

**Report to the County Councillor Miles Parkinson**  
**Report submitted by: The Chief Executive**

**Part I - Item No.**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Great Harwood, Rishton &  
Clayton-le-Moors

**Local Member Grant Application from:**  
**Great Harwood Civic Society**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation totalling £1,000 from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

**Recommendation**

County Councillor Miles Parkinson 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. County Councillor Miles Parkinson is therefore being asked to consider and agree the attached application 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 2017/18 each county councillor has a budget of £2,000  
Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

- Appendix 'A' – **Great Harwood Civic Society**

### **Consultations**

N/A

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial – This report is subject to financial clearance being obtained by the Corporate Finance Team.

### **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  |                             |                  |
| Refunds   |                             |                  |
| <b>Total Grant Available in 2016/17</b>   |                             | <b>£2,000.00</b> |
| Grant Allocations Already Approved  |                             |                  |
|   |                             | £0.00            |
| <b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2016/17</b>   |                             | <b>£2,000.00</b> |
| Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected   |                             |                  |
| New Grant Request now submitted:  | Great Harwood Civic Society | £500.00          |
| Total Grant Requests in Progress  |                             | £500.00          |
| <b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2016/17 if all outstanding requests are approved</b> |                             | <b>£1,500.00</b> |

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

| Paper | Date | Contact/Directorate/Tel |
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N/A

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

N/A