

<b>Notice of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision Number:</b>	PH49/2020
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	24 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 Cain and Hobson of Bloomfield Ward have requested £1,000 as funding to the Environmental Services Department for the purchase of 4 mobile CCTV cameras for use by the NEAT Officer within Bloomfield Ward to deter anti-social behaviour.
- 6.3 Councillor R Scott and Wing of Greenlands Ward have requested £1,280 as funding to Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) for the continued upkeep of the Fylde Memorial Arboretum at Moor Park.
- 6.4 Councillor Hunter of Highfield Ward has requested £642.95 as funding to Blackpool Coastal Housing (BCH) towards providing the vulnerable residents of Highfield Ward Christmas Activity Packs for those unable to socialise due to the two local community centres having to close.  
These applications are submitted as solo applications due to Cllr Mrs Henderson MBE being unable to provide a signature due to her current illness.
- 6.5 Councillors D Coleman and Stansfield of Marton Ward have requested £1,590 as funding to the Illuminations Department for the purchase and installation of a large LED lit Christmas Tree at Marton United Reform Church.
- 6.6 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:

**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 24 November 2020

**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 24 November 2020

**23.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

23.1

**24.0 Call-in:**

24.1

**25.0 Notes:**

25.1