

# **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council**

**Full Council 09/11/2023**

## **Application for Local Council Award Scheme**

**Agenda item 23/089 9: To receive a report and resolve to apply for the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) – Foundation Level in May 2024.**

### **BACKGROUND**

SMPC has identified a need to improve its image and connection with the local community. As part of this initiative SMPC wish to benchmark its governance and operations against national standards. The LCAS provides a framework for benchmarking and offers three levels of accreditation: Foundation, Quality and Quality Gold.

SMPC believe they are in the position to apply for the Foundation Level and feel this is achievable for a submission in May 2024. In addition, SMPC want to set out a longer-term plan for meeting the criteria a higher level of accreditation in due course.

In Berkshire there are currently 3 accredited councils and in Hampshire there are 4 so SMPC will be part of a small club of councils who have achieved this.

### **COSTS**

Registration fee £50

Foundation accreditation fee - £80

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendation is to apply for the Foundation Level LCAS in time for May 2024 application.

Associated Documents:

- 10 Slide Presentation providing background and basis for conclusion and recommendation.

*Cllr. Richardson 01/11/2023*