

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH48/2019
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	15 October 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)£300 as funding to the Street Cleansing Department to provide alleyway clearance throughout Claremont Ward by the Community Payback Team.
(ii)£500 as funding to Blackpool Town FC for the purchasing of kits for the players and volunteer coaches.
- 5.3 Councillors Mrs Callow and P Callow of Norbreck Ward have requested £100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
- 5.4 Councillors Campbell and Kirkland of Park Ward have requested:
(i)£100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
(ii)£200 as funding to The Washington Group towards the International Women's Day Festival in March 2020 to benefit young women in Park Ward.
(iii)£1,816 as funding to FC Rangers towards the purchasing of kit and equipment and to provide training courses for the coaches, managers and volunteers of the club.
- 5.5 Councillors Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward having requested £500 as funding to the Street Cleansing Department for a week's work by the Community Payback Team to clear the alleyways to the rear of Chislehurst Avenue.
- 5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.7 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:

15 October 2019

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

15 October 2019

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1