

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	25 APRIL 2024	5
RAWSTORNE CENTRE ROOF PROJECT DRAWDOWN REQUEST			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

RELEVANT LEAD MEMBER

This item is within the remit of Lead Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Ellie Gaunt

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To request authorisation for the payment of a grant in the sum of £30,000 to Freckleton Parish Council as a contribution towards the costs of replacing the roof on the Rawstorne Sports Centre in Freckleton.

RECOVERABILITY

This decision is recoverable under section 7 of part 3 of the constitution.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee are recommended to approve:

- The payment of a grant in the sum of £30,000 to Freckleton Parish Council, which is included within the Capital Programme for 2024/25 as approved at Budget Council in March 2024, as a contribution towards the costs of replacing the roof on the Rawstorne Sports Centre in Freckleton, subject to the prior signing of a legal agreement to specify what the grant is to be spent on and that Fylde Council is to be appropriately acknowledged for this.

REPORT

- Rawstorne Sports Centre in Freckleton was built on Bush Lane Playing Fields using funding awarded in 1975 from The Rawstorne Trust. The building, which is owned by Freckleton Parish Council, is used by local residents including members of two Cricket teams, four Football teams (including seniors, teens, and juniors), a Netball team, Youth Club and support for local Organisations (e.g., NHS seminars) as well as being used for social events such as birthday parties and Christenings. In addition the venue is used for charity fund raising events, Club Day and other community events.
- In 2023 the building experienced electrical issues which, on investigation, were found to be caused due to a leak in the roof. Although an emergency repair was carried out by Freckleton Parish Council additional issues were identified including rotten roofing battens and tiles and felt that were no longer waterproof. Parts of the roof are still leaking and as such the centre is currently unable to operate at full capacity.

3. In late 2023 Freckleton Parish Council approached Fylde Council to ask for financial assistance to replace the roof and avoid further internal damage to the centre. As a result a capital bid was submitted and included in the 2024/25 budget approved at the Full Council meeting in March 2024. As set out in the capital bid (Appendix 1), the total project costs are estimated to be £39,180. Due to the emergency nature of the work this cost would have required a 35% increase to the Parish's precept for the Parish to meet the total cost themselves this financial year. As such, of the total costs Freckleton Parish Council have requested that Fylde Council contribute £30,000 with the remainder coming from a separate grant and their own reserves. It is intended that the works will be carried out in Spring/Summer 2024.
4. The committee is requested to approve the draw-down of £30,000 towards Freckleton Parish Council's costs to re-roof Rawstorne Sports Centre.
5. The scheme works will be procured and managed by Freckleton Parish Council. It is proposed that Fylde Council will make a single grant payment of £30,000 in support of the scheme and that there will be no on-going capital or revenue costs to Fylde Council. A legal agreement will be prepared to be signed by both parties prior to the grant payment being made to ensure the funding is used in accordance with the funding bid as submitted. It is proposed that a condition of the grant is that funding from Fylde Council is acknowledged by Freckleton Parish Council in all communications relating to the promotion of the Rawstorne Centre and physically at the site itself.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	This report requests approval for the payment of a grant in the sum of £30,000 to Freckleton Parish Council, which is included within the Capital Programme for 2024/25 as approved at Budget Council in March 2024, as a contribution towards the costs of replacing the roof on the Rawstorne Sports Centre in Freckleton.
Legal	To ensure Fylde Council's funding is utilised as requested a formal agreement will be signed prior to the transfer of the requested funding.
Community Safety	There is no direct implications from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	There is no direct implications from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There is no direct implications from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There is no direct implications from the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS	
At the Full Council meeting of 4 th March 2024 it was resolved	
1. To note the recommendations of the Executive Committee meeting of 19th February 2024 and the Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee meeting of 20th February 2024, and approved as follows:	
b) The budget proposals and changes to Reserves and Balances as set out in Appendices F & H, to include approval that the Council will act as the accountable body for any of the new capital schemes (as indicated) in Appendix F;	

BACKGROUND PAPERS REVELANT TO THIS ITEM

Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
None		

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Attached Documents

Appendix 1 - Capital Bid

Prepared by/Bid Originator – Head of Technical Services

Scheme Title: Rawstone Centre Roof Project, Freckleton

Description of Scheme:

This project has been requested by Freckleton Parish Council, which was initiated by an electrical issue at the Rawstone Sports Centre, caused due to a leak in the roof. An emergency repair was undertaken to solve the problem. After an inspection of the roof, it was discovered that the tiles and felt weren't waterproof and therefore in need of replacing. In addition, the roofing battens were found to be rotten. As a result, the electrics have been compromised in the building.

The outcome is that the roof needs replacing on the Rawstone Centre, which is still leaking in certain areas and causing the Centre not to be used to its full capacity.

This is an emergency project which needs to be undertaken at the earliest opportunity to mitigate further damage. The Centre is used by local residents including 2 Cricket teams; 4 Football teams (including seniors, teens, and juniors); a Netball team; Youth Club, support for local Organisations (e.g., NHS seminars) and for social events such as birthday parties and Christenings.

Recently the venue was used for a charity event in aid of Breast Cancer Research as detailed on the poster below.

The venue is also the location for various events on Club Day, including the travelling fairground and the sports day.

The Centre is the local communal hotspot to host local events and bring the community together. Some more events are shown below.



A detailed breakdown of the funding strategy is detailed below –

Capital cost plan:

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Funding For Re-Roof	External Roofing Works and Scaffolding Costs	37,580
	Internal Insulation Costs	1,200
	Building Regulations	400
Total Cost of Project		£39,180

Freckleton Parish Council are in the process of obtaining a grant for this project from George's Garage Trust for £5,000.

The outcome of this will be known after 15th January 2024.

The Parish Council are requesting £30,000 from Fylde Council towards the upgrade of the roof.

Any additional funds required will come from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has very limited funds to support the project so is unable to fund the full value of the works required and therefore require Fylde Council support.

Outputs (i.e., details of what the investment will specifically deliver):

Currently, areas of the centre are not available to use due to the leaking roof. This project will deliver a watertight roof, fit for purpose, with upgraded insulation to meet current regulations and therefore providing a more cost effective and environmentally friendly building.

Contribution to corporate objectives (how does the proposal achieve or help deliver priorities within the Corporate Plan and other key corporate strategies?)

Environment – Provide high-quality parks and open spaces.

Tourism – Provide high quality leisure, tourism, arts, sports, and recreation facilities. Deliver and support a diverse programme of events across the Fylde coast and countryside.

Budget Resource Requirements - Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated Total Capital costs of bid (£000's):	£39,180
Funded by; Fylde Council	£30,000
Freckleton Parish Council	£ 4,180
George's Garage Trust	£ 5,000

Value and phasing of bid (amend dates as necessary):

2023/24 £000	2024/25 £30,000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	Total £30,000

Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme (as applicable):

2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000	Total £000

Estimated timescales for the bid:


Project Start Date: April 2024

Project Completion Date: June 2024

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)

Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
a) Inclement weather b) Health & Safety	Work delayed due to poor weather conditions. Ill Health, Injuries and Death	Appropriate Risk Contingency. Work carried out during Spring/Summer. Appropriate Control Measures Applied By Contractor. Site Visits by FBC.

Endorsement of bid by Chief Executive

Signature  **Position** Chief Executive

Date 29th January 2024