

## Funding Application

<b>Application to be completed by Organisation/Group/Individual applying for funding</b>	
Neighbourhood Area: Chells & Chells Manor	Name of Councillor: Vickie Warwick
Name of Organisation: Chells & Manor Children's Centre	Name of Applicant: Julia Hunt (Children's Centre Manager)
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<p><b>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding:</b></p> <p>The Children's Centre would like to create a designated garden, play area and small nature trail for local young children aged 0-5 and their families to enjoy, using some of the grounds at the nearest Play Centre in Pin Green. We would like to purchase some small, outside play equipment for these pre-school children to use and also set up planter boxes where they and their families could grow plants and vegetables together. We envisage that this area would be used all the year round and ideally, when funds allowed, we would like to create a small covered area/canopy where the very young could be protected from strong winds and harsh sunlight.</p> <p>Sadly, many of the young families using our service do not have a garden to enjoy with their children at home and the Children's Centre does not have outdoor space for them to use. Creation of an area at the local Play Centre would allow us to use outdoor explorative play to extend the children's learning, and give them and their families the opportunity to enjoy the changing seasons and enjoy growing things together. We would like to use scented flowers/plants and wind chimes etc to facilitate enjoyment of children with sensory impairment.</p> <p>Outreach workers from the Children's Centre would use the area to organise small stay and play events and nature walks with local young children and their families and also undertake 1.1 support with individual families. An added advantage of creating this area at the Play Centre is that families with older children could play alongside, using the Play Centre facilities.</p> <p>This would be an evolving project which we hope that local families will enjoy planning and developing in partnership with the Children's Centre team and Play Centre staff.</p>	
I have requested other funding for this project from: <i>(name other funding bodies being approached and amounts applied for)</i>  <b>None (although the Play Centre would provide the outside space for Centre to use)</b>	If you have requested funding for this project from other councillors please tick.  Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  If you have ticked yes how many councillors in total are you applying to? .....3.....
Total cost of project:	£ £2,000
Other funds already raised <i>(if any)</i>	£
Amount of funding required:	£667
<p><b>Declaration:</b> I declare that the information supplied in this request is true and that any grant money received from Stevenage Borough Council will be used for the purposes described in this form</p>	

**Individual Councillor Decision  
Local Community Budget 2011/2012**

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<b>Councillor: V Warwick</b>		<b>Ward: Chells</b>
Decision taken	<i>(Do you as the budget holder agree or not agree to fund?)</i> Agree	
	<i>If you do agree what amount?</i>	<b>£667.00</b>
Reason for decision	<i>I feel this would greatly benefit the Children's Centre and a large number of my own constituents.</i>	
Other options considered	<i>(Has the applicant sought advice/guidance on other funding for the project/activity/organisation)?</i> ?	
Consultations	<i>(Has the project/activity been discussed with anyone else)</i> Yes, other councillors	
Outcome of consultations	<i>(Consultation result if any)</i> <i>I believe the other councillors are willing to fund also</i>	
Financial implications	<i>Sufficient funds are available from Councillor's Local Community Budget</i> <i>I have sufficient funds remaining</i>	
Legal implications	none	
Other implications		
Declaration of interests	none	
Signed by Councillor	V Warwick	Date: 07.02.12
If Call-in is to be waived give reason for urgency		
Waiver of Call-in agreed by		Date:
Officer confirmation <i>(signature) C.Murphy</i>		
Date: 13/02/12		
Date of publication	14 February 2012	
Deadline for Call-in	21 February 2012	
Implementation date	Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from <b>Wednesday 22 February 2012</b>	

