

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision Number:	PH47/2020
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	3 November 2020

WARD FUNDING

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.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 Not to approve the applications but this is not recommended as the requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is: “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.

6.0 Background information

- 6.1 The Council's delegated budgets scheme allocates budgets of £15,000 to each Ward covered for the financial year 2020/2021. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.
- 6.2 Councillors Galley and T Williams of Anchorsholme Ward have requested:
(i)£695 as funding to the Parks Department for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator at Anchorsholme Park.
(ii)£1,530 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of 18 6ft Christmas Trees to be placed on businesses in Anchorsholme Ward.
- 6.3 Councillors Burdess and Hutton of Clifton Ward have requested £3,788 as further funding to Mereside Boys and Girls Club towards a Gardening Initiative to encourage young people of the Club to pursue outdoor activities and learn to grow their own food.
- 6.4 Councillors Brookes and Critchley of Hawes Side Ward have requested £530 as part funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of a large lit LED Christmas Tree at Oxford Square together with Marton and Tyldesley Wards.
- 6.5 Councillors Benson and Mitchell of Layton Ward have requested £180 as funding to the Traffic Management Department for the road closure and use of equipment to install lights on the Sustainable Christmas Tree in Layton Ward.
- 6.6 Councillors D Coleman and Stansfield of Marton Ward have requested £530 as part funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of a large lit LED Christmas Tree at Oxford Square together with Hawes Side and Tyldesley Wards.
- 6.7 Councillors Hugo and Smith of Talbot Ward have requested £75 as funding to the Grounds Maintenance Department for the weeding and replenishing of planters on Whitegate Drive with winter plants.
- 6.8 Councillors Collett and Matthews of Tyldesley Ward have requested £530 as part funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of a large lit LED Christmas Tree at Oxford Square together with Hawes Side and Marton Wards.
- 6.9 Councillors O'Hara and Robertson of Waterloo Ward have requested £2,000 as funding to Counselling in the Community (CiC) towards the purchase and installation of security doors for the building used by the group.
- 6.10 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 The requests can be met through existing budgets, with no recurring costs being incurred.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 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.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 Ward funding application forms.

15.0 Key decision information:

15.1 Is this a key decision? No

15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

15.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

15.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

16.0 Call-in information:

16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

16.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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.

19.0 Date of Decision:

19.1 3 November 2020

20.0 Reason(s) for decision:

20.1 The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

21.0 Date Decision published:

21.1 3 November 2020

22.0 Executive Members in attendance:

22.1

23.0 Call-in:

23.1

24.0 Notes:

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