

Report to County Councillor Eddie Pope
Report submitted by: The Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Electoral Division affected:
Burscough & Rufford

Local Member Grant Application from:
West Lancashire Debt Advice
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £250.00 towards insurance, training and affiliation fees from County Councillor Pope's Local Member Grant Budget for 2017/18.

The organisation has submitted a multi division application requesting a total amount of £1,500.00 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 Hennessy - £250.00
- County Councillor O'Toole - £250.00
- County Councillor Pope - £250.00
- County Councillor Aldridge - £250.00
- County Councillor Barron - £250.00
- County Councillor Greenall - £250.00

Recommendation

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in Appendix 'A' attached.

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £900.00. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Pope's budget is £766.25.

Therefore the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £766.25.

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' – West Lancashire Debt Advice

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).

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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	Home Start Central Lancashire	£500.00
	Ormskirk Civic Hall	£233.75
	Sporting Challenge	£250.00
	Timesavers	£250.00
	Grove Community Association	£1,000.00
		£2,233.75

Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18		£766.25
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	McDonald School of Dance	£250.00
	The Twirlys	£200.00
	West Lancashire Pensioners Forum	£200.00
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New Grant Request now submitted:	West Lancashire Debt Advice	£250.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£900.00
Maximum amount of funding that can be approved for all outstanding grant requests		£766.25

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
N/A		