

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools**  
**Report submitted by: The Chief Executive**

**Part I**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Lancaster Rural East

**Local Member Grant Application from:**  
**North Lancashire Wildlife Group**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £118.30 towards bat detectors, identification guides and sampling equipment from the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and School's Local Member Grant Budget for 2017/18.

The organisation has submitted a multi division application requesting a total amount of £1064.75 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 Gardiner - £118.35
- County Councillor Williamson - £118.30
- County Councillor Charles - £118.30
- County Councillor Lewis - £118.30
- County Councillor Edwards - £118.30
- County Councillor Parr - £118.30
- County Councillor Salter - £118.30
- County Councillor Turner - £118.30
- County Councillor Oades - £118.30

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools is requested to consider and approve 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 £852.85. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Charles' budget is £824.00.

Therefore the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £824.00.

## **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 Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools 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' – **North Lancashire Wildlife Group**

## **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).

**It should be noted that the amount being requested by the organisations comes to a combined total of £852.85. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Charles' budget is £824.00. Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £824.00.**

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	Galgate Horticultural Society	£526.00
	Lancaster District Homeless Action Service Ltd	£100.00
	Lancaster Fun Palace	£150.00
	More Music	£200.00
	Quernmore Recreational Club	£500.00
	The Victoria Institute	£500.00
	More Music In Morecambe	£200.00
		£2,176.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18</b>		<b>£824.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	The Growing Club CIC	£260.80
	St John's Hospice	£193.75
	Ludus Dance	£280.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	North Lancashire Wildlife Group	£118.30
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£852.85
<b>Maximum amount of funding that can be approved for all outstanding grant requests</b>		<b>£824.00</b>

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

Paper Date Contact/Directorate/Tel

N/A

**Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate**

N/A