

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH51/2019
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	21 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 Hutton and Burdess of Clifton Ward have requested £2,000 as funding to the Blackpool Boys and Girls Club, to provide evening meals attending evening sessions.
- 5.3 Councillors Wing and R Scott of Greenlands Ward have requested £467.26 as funding to Lowmoor Garden Group / Community Centre, to contribute to the running of the garden and film club in the centre.
- 5.4 Councillor Critchley of Hawes Side Ward has requested £1,968.99 as funding to Bridge Farm Allotments, to provide CCTV and a replacement lawnmower to the community. Submitted as a solo application, due to Councillor Neal Brookes having an interest in the matter as he holds the position of Chairman of the Group.
- 5.5 Councillors Mrs Callow and Callow of Norbreck Ward have requested:
(i) £100 as funding to the Illuminations Department, towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
(ii) £2,105 as funding to Norbreck School, to provide a new interactive whiteboard.
- 5.6 Councillors Campbell and Kirkland of Park Ward have requested £500 as funding to the Broadway Stars Morris Dancers, to pay for transport to attend the end of season championships.
- 5.7 Councillors Baker and Roberts of Stanley Ward have requested £1,500 as funding to South Shore Lawn Tennis Club, towards the cost of a defibrillator on the premises.
- 5.8 Councillors Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward have requested:
(i) £200 as funding to the Broadway Stars Morris Dancers, to pay for transport to attend the end of season championships.
(ii) £500 as funding to the Waste and Environmental Services team, to pay for 5 days work by the Community Payback and NEAT team to clear flytipping, litter and overgrown vegetation from the rear of Aintree Road and associated backstreets and to deliver letters to all effected households to reiterate waste responsibility.
- 5.9 Councillors D Scott and M Scott of Warbreck Ward have requested £100 as funding to the Illuminations Department, towards the Lightpool Festival Glo-Football Event.
- 5.10 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.11 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 In the course of considering these specific ward funding recommendations, the Council has explored any possible unintended adverse impacts on people because of shared characteristics protected by the Equality Act. The Council believes none of these proposed funding recommendations will have indirectly discriminatory effects. Finally, the Council has reflected on the overall aggregated expenditure for this financial year's ward budget allocations and has taken appropriate steps to ensure schemes continue to reflect the wider communities of Blackpool.

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:

21 October 2019

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

21 October 2019

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1