

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager
Implementation Date of Decision:	4 November 2022

WARD FUNDING

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application under the Ward 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 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 this application but this is not recommended as the request is in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.

To delay the approval until after the Greenlands by-election. However, this could risk the Christmas Tree not being in place for the festive season.

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 £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.

5.2 Councillor R Scott of Greenlands Ward has requested £650.00 as a ward councillor funding for the erection of Christmas Tree in Greenlands ward. The decision is required urgently to ensure that the tree can be erected as planned in advance of a switch on event in the first week in December.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 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 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The request 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 This decision would normally be made by the Leader of the Council in accordance with the Ward funding scheme. However, due to the request coming in during the pre-election period and the approval of it being normally published on the Council's website, the Director of Governance and Partnerships consulted with the Leader of the Council, Councillor R Scott and the Leader of the Principal Opposition and it was agreed that it would be taken by the Director with the publication of that decision to be after the by election had concluded.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To authorise the request, as submitted.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 The request is in accordance with the Ward Grant initiative.