

<b>Notice of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision Number:</b>	PH6/2021
<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>	18 January 2021

**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 Baker and Roberts of Stanley Ward have requested £1,100 as funding to the Environmental Services Team to clear fly-tipped rubbish and cut back weeds at the alleyway to the rear of Willowbank and Broadfield Avenue.
- 6.3 Councillors Hugo and Smith of Talbot Ward have requested £200 as funding to The Salvation Army at Raikes Parade for the provision of purchasing toys for Christmas for underprivileged children from families in Talbot Ward.
- 6.4 Councillors D Scott and Mrs Scott of Warbreck Ward have requested £44 as funding to the Highways Department for the purchase and installation of 2 "Community Concern Speed Area" signs on Warley Road.
- 6.5 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:

To authorise the requests, as submitted.

**20.0 Date of Decision:**

20.1 18 January 2021

**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 18 January 2021

**23.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

23.1

**24.0 Call-in:**

24.1

**25.0 Notes:**

25.1

