

**Report to County Councillor Gillian Oliver**  
**Report submitted by: The Head of Legal & Democratic Services**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Preston South West

**Local Member Grant Application from:**  
**Preston Multiple Sclerosis Society**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £228 towards the hire of a venue for an information day from County Councillor Oliver's Local Member Grant Budget for 2017/18.

The organisation has submitted a multi division application requesting a total amount of £1800 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 Tomlinson - £228
- County Councillor Rear - £228
- County Councillor Marsh- £204
- County Councillor Green- £228
- County Councillor Howarth - £228
- County Councillor Oliver - £228
- County Councillor Driver- £228
- County Councillor Gooch - £228

**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' – Preston Multiple Sclerosis Society

**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	Larches and Savick Community Association	£199.90
	341 (City of Preston) Squadron Air Training Corps	£184.91
	Dig in North West CIC	£200.00
	Kidz 4 Kidz Theatre Company	£150.00
	No Label Arts Community Interest Company	£100.00
	Penwortham Holme West Allotment Association	£200.00
	Larches and Savick Community Association	£210.00
	Brick North West CIC	£400.00
	Armed Forces Group Preston c/o Dig In North West	£450.00
	Certain Curtain Company	£380.00
		£2,474.81
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18</b>		<b>£525.19</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	Preston & District Citizens Advice Bureau	£192.86
New Grant Request now submitted:	Preston MS Society	£228.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£420.86
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2017/18 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£104.33</b>

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
N/A		