listed above. |

**Appendix F**

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| **Organisation** | Bushey Cricket Club | **Ref** | 16/17/06 |
| **Amount Requested** | £6,000 Capital Grant |
| **Grant Recommended** | £3,090 |
| **About the Organisation:** Bushey Cricket Club is a not for profit club run by 20 volunteers whose objectives are:* to foster / promote the sport of amateur cricket at all levels within the community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition
* to manage the playing and training facilities at Eastbury Road, Oxhey
* to ensure that all members, playing and non-playing abide by the ECB Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and the Laws of Cricket
* to ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the ECB ‘Safe Hands’ and ‘Cricket Equity’ policies which include safeguarding children

The club charges annual subscriptions and match fees as follows:* Junior members pay £70 / year and minimal winter training fees in order to make the club accessible to all, especially from socially deprived areas.
* Senior members pay £125 / year and match fees of between £12 and £18.

The club also raised income via social events, competitions, bar revenue, sponsorship, donations and other external funding including Sport England and Lord Taverners. There are 293 members of which 21% live in Three Rivers.There are 3 adult teams in the club.  They aim to increase this to 4 to enable promising juniors the opportunity to play adult cricket.  There are 104 junior members 34% of which live in Three Rivers.  There are 6/7 junior teams.  Local primary schools also use the cricket facilities free of charge.  Volunteers have qualified as coaches including two who are under 16 years of age.  The club aims to introduce Girls cricket and disabled cricket in its current 5 year development plan.It has active links with the following schools: St Josephs, St Meryl, Woodhall, Eastbury Farm and Colnbrook (a special needs school) via its Kwik Cricket promotion and the annual Schools Kwik Cricket Festival.The club has four parents and juniors who have now become qualified ECB coaches. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2014/15) | **Income**(FY 2014/15) | **Cash Balance**(as of 31/10/15) |
| £35,130 | £40,470 | £21,260 |
| **The Project**The club has to pay for maintenance and to maintain the grounds and therefore new specialist equipment is required. The new equipment will allow the club to maintain its grounds in an efficient and cost effective manner. The club aims to operate in an environmentally friendly way and the equipment will be used to maintain grounds that may otherwise turn into unkempt land, potentially turning it into a hotspot for anti-social behaviour/dumping.Direct beneficiaries will be the Club, its members and other clubs that participate in matches against Bushey Cricket Club.Many of the club’s members are from socially deprived areas and part of the Club’s ethos is to provide an activity that provides junior members with a focus and ‘release’ for their energies, which otherwise might result in anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, cricket as a sport has a strict code of conduct around fair play, discipline, sportsmanship and respect which helps to develop children into positive contributors to their communities and society as a whole.  |
| **Expenditure*** Stigma Park 540 DPX 4WD Diesel (£7,000 incl. VAT)
* Lawnflite BM8735 Scythe Mower (£720 incl. VAT)

Total = £7,720 |
| **Monitoring:*** Area is kept in a good condition
* Good evaluation scores from visiting teams
 |
| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £7,720% of project cost recommended 40% |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| Secured* Club’s own resources, amount not specified

Decision Pending* Watford Borough Council (£2,000)
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| **Application score****The Priority Score is 40\*** (maximum 100)This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan 2016-19
* 2 objective of the Strategic Plan 2016-19

and meets 5 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objectives it matches are:1.3.1 Improve and facilitate access to leisure and recreational activities for adults1.3.3 Provide a range of supervised leisure activities and facilities for young people.The identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* The applicant has secured some match funding (including from their own resources) towards the project
* The project can demonstrate evidence that it is aligned the Council’s Physical Activity Strategy
* Works with some residents living in areas of deprivation

*\* As part of the grant application assessment officers deducted points from the overall project score because the percentage of people from Three Rivers attending BCC is less than 50%* |
| **Previous grants to organisation**2013/14 £3,200 Capital2010/11 £250 Leisure & Community2009/10 £2,400 Leisure & Community2007/8 £3,930 |
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| **Recommendation** That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a capital grant of £3,090to be used for the purpose listed above. |

**Appendix G**

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| **Organisation** | Croxley Guild Bowls Club | **Ref** | 16/17/07 |
| **Amount Requested** | £10,000 Capital Grant |
| **Grant Recommended** | £8,960 |
| **About the Organisation:** Croxley Guild Bowls Club is a self-sufficient section of the Croxley Guild of Sport providing lawn bowling facilities for people of all ages and abilities, with ladies, veteran, men and a proposed junior section.The club raises income from membership fees, fundraising events and donations from deceased members. Members are required to pay £80 for adult membership to the club and £18 to the Guild each year. For OAPs, club membership is £12 and for Juniors, £10.  The club’s aim is to provide a friendly environment for people to enjoy bowling at whatever level they feel comfortable with. The club members range from 28 to 89 years of age.As a mixed club it offers bowlers the opportunity to compete in national, county, district and internal club competitions. There is also the opportunity for social bowling with other likeminded people. The club is affiliated to Bowls England, Hertfordshire County Bowling Associations and the Watford and District Bowling Association.The club’s fixture programme includes competitive matches organised by the above associations as well as friendly and mixed games with other local bowling clubs. The club organises a weekly club night for all members and any interested new people. The club has a Bowls England level one coaches who will provide group or one to one training (free of charge) on Monday nights and at other times to suit.The bowling club is open from April to end of September each year. Out of season the club encourages its members to use indoor facilities at Woodside. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2014/15) | **Income**(FY 2014/15) | **Cash Balance**(as of 30/09/15) |
| £9,580 | £10,180 | £16,140 |
| **The Project**The club urgently needs to replace the concrete paved area surrounding the bowls green.  The club has known for 2 or 3 years the paving needed to be replaced as it has become very slippery and dangerous in some areas. Also many of the slabs have cracked and sunk. The retaining wall around the edge of the green is moving and if that collapses it will damage the green and possibly prevent bowling on the grass. A survey of members last year highlighted the poor state of the paved area.Once the whole area has been repaved it will last for another 40+ years with the aid of the club’s maintenance people.The club also need to replace a storage shed (along with a new base) which is in a very bad state of repair. The shed houses the equipment required to maintain the green. We own the expensive machinery that ensures our green is maintained to the highest standards and so it is important we look after our investment. The shed has been repaired so many times in the past it is now beyond further repairs. It has holes in the wooden slats and so water is now getting in. |
| **Expenditure*** Replacing one side of the bowling green with new pathway £10,000
* Replacing of secure shed for machinery with concrete base £2,800

Total = £12,800 |
| **Monitoring:*** Accidents due to the poor state of the paving will not occur
* Future surveys will highlight the improvement
* Membership numbers increase as concerned members will not leave and new members are encouraged to join
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| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £12,800 % of project cost recommended 70% |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| Secured* Club funds (£2,800)
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| **Application score****The Priority Score is 55** (maximum 100)This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan 2016-19
* 2 objectives of the Strategic Plan 2016-19

and meets 5 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objectives it matches are:1.2.1 Ensure the safety of people in the district.1.3.1 Improve and facilitate access to leisure and recreational activities for adultsThe identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* The project can demonstrate evidence that it is aligned the Council’s Physical Activity Strategy
* Works with some residents living in areas of deprivation
* Contributes to their wellbeing of people with disabilities including physical activity, mental health and social isolation
* 80% or more of people benefiting from the project are Three Rivers residents
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| **Previous grants to organisation**none |
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| **Recommendation** That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a capital grant of £8,960to be used for the purpose listed above. |

**Appendix H**

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| **Organisation** | Sarratt Tennis Club | **Ref** | 16/17/08 |
| **Amount Requested** | £10,000 Capital Grant |
| **Grant Recommended** | £10,000 |
| **About the Organisation:** Sarratt Tennis Club is a community sports club whose aims are to provide tennis facilities for all age groups. Membership is open to people of all ages and abilities.In addition to members using the facilities the club arranges a variety of tournaments and social events (summer camps) throughout the year. All members are invited to participate regardless of ability. Members can benefit from Lawn Tennis Association coaching at the club free of charge.The club works closely with Sarratt School, a primary school, by providing after school tennis throughout the year. The club also allows the Sunrise Club, a primary school age club, access to the facilities. The facilities include floodlights enabling the club to provide, year round, the opportunities mentioned above. In addition the club has participated in the 3 Rivers Sports Active programme making its facilities available to mothers wanting to play tennis.There are 8 volunteers supporting the club, including 5 Committee members.Adult members pay £82.50 / year and students £30 / year. This entitles them to book / use the courts and facilities. There are currently 124 members, 89% of who are from Three Rivers.There was an increase in membership numbers of 8% from 2014/15 to 2015/16 leading to a total membership of 124.Other income is raised from regular group hiring of the facilities. Most of the money raised pay for maintenance. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2015/16) | **Income**(FY 2015/16) | **Cash Balance**(as of 31/03/16) |
| £2,720 | £6,760 | £19,870 |
| **The Project**Despite regular maintenance over the years the 2 court surfaces are in poor condition. The surface is breaking up in parts and there are pronounced dips and hollows making the surface unsuitable and potentially dangerous for club tennis and the other activities mentioned above. The Club paid for a Lawn Tennis Association surveyor to inspect and make recommendations going forward. Consequently the club have decided to lay a new sub-base and new painted tarmac and install new nets and posts.As well as increasing the interclub matches the club believe that once the work is complete they will be able to recruit new members. The new surfaces will be safer for all users.The club feel that, as one of only a few sporting clubs in Sarratt, they provide invaluable opportunities for people to stay healthy throughout their life. |
| **Expenditure** Renovation of two porous Macadam Tennis CourtsSite Preparation, Court laying, marking, fencing, tree surgery, equipment (£39,995 + VAT) = total cost £48,000 |
| **Monitoring:*** Increase in Membership
* Increased use of courts
* Increased ability to participate in club competitions
 |
| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £48,000% of project cost recommended 20.8% |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| ConfirmedKing George V Playing Field Association (£15,000)Club reserves (£10,000)Sarratt Parish Grant (£5,000)PendingVeolia Grant (£8,000*) the club have indicated that some members may loan funding to make up any difference if required* |
| **Application score****The Priority Score is 50** (maximum 100)This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan 2016-19
* 2 objectives of the Strategic Plan 2016-19

and meets 5 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objectives it matches are:1.3.1 Improve and facilitate access to leisure and recreational activities for adults1.3.3 Provide a range of supervised leisure activities and facilities for young people. The identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* The applicant has secured at least 50% match funding (including from their own resources) towards the project
* The project can demonstrate some evidence that it is aligned the Council’s Physical Activity Strategy
* 80% or more of people benefiting from the project are Three Rivers residents
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| **Previous grants to organisation**None |
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| **Recommendation** That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a capital grant of £10,000 to be used for the purpose listed above. |

**Appendix I**

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| **Organisation** | South Oxhey Amateur Boxing Club | **Ref** | 16/17/09 |
| **Amount Requested** | £10,000 Capital |
| **Grant Recommended** | £10,000 |
| **About the Organisation:**The club was formed in 1968 with the aim of promoting amateur boxing amongst the residents of South Oxhey. There are currently 50 members and 45 (90%) are from South Oxhey with the remainder from other parts of the Three Rivers District and Watford.Members are assessed according to their progress with some entered into bouts organised by the Amateur Boxing Association of England. The Amateur Boxing Forum gives details of the Club’s membership with bout experience and records. The club produced one of the Amateur Boxing champions of 2012.There are three classes of annual membership:* Senior Membership, £20 / year, £2.50 per visit
* Intermediate Membership, £5 / year, £2 per visit
* Junior Membership, £10 / year, £2.50 per visit

The Club raises income from membership, community events and the occasional grant.There are 9 volunteer coaches. According to the Club’s constitution the management committee consists of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Competition Officer. There are four fully qualified and registered boxing coaches one of whom is appointed Chief Coach who, with the Club Chair are responsible for all health and safety and safeguarding procedures. This includes the requirement that two members of the Management Committee must be on duty in a supervisory capacity at all times during the club’s opening. All coaches are DBS checked and equipment is checked each week for safety.The Club has widened its offer to the Community by organising a fitness session aimed at females from the local area to raise their aspirations as well as physical fitness levels. The Club also facilitates ‘Box Cleva’ an initiative whereby local 7 to 15 year olds undertake all aspects of amateur boxing activities but with no actual physical contact. |
| **Expenditure**(FY 2015/16) | **Income**(FY 2015/16) | **Cash Balance**as at 01/08/2016 |
| £4,380 | £5,780 | £1,400 |
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| **The Project:**The club has been running with no hot water and no working heating systems for a while now. All these factors have put off some potential new members, females particularly, from regularly attending the club. The roof has been leaking for some time now as well.These issues have been exacerbated recently by a flood (caused by a third party / drainage issue) which completely ruined the floor and some of the club’s equipment (cycling machines). The Club have paid for a replacement floor that cost over £1,000 and done what they can with regards to the damaged equipment.The club have a dire need to do the following before the colder months return:* Repair/replace the roof
* Purchase and installation of new blower heaters
* Purchase and installation of a new hot water boiler

If these actions are not carried out very soon the club is in danger of closing and therefore a vital and effective community resource, in an area of some deprivation, could disappear altogether. The club have committed to maintaining the new equipment. |
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| **Expenditure** (3 quotes gained)* Blow Heaters purchase and installation (£1,400 + 280VAT = £1,680)
* New Roof installation, (£8,760 + 1,750VAT = £10,510)
* Water heater installation, (£300 + £60VAT = £360)

Total = £12,550 |  |

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| **Monitoring**: (of what has improved) * Monitor attendance numbers (including male/female) and look for an increase
* Check how building is affected by any roof leak
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| **Funding** |
| Total Project Cost £12,550% of project cost recommended 80% |
| **Other Possible Funding Sources** |
| Decision Pending* Herts County Councillor Locality Budget
* Thrive Homes Community Grant
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| **Application score**The Priority Score is 70This is because it meets:* 1 aim of the Strategic Plan
* 3 objectives of the Strategic Plan

and meets 7 identified grant priorities.The aim it matches is:1.3 Reduce health inequalities; promote healthy lifestyles, support learning & community organisationsThe objectives it matches are:1.3.1 Improve and facilitate access to leisure and recreational activities for adults1.3.2 Contribute to partnership working to reduce health inequalities.1.3.3 Provide a range of supervised leisure activities and facilities for young people.The identified grant priorities it meets are:* Predominantly based on unpaid volunteers
* Fully accessible to all community / not exclusive to its members
* New initiative, with no previous Three Rivers Grant funding
* The project can demonstrate evidence that it is aligned the Council’s Physical Activity Strategy
* Work with unrepresented groups
* Works with residents living in areas of deprivation – primarily South Oxhey ward
* 80% or more of people benefiting from the project are Three Rivers residents
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| **Previous grants to organisation**2010/11 - £1,000 capital grant |
| **Recommendation**That the Leisure, Wellbeing and Health Committee award a capital grant of £10,000 to be used for the purpose listed above. |