

Notice of:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE
Decision Number:	PH30/2024
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Neal Brookes, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Date of Decision:	6 March 2024

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 these applications but this is not recommended as the request is 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 £7,000 to each Ward Councillor covered for the financial year 2023/2024. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.

6.2 Councillor Ivan Taylor of Claremont Ward has requested:
(i) £1,311.32 as a ward councillor funding donation to Waste Services towards Claremont Waste Amnesty in November 2023. Retrospective as costs were being agreed.

6.3 Councillor Lynn Williams of Claremont Ward has requested:
(i) £1,311.32 as a ward councillor funding donation to Waste Services towards Claremont Waste Amnesty in November 2023. Retrospective as costs were being agreed.

6.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 The request 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 and the impact of this decision for our children and young people:

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:

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17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

18.1 None.

19.0 Executive decision:

19.1 The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To authorise the requests, as submitted.

20.0 Date of Decision:

20.1 6 March 2024

21.0 Reason(s) for decision:

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

22.0 Date Decision published:

22.1 6 March 2024

23.0 Executive Members in attendance:

23.1

24.0 Call-in:

24.1

25.0 Notes:

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