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| Notice of: | LEADER OF THE COUNCIL |
| Decision number: | PH53/2019 |
| Relevant Officer: | Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance |
| Relevant Cabinet Member: | Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council |
| Date of Decision: | 13 November 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 Cain and Hobson of Bloomfield Ward have requested:
(i)£200 as part funding together with Tyldesley and Victoria Wards to New Revoe Residents Association for Park School Band to perform at the Revoe Christmas Switch On Event.
(ii)£300 as funding to New Revoe Residents Association to provide a “thank you” meal for the association volunteers.
- 5.3 Councillors Taylor and L Williams of Claremont Ward have requested:
(i)£121.96 as funding to Claremont Park Community Centre for food for Spencer Court Day and to replace the lights in the Community Centre’s lavatories.
(ii)£152.08 as funding to Claremont Park Bowling Club towards general repairs and maintenance to the Bowling Club.
- 5.4 Councillors Hugo and Smith of Talbot Ward have requested £329.37 as funding to the Environmental Services Department to re-paint parking zone lines on Newcastle Avenue.
- 5.5 Councillors Collett and Matthews of Tyldesley Ward have requested £200 as part funding together with Bloomfield and Victoria Wards to New Revoe Residents Association for Park School Band to perform at the Revoe Christmas Switch On Event.
- 5.6 Councillors Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward have requested:
(i)£200 as part funding together with Bloomfield and Tyldesley Wards to New Revoe Residents Association for Park School Band to perform at the Revoe Christmas Switch On Event.
(ii)£100 as funding to the Environmental Services Department for one day’s work by the Community Payback Team at the rear of Wood Park Road.
- 5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.8 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:

13 November 2019

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

13 November 2019

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1