

<b>Decision of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision number:</b>	PH28/2017
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	30 March 2017

## WARD GRANTS

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application under the Ward Grants Scheme.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To authorise the request, as submitted.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The request is 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 application but this is not recommended as the request is 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 Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward have requested £2,640 as funding to Blackpool Libraries for the provision of books for both Revoe Library and Palatine Library.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**5.4 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 request 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 form.

**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 request, as submitted.

**18.2 Date of Decision:**

30 March 2017

**19.0 Reason(s) for decision:**

The request is in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

**19.1 Date Decision published:**

30 March 2017

**20.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

20.1

**21.0 Call-in:**

21.1

**22.0 Notes:**

22.1