

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for North Downs East –
Councillor Philip Martin**

Subject: Folkestone Rugby Club

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 20 February 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Steve Hughes
Fundraising Organiser
Folkestone Rugby Club
New Burlington Ground
Bargrove
Newington
Folkestone
CT19 8BH

Name and description of project:

External handicapped lift – attaching a lift to the outside of the building and providing access to the upper floor by creating a door through the existing wall.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £2000.00 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

To ensure any wheelchair bound or disabled person has access to the upper floor of the club house, which encompasses the bar, catering and functions area. Also provides access to the viewing balcony overlooking the club playing area. The clubhouse is used for multiple functions from children's parties, birthday and anniversary parties plus wedding receptions, club dinners, disco's and dances. Any person associated with any of those activities who is handicapped is deprived of access if they cannot climb the internal stairs. A lift capable of carrying a person confined to a wheelchair, plus carer, would remove that restriction.

This would make the club an inclusive environment free from exclusion of a certain proportion of the community.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

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Signed:

20 February 2020

**Councillor Philip Martin
North Downs East**