

Report to County Councillor Andrew Gardiner
Report submitted by: The Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Electoral Division affected:
Heysham

Local Member Grant Application from:
The Growing Club CIC
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £260.80 towards the cost of equipment that will be used in drop in sessions from County Councillor Andrew Gardiner's Local Member Grant Budget for 2017/18.

The organisation has submitted a multi division application requesting a total amount of £1304.00 from the Local Member Grants Scheme towards the same project. Requests have been made to each of the following County Councillors and a separate report will be submitted to each councillor for their determination:

- County Councillor Erica Lewis - £260.80
- County Councillor Susie Charles - £260.80
- County Councillor Phillipa Williamson - £260.80
- County Councillor Andrew Gardiner - £260.80
- County Councillor Margaret Pattison - £260.80

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.

Under the Grants scheme each county councillor has been given a specific budget which he/she can spend to enhance the economic, social and 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' – The Growing Club CIC

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 2017/18 is shown below:

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		
	West End Community & Traders Group	£300.00
		£300.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18		£2,700.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	More Music	£200.00
	Wesley Methodist Church and Community Centre	£500.00
	Overton Memorial Hall	£1,500.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	The Growing Club CIC	£260.80
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£2,460.80
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2017/18 if all outstanding requests are approved		£239.20

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
N/A		