

Notice of :	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision Number:	PH37/2024
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	19 March 2024

WARD COUNCILLOR FUNDING

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider applications under the Ward Councillor 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 Councillor 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 Councillor 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 Jim Hobson of Bloomfield ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.3 Councillor Matthew Thomas of Brunswick ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.4 Councillor Alistair Humphreys of Clifton ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.5 Councillor Paula Burdess of Clifton ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.6 Councillor Julie Jones of Greenlands ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.7 Councillor Kim Critchley of Hawes Side ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
(ii) £177.52 as a ward councillor donation to Cultural Services, towards the cost of tables for Palatine Library reading area.
- 6.8 Councillor Neal Brookes of Hawes Side ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
(ii) £177.52 as a ward councillor donation to Cultural Services, towards the cost of tables for Palatine Library reading area.
- 6.9 Councillor Peter Hunter of Highfield ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.10 Councillor Jo Farrell of Ingthorpe ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services

Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.

- 6.11 Councillor Jon Bamborough of Ingthorpe ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.12 Councillor John Boughton of Layton ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.13 Councillor Kathryn Benson of Layton ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.14 Councillor Sarah Smith of Marton ward has requested:
(i) £130 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.15 Councillor Shaun Brookes of Marton ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.16 Councillor Julie Sloman of Norbreck ward has requested:
(i) £400 as a ward councillor funding donation to Counselling in the Community, towards the cost of a campaign of awareness of the services available to Blackpool families and children.
- 6.17 Councillor Adrian Hoyle of Park ward has requested:
(i) £150 as a ward councillor donation to Enveco, towards the cost of 15 Good Grief plaques for benches in Park ward, as part of the Good Grief Trust 'Sit with Hope' initiative for grieving people.
(ii) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
(iii) £1,201.32 as a ward councillor donation to Enveco, towards the cost of a Park Ward Waste Amnesty taking place in April 2024.
- 6.18 Councillor Gillian Campbell of Park ward has requested:
(i) £150 as a ward councillor donation to Enveco, towards the cost of 15 Good Grief plaques for benches in Park ward, as part of the Good Grief Trust 'Sit with Hope' initiative for grieving people.
(ii) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.19 Councillor Mark Smith of Talbot ward has requested:

- (i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.20 Councillor Jane Hugo of Talbot ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.21 Councillor Portia Webb of Tyldesley ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.22 Councillor Lisette Roe of Tyldesley ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
- 6.23 Councillor Pam Brookes of Victoria ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
(ii) £458.88 as a ward councillor donation to Palatine Library, towards the cost of a Palatine library furniture refresh in the Adult area.
- 6.24 Councillor Fred Jackson of Victoria ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.
(ii) £458.88 as a ward councillor donation to Palatine Library, towards the cost of a Palatine library furniture refresh in the Adult area.
- 6.25 Councillor Simon Cartmell of Waterloo ward has requested:
(i) £250 as a ward councillor donation to Visit Blackpool, towards the cost of Fylde Ex Services Liaison Committee (FESLC) D-Day 80th Anniversary celebrations on the Tower Headland.

6.26 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 and the impact of this decision for our children and young people:

11.1 In the course of considering these specific ward councillor 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 councillor 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 councillor funding application forms.

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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:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

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 Leader of the Council agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:
To authorise the requests, as submitted.

20.0 Date of Decision:

20.1 19 March 2024

21.0 Reason(s) for decision:

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

22.0 Date Decision published:

22.1 19 March 2024

23.0 Executive Members in attendance:

23.1

24.0 Call-in:

24.1

25.0 Notes:

25.1