

Appendix 3. Hitchin Town Youth Football Club

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6102			
Name of Organisation	Hitchin Town Youth Football Club			
Organisation Type	An FA accredited football club			
Ward	They use Holwell Recreation Ground and members are from surrounding villages and Hitchin			
Project Type	Youth Football			
Green option considered?	/			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	Cllr Claire Strong – Trustee at Rands Education Foundation which is funding £2,404.66 towards the project. Cllr Keith Hoskins – funding £300 towards the project through Herts Locality Budget			
Previous financial support within six years	None.			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	No – <i>in principle agreement</i>	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£700	Total project cost	£4,810	

Officer Summary

Hitchin Town Youth Football Club support the local community with creating a Football Club that enables young children to engage in the sport they love, building on social development. The whole youth football club has 30 teams with approximately 440 players- approximately 250 are from Hitchin itself, 100 from the surrounding villages (within 5 miles) and around 50 from further afield, Letchworth, Baldock & Stevenage.

The football club trains midweek within the Hitchin Area with games across North Herts. They generally use the goalposts provided by pitch owners, however in the case of Holwell, their facilities are in dis-repair and therefore to cover the purchase of this equipment, it would be beyond their normal expenditure.

It costs circa £110K to run Hitchin Town Youth FC on an annual basis and these costs are covered by player registration fee's (£260 per year).

It's important the goalposts are removable so they can be locked-up after each game and avoids them being damaged and vandalised. It is estimated across the lifetime of these goals (10 years) around 20,000 children will have the benefit of using them at Holwell Recreation Ground.

Breakdown of costs:

- 1 x 9aSide Goalpost set (16x7ft) £1,251
- 1 x Junior 11 Goalpost set (21x7ft) £3265
- Carriage £294

They have agreed funding of £300 from Cllr Hoskin's Hertfordshire Locality Budget, £2404.66 from Rands Education Foundation and contributing £104.67 from reserves.

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation

They are also applying to the Hitchin Community Forum for £1,300.

There is an in principle agreement for funding for forum recommendation. The funding will only be released when a robust safeguarding policy had been agreed and is in place.