

**Report to County Councillor Erica Lewis**  
**Report submitted by: The Head of Legal & Democratic Services**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Lancaster South East

**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 Erica Lewis 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		
<b>Total Grant Available in 2017/18</b>		<b>£3,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Barton Road Centre on behalf of The Palatine Project	£515.00
	Lancaster District Bus Users Group	£100.00
	Lancaster Fun Palace	£250.00
	The Olive Branch (Faith in Action)	£100.00
		£965.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18</b>		<b>£2,035.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	More Music In Morecambe	£250.00
	The Gregson Community Association LTD	£250.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	The Growing Club CIC	£260.80
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£760.80
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2017/18 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£1,274.20</b>

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
N/A		