

Decision of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH26/2017
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	20 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 Cox and Humphreys of Squires Gate Ward have requested £300 as funding to the Parks Department to replace a tree on Harrington Avenue.

5.3 Councillor O'Hara and Robertson BEM of Waterloo Ward have requested £2,600 as funding to Environmental Services for the purchase of a Ride-On Mower for use within Watson Road Park.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 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:

20 March 2017

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

20 March 2017

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1