

<b>Decision of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision number:</b>	PH30/2017
<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>	31 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 Ryan and Wright of Greenlands Ward have requested:

(i)£1,000 as funding to Dwarf Sports Association UK to support a Greenlands Ward young person to attend the World Dwarf Games in 2017.

(ii)£700 as funding to Springfield Methodist Church as support for the Food Bank,

(iii)£300 as funding to Springfield Methodist Church for the supply and fitting of carpets in the church entrance.

(iv)£1,350 as funding to the Air Training Corps Squadron for the hire of the flight simulator for the cadets wishing to train as pilots.

(v)£1,400 as funding to St Anne's Church Council Greenlands for the supply and fit of a new cooker for the parish centre.

(vi)£859.59 as funding at Friends of Devonshire Road Rock Gardens towards the purchase of maintenance equipment for the gardens.

(vii) £10,000 as funding for a programme to improve the regulation and enforcement parking to improve parking arrangements within Greenlands ward.

5.3 Councillors D Coleman and Critchley of Hawes Side Ward have requested:

(i)£250 as part funding together with Tyldesley Ward to Marton Heritage Group for the purchase and installation of a stone and base for the Baines School Tercentenary Event.

(ii)£980 as retrospective funding to the Illuminations Department for the supply and installation of an Xmas Tree and Lights for Hawes Ward residents. The Hawes Side Ward Councillors were told very late in the day that ward funding would be required for this project.

5.4 Councillors Hutton and L Taylor of Clifton Ward have requested £2,145 as funding to the Alley Gates Team for the purchase and installation of an alley gate on Penrose Avenue, to include £275 advertising costs.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

## **5.6 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:

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**

**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:**

31 March 2017

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

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

**19.1 Date Decision published:**

31 March 2017

**20.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

20.1

**21.0 Call-in:**

21.1

**22.0 Notes:**

22.1