

<b>Notice of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision number:</b>	PH54/2019
<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 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 Galley and T Williams of Anchorsholme Ward have requested £3,705 as funding to the Beach Patrol Headquarters for the purchase of beach patrol lifesaving equipment for a new Advanced Lifesaving Equipment Box.
- 5.3 Councillors Taylor and L Williams of Claremont Ward have requested £150 as funding to Claremont First Step Community Centre towards the charge of hiring a Mr Chips Food Van at the Egerton Square Christmas Tree Switch On Event.
- 5.4 Councillor Burdess and Hutton of Clifton Ward have requested £200 as a donation to The Washington Group towards the International Women's Day Festival to help engage young women of the ward.
- 5.5 Councillors Brookes and Critchley of Hawes Side Ward have requested:  
(i)£849.51 as funding to Blackpool Coastal Housing for the purchase and installation of TV equipment for Bostonway Film and Music Club.  
(ii)£530 as part funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of a large lit Christmas Tree together with Marton and Tyldesley Wards.
- 5.6 Councillor Hunter of Highfield Ward has requested £22.95 as funding to Blackpool Coastal Housing to purchase a tea/coffee flask for the local community group Lostock Locals. This applications is submitted as a solo application due to Cllr Mrs Henderson MBE being unable to provide a signature due to current illness.
- 5.7 Councillors D Coleman and Stansfield of Marton Ward have requested £2,120 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of 2 large lit Christmas Trees. One of the Christmas Trees is part funded together with Tyldesley and Hawes Side Wards.
- 5.8 Councillors Cox and Walsh of Squires Gate Ward have requested:  
(i)£100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Glo-Football Event.  
(ii)£1,590 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of a large lit Christmas Tree.
- 5.9 Councillors Baker and Roberts of Stanley Ward have requested:  
(i)£100 as funding to the Illuminations Department towards the Lightpool Glo-Football Event.  
(ii)£2,780 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and

installation of 14 small lit wall mounted Christmas Trees and a large lit Christmas Tree.

5.10 Councillors Collett and Matthews of Tyldesley Ward have requested £530 as part funding to the Illuminations Department for a large lit Christmas Tree together with Hawes Side and Marton Wards.

5.11 Councillors D Scott and M Scott of Warbreck Ward have requested £504 as funding to the 51st Blackpool Scout Group for the purchase of 5 tents for the group's outdoor activities.

5.12 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**5.13 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:**

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