

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH40/2019
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	22 July 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 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 2019/2020. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.
- 5.2 Councillors Taylor and L Williams of Claremont Ward have requested:
- (i)£927.87 as funding to Claremont Park Community Centre for the purchase of plants and equipment to make hanging baskets as a Claremont community based project.
 - (ii)£2,625 as funding to Claremont Park Community Centre to pay for the hire of a fun fair at Claremont Gala in July.
 - (iii)£1,800 as funding to Volunteer It Yourself (VIY) to support the refurbishment of Claremont Park Community Centre to include; redecoration and replacement of the kitchen; upgrade of the garden and new seats for the lavatories, as a secondary school pupil based project.
- 5.3 Councillors Burdess and Hutton of Clifton Ward have requested:
- (i)£100 as funding to the Environmental Services Department for the Community Payback Team to clear rubbish and debris from the back of a property on Whalley Lane.
 - (ii)£500 as funding to Mereside And Friends In Action to provide entertainment, a buffet, certificates and keepsakes for 40 young people from Mereside Primary School at their Y6 Leavers Ball.
- 5.4 Councillors R Scott and Wing of Greenlands Ward have requested £467.26 as funding to Lowmoor Garden Group/Community Centre towards the costs of running the Garden and Film Clubs at the Centre.
- 5.5 Councillors Brookes and Critchley of Hawes Side Ward have requested £2,482.08 as funding to Little Blossoms Nursery to purchase a 6 seater Turtle Bus to enable the school and staff to explore and investigate the community and local area.
- 5.6 Councillors Cross and Farrell of Ingthorpe Ward have requested £6,000 as part funding together with Layton and Park Wards to the Environmental Services Department to provide a Neighbourhood Environmental Enforcement Officer for the 3 wards.
- 5.7 Councillors Benson and Mitchell of Layton Ward have requested £6,000 as part funding together with Ingthorpe and Park Wards to the Environmental Services Department to provide a Neighbourhood Environmental Enforcement Officer for the 3 wards.

5.8 Councillors Campbell and Kirkland of Park Ward have requested:
(i)£781.14 as funding to Argosy Film Club to help set up a film club and provide a TV, TV Licence, Entertainment Licence and DVD Player for the surrounding community.
(ii)£6,000 as part funding together with Layton and Ingthorpe Wards to the Environmental Services Department to provide a Neighbourhood Environmental Enforcement Officer for the 3 wards.

5.9 Councillors Collett and Matthews of Tyldesley Ward have requested £100 as funding to the Street Cleansing Department for one day of clearing weeds and debris from the alleyway to the rear of 54 Sharrow Grove by the Community Payback Team.

5.10 Councillors Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward have requested £110 as funding to The Salvation Army (Blackpool South) to pay for a 12 month rental of a room for the purposes of hosting various community meetings including councillor ward surgeries and PACT meetings.

5.11 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.12 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:

22 July 2019

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

22 July 2019

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1