

Notice of:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
Decision Number:	PH42/2022
Relevant Officer:	Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	27 May 2022

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 £7,500 to each Ward Councillor covered for the financial year 2022/2023. The funding for this scheme can be spent on supplementing funding public services, for the benefit of the local community.
- 6.2 Councillor Hobson of Bloomfield Ward has requested:
(i)£302 as a ward councillor funding donation to York Street Resident's Community Group for the purchase of plants and equipment to make 4 hanging baskets for the Community Blackpool in Bloom event
(ii)£300 as a ward councillor funding donation to Bairstow Street Hoteliers Group for the purchase of plants and equipment to make hanging baskets for the Community Blackpool in Bloom event.
- 6.3 Councillor Burdess of Clifton Ward has requested:
(i)£200 as a ward councillor funding donation to Blackpool Boys and Girls Club towards a Mereside Youth Booster Literacy Scheme to provide transport and a snack to visit Waterstones Bookshop and Central Library.
(ii)£137.50 as a ward councillor funding donation to Cherry Tree Community Centre towards the purchase of food, drink and bunting for their community Jubilee Event.
- 6.4 Councillor R Scott of Greenlands Ward has requested £494.33 as a ward councillor funding donation to Kings Church towards the purchase of food, drink and small stalls for a community Jubilee Event.
- 6.5 Councillor Wing of Greenlands Ward has requested £494.33 as a ward councillor funding donation to Kings Church towards the purchase of food, drink and small stalls for a community Jubilee Event.
- 6.6 Councillor Brookes of Hawes Side Ward has requested £2,769.60 as a ward councillor funding donation to the Highways Department for the purchase and installation of 2 Speed Indication Devices for Hawes Side Ward.
- 6.7 Councillor Critchley of Hawes Side Ward has requested £2,769.60 as a ward councillor funding donation to the Highways Department for the purchase and installation of 2 Speed Indication Devices for Hawes Side Ward.
- 6.8 Councillor Hugo of Talbot Ward has requested £120 as a ward councillor funding donation to Enveco for 2 days clearing of the alley behind Gloucester Road by the Community Payback Team.

6.9 Councillor Smith of Talbot Ward has requested £120 as a ward councillor funding donation to Enveco for 2 days clearing of the alley behind Gloucester Road by the Community Payback Team.

6.10 Councillor Jackson of Victoria Ward has requested £300 as a ward councillor funding donation to Westfield Road Community Group towards the purchase of food, drink and bunting for their community Jubilee Event.

6.11 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 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.

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 requests, as submitted.

20.0 Date of Decision:

20.1 27 May 2022

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 27 May 2022

23.0 Executive Members in attendance:

23.1

24.0 Call-in:

24.1

25.0 Notes:

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