

**Report to County Councillor Bernard Dawson**  
**Report submitted by: The Head of Legal & Democratic Services**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Accrington South

**Local Member Grant Application from:**  
**Action for ASD – East Lancashire Autism Resource Centre**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation totalling £1500 from eight County Councillors from the Local Member Grants Scheme. The organisation are applying to the following County Councillors for the following amounts:

- County Councillor Margaret Brindle £200
- County Councillor Tony Martin £200
- County Councillor Bernard Dawson £200
- County Councillor Clare Pritchard £150
- County Councillor Marcus Johnstone £200
- County Councillor Alan Schofield £100
- County Councillor Alyson Barnes £200
- County Councillor Dorothy Lord £250

**Recommendation**

That consideration be given to 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 Leader of the County Council considered the findings of the review and agreed a number of improvements to it on 21 March 2011.

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 2016/17 each county councillor has a budget of £2,000. A maximum of £250 can be carried forward from the 2015/16 allocations to 2016/17 on the basis that it is committed to projects (via the normal approval process) by the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

- Appendix 'A' – Action for ASD – East Lancashire Autism Resource Centre

**Implications:**

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(s).

An up-date of spend in 2016/17 is shown below:

Budget for 2016/17		£2,000.00
C/F from 2015/16		£250.00
Refunds		
<b>Total Grant Available in 2016/17</b>		<b>£2,250.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Cambridge Street Methodist Church on behalf of Double Niners	£100.00
	Baxenden Allotments & Gardens Society	£300.00
		£400.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2016/17</b>		<b>£1,850.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	BREDAKWAI Judo Academy	£367.00
	Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum	£200.00
	New Freedom Ltd (Dickensian Night)	£250.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	Action for ASD	£200.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,017.00
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2016/17 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£833.00</b>

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
N/A		