

**Report to County Councillor Malcolm Barron**  
**Report submitted by: The Head of Legal & Democratic Services**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
West Lancashire North

**Local Member Grant Application from:**

All Saints Hesketh With Beconsall Church  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation totalling £250.00 towards building products to construct a containing wall at Beconsall Old Church from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Funding is subject to confirmation that the organisation has the necessary permissions (in light of the private dwellings, the fact that the building is listed and any necessary highways permissions required) to construct the wall.

**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 £800.00. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Barron's budget is £565.27.

Therefore the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £565.27.

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**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' – All Saints Hesketh with Beconsall Church

### 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		
<b>Total Grant Available in 2017/18</b>		<b>£3,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Ormskirk Civic Hall	£233.75
	Sporting Challenge	£250.00
	West Lancashire Pensioners Forum	£200.00
	North Meols Nifty 50's Sports Club	£200.00
	Banks St Stephens Bowling Club	£169.00
	Hesketh Bank Community Centre	£311.98
	Hesketh Bank Silver Band	£500.00
	Banks Brass Band	£300.00
	Tarleton Cricket Club	£270.00
		£2,434.73
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2017/18</b>		<b>£565.27</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but	West Lancashire Debt Advice	£250.00

not yet Approved/Rejected	Chruches Together in Ormskirk and District	£200.00
	Sporting Challenge	£100.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	All Saints Hesketh With Becconsall Church	£250.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£800.00
<b>Maximum amount of funding that can be approved for all outstanding grant requests</b>		<b>£565.27</b>

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

**List of Background Papers**

Paper

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