

**Report to The Leader of the County Council**  
**Report submitted by: The Chief Executive**

**Part I - Item No. 1**

**Electoral Division affected:**

Preston North

**Local Member Grant Application from:**  
**Mid Lancashire Colts Junior Football League**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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### **Executive Summary**

This report presents a joint application from a local organisation totalling £2,500 from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The joint application is to all 25 county councillors in Chorley, Preston and South Ribble for £100 each.

### **Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Young People is requested to consider and approve the request for grant funding as set out in Appendix 'A' attached.

### **Background and Advice**

Local Member Grants were originally set up in April 2006 to provide voluntary, community and faith sector (VCFS) organisations the opportunity to apply for funding to support projects that would benefit the local community.

On 29 March 2010, using powers in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Leader of the County Council approved changes to the Local Member Grant scheme to enable individual county councillors to take formal decisions on behalf of the County Council. It was also agreed that a review of the administration of the new scheme should be undertaken to enable further improvements to be made to the administration of the scheme, based on feedback received from applicants, councillors and officers. The review is now complete and the Leader of the County Council considered the findings of the review and agreed a number of improvements to it on 21 March 2011.

The above legislation however does not apply to cabinet members as they already have these decision making powers. The Cabinet Member for Young People is therefore being asked to consider and agree the attached application(s) for funding (in relation to their own Local Member Grant budget) under the existing decision making process for cabinet (Executive) members. Existing rules for executive decision making, including the notification of key decisions and provision for the call in of decisions will therefore continue to apply for cabinet members.

Under the grants scheme each county councillor has been given a specific budget which he/she can spend to enhance the economic, social, environmental well-being of people who live in their area (electoral division).

For the financial year 2012/13 each county councillor has a budget of £3,000. A maximum of £250 can be carried forward from the 2011/12 allocations to 2012/13 on the basis that it is committed to projects (via the normal approval process) by the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

- Appendix 'A' - Mid Lancashire Colts Junior Football League

### **Consultations**

N/A

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

## Finance

Details of the funding requested are set out in attached application

An up-date of spend in 2012/13 is shown below:

Budget for 2012/13	£3,000
C/F from 2011/12	£250
Total Grant Available in 2012/13	£3,250
Grant Allocations Already Approved	£0
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2012/13	£3,250
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected:	£0
New Grant Request now submitted:	
Mid Lancashire Colts Junior football League	£100
Total Grant Requests in Progress	£100
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2012/13 if all outstanding requests are approved	£3,150

### **Any representations made to the Cabinet Member prior to the issue being considered in accordance with the Public Notice of Forward Plans**

Name: Organisation: Comments:

N/A

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper Date Contact/Directorate/Tel

N/A

### **Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate**

N/A