

<b>Notice of:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>Decision Number:</b>	PH72/2021
<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>	15 October 2021

**WARD COUNCILLOR FUNDING**

**1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To consider an application under the Ward Councillor Grants Scheme.

**2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To authorise the request, as submitted.

**3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 The request is 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 application but this is not recommended as the request is 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 £7,500 to each Ward Councillor covered for the financial year 2021/2022. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.

6.2 Councillor Jackson of Victoria Ward has requested £180 as a ward councillor funding donation to The Gatehouse Church for first aid training for two volunteers running the toddler group associated with the church.

6.3 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:**

11.1 In the course of considering this specific ward councillor funding recommendation, the Council has explored any possible unintended adverse impacts on people because of shared characteristics protected by the Equality Act. The Council believes that this proposed funding recommendation will have no 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 form.

**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 Leader of the Council agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To authorise the request, as submitted.

**20.0 Date of Decision:**

20.1 15 October 2021

**21.0 Reason(s) for decision:**

21.1 The request is in accordance with the Ward Councillor Grant initiative.

**22.0 Date Decision published:**

22.1 15 October 2021

**23.0 Executive Members in attendance:**

23.1

**24.0 Call-in:**

24.1

**25.0 Notes:**

25.1