

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:

Caritas Care Limited
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £397.80 towards an interactive LCD Touchscreen Whiteboard Display from County Councillor Driver's Local Member Grant Budget for 2017/18.

The organisation has submitted a multi division application requesting a total amount of £1,193.40 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 Carl Crompton – No funds remaining
- County Councillor Yousuf Motala – No funds remaining
- County Councillor Kevin Ellard - £397.80
- County Councillor Geoff Driver £397.80
- County Councillor George Wilkins - £397.80
- County Councillor Gillian Oliver – No funds remaining

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' –Caritas Care Limited

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).

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| 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 |
| | Preston MS Society | £228.00 |

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| | Friends of Conway Park | £750.00 |
| | | £2,200.86 |
| Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18 | | £799.14 |
| Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected | | |
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| New Grant Request now submitted: | Caritas Care limited | £397.80 |
| Total Grant Requests in Progress | | £397.80 |
| Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2017/18 if all outstanding requests are approved | | £401.34 |

An up-date of spend in 2017/18 is shown below:

**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