



The purpose of this paper is to ask the Town Council to consider a request from the Friends of Ventnor Library.

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1) BACKGROUND

The Friends of Ventnor Library have requested the Town Council's support for a project to enable residents of Ventnor and the surrounding area to acquire the skills necessary to use touch-screen tablet computers.

2) REQUEST

The request is set out in a letter from the Friends' Treasurer John Carter and is attached to this report.



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Dear Mr. Bartlett,

Friends of Ventnor Library; Proposed Grant Application

I am writing to you to inform you of a proposed grant application to Awards for All England by the Friends of Ventnor Library. The objective is to fund a project, suggested by the Ventnor Librarian Tanith Hicks, which would enable residents of Ventnor and the surrounding area to acquire the skills necessary to use touch-screen tablet computers for email, social media and other internet activities. The project would aim to initially address the needs of older residents at risk of social exclusion but its scope could be extended in time to cover similar needs in other groups. The Friends will seek funds to purchase a number of tablets, prepare publicity material, instruction guidelines and hand-outs, and set up a series of scheduled workshops and drop-in sessions at the Library where instruction and encouragement can be given to users by Library staff and/or volunteers from the Friends.

The Friends believe that this project will address the objectives of the proposed Partnership Arrangement for the Ventnor Library Service currently being considered by the Town Council and the Isle of Wight Council, both generally, and specifically as expressed in its paragraph 3.2, and is an example of the Partners' market development activities foreseen in paragraph 4.4 of its Schedule 1.

This project has been discussed with Mr. Andrew Walker, Development Librarian, Operations, of the Isle of Wight Library Service, who has expressed his support and is helping with the preparation of the application.

I ask you to bring this letter to the attention of the Town Council at the earliest opportunity, and to ask the Council if they would prepare a letter of endorsement to accompany the grant application, expressing their view that the project will contribute to the aims of the Partnership Arrangement and will address a need within the Ventnor area.

I look forward to your reply and receipt of the letter of endorsement in due course,

Yours Sincerely,

John Carter

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