

<b>Notice of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision number:</b>	PH45/2019
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	13 September 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 Clapham and Wilshaw of Bispham Ward have requested £100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
- 5.3 Councillors Cain and Hobson of Bloomfield Ward have requested £100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
- 5.4 Councillor Taylor of Claremont Ward has requested £540 as funding to The Magic Club CIO to provide activities and opportunities for young people in the form of trips free of charge. Councillor L Williams has an involvement in the organisation and has therefore declared an interest in the matter and not been involved in the submission of the application.
- 5.5 Councillors Burdess and Hutton of Clifton Ward have requested £100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
- 5.6 Councillors R Scott and Wing of Greenlands Ward have requested £4,863.60 as funding to Groundwork CLM towards to the costs of an officer to maintain and manage the North Blackpool Pond Trail.
- 5.7 Councillors Critchley and Brookes of Hawes Side Ward have requested £225 as retrospective funding to the Parks Department for Healthy Eating and Sports Event at Crossland Road Park to encourage and education young people in the community. (This is retrospective funding as the event date had to be changed at last minute due to the reserved exhibition trailer being unavailable).
- 5.8 Councillors Benson and Mitchell of Layton Ward have requested £320.49 as funding to the Friends of Layton Station for the purchase and installation of 2 large timber planters to enhance the Station.
- 5.9 Councillors Mrs Callow and P Callow of Norbreck Ward have requested:
- (i) £1,896 as funding to Blackpool Rugby Union Football Club for the purchase and installation of new rugby goal posts for the club.
  - (ii) £2,250 as funding to the Parks Department towards drainage works to be carried out at Carr Road Park Children's Play Area.
  - (iii) £720 as funding to the Parks Department towards the purchase and planting of 2 street trees at 309/311 Norbreck Road.
  - (iv) £540 as funding to the Parks Department for grass cutting at Fleetwood Road adjacent to the rugby and cricket pitches.

- 5.10 Councillors Cox and Walsh of Squires Gate Ward have requested £1,000 as funding to Babies and Buddies Group towards the annual running costs of the group as a weekly mother and baby group.
- 5.11 Councillors Hugo and Smith of Talbot Ward have requested £4,650 as funding to the Parks Department for the purchase and installation of railings around the minor open space in Newcastle Avenue.
- 5.12 Councillors Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward having requested:  
(i)£100 as funding to the Street Cleansing Department for 1 days work by the Community Payback Team to clear the alley behind 59 Shetland Road.  
(ii)£700 as funding to The Gatehouse Church towards the upgrade of the surface play area in the outside garden for disabled users.
- 5.13 Councillors D Scott and M Scott of Warbreck Ward have requested £2,730 as funding to Disability First towards the continued 12 months funding for Basic IT Training for those socially isolated in the ward. This amount includes £250 annual rental charges for the room at St Stephen's Church.
- 5.14 Councillors O'Hara and Robertson BEM of Waterloo Ward have requested £100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
- 5.15 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**5.16 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:**

13 September 2019

**19.0 Reason(s) for decision:**

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

**19.1 Date Decision published:**

13 September 2019

**20.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

20.1

**21.0 Call-in:**

21.1

**22.0 Notes:**

22.1

