

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH12/2018
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	15 February 2018

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 2017/2018. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.
- 5.2 Councillors Cain and Hobson of Bloomfield Ward have requested £700 as funding together with Brunswick Ward, Claremont Ward, Clifton Ward and Talbot Ward to Blackpool Food Bank for the purchase and installation of a refrigerated container to store frozen food donated to the Food Bank.
- 5.3 Councillors I Taylor and L Williams of Claremont Ward have requested £700 as funding together with Bloomfield Ward, Brunswick Ward, Clifton Ward and Talbot Ward to Blackpool Food Bank for the purchase and installation of a refrigerated container to store frozen food donated to the Food Bank.
- 5.4 Councillors Hutton and L Taylor of Clifton Ward have requested £700 as funding together with Bloomfield Ward, Brunswick Ward, Claremont Ward and Talbot Ward to Blackpool Food Bank for the purchase and installation of a refrigerated container to store frozen food donated to the Food Bank.
- 5.5 Councillors I Coleman and Smith of Talbot Ward have requested £700 as funding together with Bloomfield Ward, Brunswick Ward, Claremont Ward and Clifton Ward to Blackpool Food Bank for the purchase and installation of a refrigerated container to store frozen food donated to the Food Bank.
- 5.6 Councillors Ryan and Wright of Greenlands Ward have requested:
(i)£1,055 as funding to the Parks Department for the hire of a tracked chipper unit to assist with grounds maintenance at Devonshire Road Rock Gardens
(ii)£158.73 as funding to the Parks Department for the installation of an additional power socket to the pump house room at Devonshire Road Rock Gardens.
- 5.7 Councillors Cox and Humphreys of Squires Gate Ward have requested £593.20 as retrospective funding to Highfield Community Group as this group have found that they have insufficient funds for cover the Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event last November in Squires Gate Ward. Squires Gate Ward councillors have agreed to fund the residual amount under these exceptional circumstances.
- 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:

15 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

15 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1