

**Report to County Councillor Carolyn Evans**  
**Report submitted by: The Chief Executive**

**Electoral Division affected:**

Skelmersdale East

**Local Member Grant Application(s) from:**  
**West Lancs Training and Learning Centre CIC**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

This report presents a joint application from a local organisation totalling £3,000 from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The joint application is to the following county councillors for the amounts listed:

County Councillor Terry Aldridge - £850;  
County Councillor Carolyn Evans - £850;  
County Councillor Maggie Skilling - £850;  
County Councillor Rob Bailey - £450.

**Recommendation**

That consideration be given to 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. It was also agreed that a review of the administration of the new scheme should be undertaken to enable further improvements to be made to the administration of the scheme, based on feedback received from applicants, councillors and officers. The review is now complete and Leader of the County Council considered the findings of the review and agreed a number of improvements to it on 21 March 2011.

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 2012/13 each county councillor has a budget of £3,000. A maximum of £250 can be carried forward from the 2011/12 allocations to 2012/13 on

the basis that it is committed to projects (via the normal approval process) by the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

- Appendix 'A' - West Lancs Training and Learning Centre CIC

### 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 applications(s)

An up-date of spend in 2012/13 is shown below:

Budget for 2012/13		£3,000.00
C/F from 2011/12		£250.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2012/13		£3,250.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Appley Bridge Village Hall Committee	£1,000.00
	Appley Bridge Pensioners Club	£100.00
	Churches Together in Ormskirk & District	£200.00
	TMD Neighbourhood Management Board	£400.00
	Skem Man-Aces Football Club	£380.00
		£2,080.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2012/13		£1,170.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	Appley Bridge Community Association	£494.83
	West Lancashire Carers Centre	£150.00
		£644.83
New Grant Request now submitted:	West Lancs Training and Learning Centre CIC	£850.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,494.83
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2012/13 if all outstanding requests are approved		£0.00

It should be noted that the amount being requested by the organisation above is a request for £1,494.83 and the maximum total amount available to allocate from CC Carolyn Evan's budget is £525.17.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
N/A		