

Report to:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH77/2018
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	23 November 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 Councillors Cain and Hobson of Bloomfield Ward have requested £530 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation, together with Tyldesley and Victoria Wards, of a large lit Christmas Tree.
- 5.3 Councillors I Taylor and L Williams of Claremont Ward have requested:
- (i) £3,000.86 as funding to Claremont First Step Community Centre for the continued provision of services as part payment for the salary of the centre manager.
 - (ii) £500 as funding to Blackpool Town Football Club for the purchase of new football kit and training tops for the winter months.
- 5.4 Councillors Ryan and Mrs Wright of Greenlands Ward have requested £1,590 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of a large lit Christmas Tree.
- 5.5 Councillors D Coleman and Critchley of Hawes Side Ward have requested:
- (i) £100 as funding to the Street Cleansing Department for one days' Community Payback Team work to remove debris and weeds from the unadopted access way on Harcourt Road.
 - (ii) £530 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation, together with Marton and Tyldesley Wards, of a large lit Christmas Tree.
- 5.6 Councillors Elmes and Singleton of Marton Ward have requested £2,390 as funding to the Alley Gates Team for the purchase and installation of alley gates at Doncaster Road, to include £300 advertising costs.
- 5.7 Councillors Campbell and Kirkland of Park Ward have requested £5,000 as funding to the Highways and Traffic Department towards the construction of a pedestrian refuge island on Poulton Road.
- 5.8 Councillors Cox and Humphreys of Squires Gate Ward have requested £500 as funding to the Spirit of Youth Junior Football Club for the purchase of new football kits and rain jackets for the children aged 4-6 years attending the club.
- 5.9 Councillors Roberts and Stansfield of Stanley Ward have requested £2,780 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of 14 small wall-mounted lit Christmas Trees.

5.10 Councillors Collett and Matthews of Tyldesley Ward have requested:
(i)£530 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation, together with Bloomfield and Victoria Wards, of a large lit Christmas Tree.
ii)£530 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation, together with Hawes Side and Marton Wards, of a large lit Christmas Tree.

5.11 Councillors Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward have requested £530 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation, together with Bloomfield and Tyldesley Wards, of a large lit Christmas Tree.

5.12 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.13 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:

23 November 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

23 November 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1