

Report to the County Councillor Andrew Gardiner
Report submitted by: The Chief Executive

Part I - Item No.

Electoral Division affected:
Heysham

Local Member Grant Application from:
More Music
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation totalling £1,800 from the Local Member Grants Scheme. The organisation are applying to the following County Councillors:

- County Councillor Andrew Gardiner - £200
- County Councillor Gina Dowding - £200
- County Councillor Lizzi Collinge - £200
- County Councillor Susie Charles - £200
- County Councillor Phillippa Williamson - £200
- County Councillor Erica Lewis - £200
- County Councillor Tony Jones - £200
- County Councillor Charles Edwards - £200
- County Councillor Hilda Parr - £200

Recommendation

County Councillor Andrew Gardiner 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 Andrew Gardiner 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' – **More Music**

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.

