

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Implementation Date of Decision:	29 March 2019

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 request, 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 Ward budget schemes would ordinarily be decided via a Cabinet Member Decision. However, due to an administrative error, this ward funding scheme had been omitted. It had been fully completed and received in advance of the ward funding deadline and therefore does not contravene rules relating to the pre-election period.

5.3 Councillors Ryan and Wright of Greenlands Ward have requested £2,400 as funding to the Royal Air Force Cadets 2454 North Blackpool Squadron, towards the purchase of equipment required for the Cadets taking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

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 form.

14.0 Decision of Chief Officer

14.1 The Director and Governance and Partnerships agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To authorise the requests, as submitted.

15.0 Reason for Decision

The request is in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.