

Report to:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH45/2018
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	7 June 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 2018/2019. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.

5.2 Councillor Cox and Humphreys of Squires Gate Ward have requested:
(i)£1,000 as funding to the Parks Department towards landscaping works at the Solaris Centre.
(ii)£3,250 as funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau Blackpool to provide local people access to a Citizens Advice Bureau Clinic at Highfield Library from July to December 2018.

5.3 Councillors D Scott and Mrs Scott of Warbreck Ward have requested £8,652.50 as funding to the Highways Department for the purchase and installation of a replacement bus shelter on Warbreck Hill Road and to upgrade a bus shelter on Dickson Road.

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:

7 June 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

7 June 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1