

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision number:	PH37/2020
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	10 August 2020

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 2020/2021. 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 £200 as funding for their involvement in setting up and personally organising "Project Care" for Anchorsholme Ward residents with regard to a leaflet print and drop at the beginning of the COVID-19 lockdown to let residents know of the help available in the community.
- 5.3 Councillors Cain and Hobson of Bloomfield Ward have requested £1,710 as funding to The Boathouse Youth project towards the provision of summer holiday support in providing activities and lunches for the isolated youth in Bloomfield Ward.
- 5.4 Councillors R Scott and Wing of Greenlands Ward have requested £4,863.60 as funding to the North Blackpool Pond Trail to support a Project Officer to help maintain the Pond Trail from September 2020 to March 2021 within Greenlands Ward.
- 5.5 Councillors Cross and Farrell of Ingthorpe Ward have requested £2,431.80 as funding to the North Blackpool Pond Trail to support a Project Officer to help maintain the Pond Trail from September 2020 to March 2021 within Ingthorpe Ward.
- 5.6 Councillors Benson and Mitchell of Layton Ward have requested:
(i)£1,047.40 as funding to Blackpool Stanley Rugby League Club for the provision of basic rugby equipment to enable the setting up of a new youth team.
(ii)£350 as funding the Grounds Maintenance Team for the clearance of the unadopted alleyway to the rear of Wembley Avenue.
- 5.7 Councillors Campbell and Kirkland of Park Ward have requested:
(i)£2,054 as funding to The Boathouse Youth project towards the provision of summer holiday support in providing activities and lunches for the isolated youth in Park Ward.
(ii)£2,445 as funding to Christ the King Catholic Academy towards the purchase of 150 summer nature project boxes for the children attending the school to continue learning throughout the summer period.
(iii)£2,200 as funding to Groundworks@TheGrange Meals on Wheels to deliver meals to the isolated and vulnerable on Grange Park.

- 5.8 Councillors Jackson and Owen of Victoria Ward have requested:
(i)£2,445 as funding to St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy towards the purchase of 150 summer nature project boxes for the children attending the school to continue learning throughout the summer period.
(ii)£295 as funding the Street Cleansing Department for the clearance of the unadopted alleyway to the rear of Marton Drive.

- 5.9 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.10 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:

10 August 2020

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The requests are in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

19.1 Date Decision published:

10 August 2020

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1