



WARD MEMBER DECISION
NUMBER

WB/20-21/137

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Sandgate and West
Folkestone–
Councillor Tim Prater**

Subject: **Hestia – The Folkestone Haven**

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 23 February 2021

Name and address of applicant(s):

Mel Hawkes
The Folkestone Haven c/o The Rainbow Centre, 69
Sandgate Road,
Folkestone, CT20 2AF.

Name and description of project:

The Folkestone Haven -
A range of equipment for purposeful, mental health and therapeutic activities at The
Folkestone Haven.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £377.55 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

The Folkestone Haven is a an effective and valuable local resource and we are open 365 days per year, however due to a relatively small staff team (under 6 FTE posts), we need to create a sense of safety and trust with everyone who walks through the front door needing some form of support. Recovery Workers spend time with people one to one, and that is an ideal way to build professional, trusting relationships. However this is not always feasible when a new person to the Haven comes to the service and the enhanced provision of wellbeing and therapeutic activities that can

engage local residents can help visitors feel safe and confident enough to open up to staff.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed:

23 February 2021

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**Councillor Tim Prater
Ward – Sandgate and West Folkestone**