

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH20/2017
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	7 March 2017

WARD GRANTS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider applications under the Ward Grants Scheme.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To authorise the requests, as submitted.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to approve the applications but this is not recommended as the requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The Council's delegated budgets scheme allocates budgets of £15,000 to each Ward covered for the financial year 2016/2017. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.
- 5.2 Councillors Elmes and Singleton of Marton Ward have requested:
(i)£1,000 as funding to the Parks Department towards the painting and repair to the storage containers in Stanley Park.
(ii)£3,500 as funding to the Parks Department for the purchase and installation of 5 benches and 5 litter bins for Marton Mere Nature Reserve.
- 5.3 Councillors Mrs Callow and P Callow of Norbreck Ward have requested £2,000 as funding to the Libraries Department for new books for Moor Park and Anchorsholme Libraries.
- 5.4 Councillors Campbell and Kirkland of Park Ward have requested £1,040 as funding to Horan Shukokai Centre for security costs for 12 months from January 2017 at Boundary School where the Karate Club meet.
- 5.5 Councillors I Coleman and Smith of Talbot Ward have requested £200 as funding to Belle Vue Strawberry Gardens Action Group towards the hiring of a rotovator and for the purchase of top soil, bulbs and plants.
- 5.6 Councillors O'Hara and Robertson BEM of Waterloo Ward have requested:
(i)£912 as funding to Environmental Services for the purchase and installation of 2 Nexus Litter Bins to be located near the Sandcastle and South Station.
(ii)£1,164 as funding to the Friends of Watson Road Park for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator to be placed at the Park.
(iii)£5,845 as funding to the Alley Gates Team for the purchase and installation of 3 alley gates at Dean Street, to include £275 advertising costs.
- 5.7 Councillors Hutton and L Taylor of Clifton Ward have requested £5,000 as funding to Mereside and Friends In Action group towards the development of green spaces in Mereside with regard to a new community orchard and wildflower meadow.
- 5.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.9 List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The requests can be met through existing budgets, with no recurring costs being incurred.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Ward funding application forms.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? No

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process?

No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Leader of the Council agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To authorise the requests, as submitted.

18.2 Date of Decision:

7 March 2017

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative

19.1 Date Decision published:

7 March 2017

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1