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TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR A RENTAL GRANT SUBSIDY

please complete and return this form, together with your organisation's financial accounts for the last two years (i.e. profit and loss accounts and balance sheets)

Name of organisation*: Warlingham Sports Club
Description of land / property*: Hamsey Green Playing Fields
Annual market rental assessment*: £6100
Please complete sections 1 to 5 below
1. Contact details Name: Steve Rolfe Position within the origination: Chairman
2. Role of the organisation / membership regime / community links Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)
2A Please describe your organisation's objectives and how it utilises the land / buildings leased from the Council. The land is used to provide football and cricket facilities for both matches and training/practise. Our objective as a club is to provide sporting facilities to the local community at a reasonable cost so as not to restrict participation.
2B Is your organisation affiliated to a county / regional / national body? (if so, please dive details) Football - affiliated to Surrey County Football Association Cricket – English Cricket Board

<p>2C How many paid up members does your organisation have?</p> <p>Overall approx... 1000 (Football/Cricket/Squash/Tennis/Petanque/Social) Football: 300 (playing members) Cricket: 70 (playing members)</p>
<p>2D Approximately what percentage of the paid up members live in Tandridge?</p> <p>We operate within a mile of the boundary with both Kent and London Borough of Croydon. We do not discriminate against members based on post code. Or anything else for that matter. This is therefore not a statistic which has any value for us. A recent assessment put the number at 60%.</p>
<p>2E Are there any restrictions to membership?</p> <p>None</p>
<p>2F Please provide details of relevant membership and hire fees and any other charges</p> <p>Football - £60 per member – plus fees per match(unchanged for 15 years+) Cricket - £140 per member – plus fees per match</p> <p>We don't normally hire facilities to outside organisations but if the circumstances are right we would do so at £100 per football pitch and £150 for a cricket pitch.</p>
<p>2G Are discounts available on the grounds of financial hardship?</p> <p>Yes – discounts, instalment plans, waivers, depending on the individual circumstances</p>
<p>2H Are the facilities only available to members or can users 'pay on the day'?</p> <p>Generally only available for member teams. This accounts for full usage when the pitches are available. The facility is sparingly used during the winter months Nov to Mar because of the poor waterlogging conditions. The IOG have declared the facility unfit for winter sport. We do occasionally hire out the facility but this is rare.</p>
<p>3. Access to facilities and integration with the wider community</p>
<p>3A When are the facilities available for use during an average week?</p> <p>During the summer months, weekday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. During the winter months, subject to conditions, Saturday and Sunday.</p>

3B Does the organisation do anything to encourage wide ranging community use of the facilities? For example, initiatives to:

- **achieve a diverse membership base (besides any membership fee concessions / hardship relief schemes referred to in 2B above); and / or**
- **allow use by non-members such as community taster sessions; training / coaching development programmes; or via partnerships with local schools**

The facilities we provide for the sports we offer are fully utilised. However, we have recently added a Petanque court to encourage older members and we have also linked up with Sport Works to provide exercise classes, free of charge, to seniors and new mums. Unfortunately, this was financially supported by the National Lottery who have subsequently cancelled all funding because of Covid 19 and therefore the initiative has been placed on hold but we hope to resurrect this project when the pandemic is finally over.

3C Does the organisation fulfil any wider community roles (e.g. outreach work in schools or participation in community events such as fetes and shows)?

We do not provide outreach work in schools. All our sporting facilities and teams are managed by volunteers.

We do attend the Warlingham Fair annually.

At our main location at Church Lane we do provide facilities, free of charge, to Warlingham Village School for a number of sports.

4. Financial position / sustainability

4A Are financial reserves being accumulated for any particular purpose (e.g. future projects or specific contingencies)?

We have no financial reserves at present but as a result of Covid we have agreed a policy to build a reserve to provide protection against similar situations in the future and make sure we protect the club for future generations. Surplus funds are ploughed back into sport to improve our offering and facilities.

4B Please give details of any commercial activities on the site which generates income (e.g. bar / catering operations)

None at Hamsey Green Playing Fields

4C Please describe any fundraising activities undertaken by the group during a typical year

Each sporting section runs activities during the year which normally have a primary charitable focus. However, we do raise funds via Football tournaments, Race nights etc which boost bar income and contribute to the financial health of the overall sports club.

4D Does the organisation pursue any funding opportunities from other grant giving bodies?

Yes – we apply for grants from SCC, TDC and our local parish council and specific grants from the sporting bodies. These applications are all focused on specific projects or purchases. They do not assist general cash flow.

During Covid 19 we have applied for and been successful in getting grants from TDC, Sport England and the Football Foundation. This has helped us survive the pandemic.

5. Alignment with the Council’s corporate priorities

5A In light of the information provided above, please explain how you think your organisation’s activities align with the Council’s corporate priorities/Strategic Plan

TDC corporate priorities include a health & wellbeing and leisure strategy as a key element. WSC plays a big part in delivering this strategy for TDC. There are very few sports clubs of our size or range in TDC area and were we to fail then this would have a substantial impact on this key TDC priority.

We also save TDC substantial local tax payer funds by managing this facility at Hamsey Green Playing Fields. Without WSC the council would incur costs managing the facility, hiring out the facilities, maintaining the facilities and in particular with maintenance of the sporting facilities so they are available for use.

The maintenance of the sporting facilities alone, including 3 football pitches and the cricket square amounts to more than £5k per annum and probably substantially more if a large proportion of the potential cost was not negated by volunteers.

6. Required subsidy

6A What level of subsidy do you wish to apply for as a % of the annual market rental assessment on page 1 above

We believe a 100% rent subsidy is appropriate. This would allow us to invest further funds into the sporting facilities/pitches and improve the surfaces and usage for the local community.

6B What, in your opinion, would be the consequences of the Council not providing the subsidy, both for your organisation and the community at large?

If we were unsuccessful in our grant application then this would mean less funds available to invest in improving the facility and increasing usage. This would likely result in a reduction in the facilities we are able to provide. We would have to consider whether we renew the lease at all if the cost was substantially increased over and above the current net rental.

Key Corporate Priorities for 2020/21 – 2023/24

1. **Building a better Council** – making the Council financially sustainable and providing residents with the best possible services
2. **Creating the homes, infrastructure and environment we need** – both now and in the future
3. **Supporting economic recovery in Tandridge** – from lockdown to growth that everyone benefits from
4. **Becoming a greener, more sustainable District** – tackling climate change

Please see further detail on the Council's website:

<https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Strategies-and-plans>