

Urgent Decision Taken on Behalf of Cabinet

Report to the Leader of the County Council and the Deputy Leader of the County Council

Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal and Democratic Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Wyre Rural Central;

Local Member Grant Application from Great Eccleston Over 60's

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation totalling £800.00 from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Reason for Urgency

This decision is urgent and cannot wait until the next Cabinet meeting on 18 January 2018 as the event is taking place on 16th January 2018. This decision is therefore being taken on behalf of Cabinet by the Leader of the County Council and the Deputy Leader of the County Council, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 34(1).

Recommendation

The Leader and Deputy Leader of the County Council are requested to consider and approve the request for grant funding as set out in Appendix 'A' attached on behalf of Wyre Rural Central division.

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 Leader and Deputy Leader of the County Council are therefore being asked to consider and agree, on behalf of Wyre Rural Central, the attached application for funding. 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 £3,000.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

Appendix 'A' – Great Eccleston Over 60's

Consultations

N/A

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

Budget for 2017/18		£3,000.00
C/F from 2016/17		£0.00
Refunds		
Total Grant Available in 2017/18		£3,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Fylde Veterans Community Interest Company	£100.00
	Pilling Jubilee Silver Band	£850.00
	Young Inskip People	£250.00
		£1,200.00

