

Report to the Leader of the County Council
Report submitted by: The Chief Executive

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Preston North

Local Member Grant Application from:
Friends of Conway Park
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £750 towards the hire of a hall/kitchen to hold a fundraising event, advertising costs, refreshments and raffle prizes, from the Leader of the County Council's Local Member Grant Budget for 2017/18.

Recommendation

The Leader of the County Council 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.

The above legislation however does not apply to cabinet members as they already have these decision making powers. The Leader of the County Council 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 £3,000
 Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

- Appendix 'A' – Friends of Conway Park

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.

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	Dig in North West CIC	£200.00
	Kidz 4 Kidz Theatre Company	£150.00
	Armed Forces Group Preston c/o Dig In North West	£300.00
	Certain Curtain Company	£380.00
	Preston & District Citizens Advice Bureau	£192.86

		£1,222.86
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18		£1,777.14
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	Preston MS Society	£228.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	Friends of Conway Park	£750.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£978.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2017/18 if all outstanding requests are approved		£799.14

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A