

Report to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
South Ribble West;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £649 towards a groundman Aerator and bowl kits from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care is requested to consider and approve the request for grant funding as set out in the report.

Detail

On 16 December 2021, Full Council approved the reintroduction of the Local Member Grants. Under the scheme, each county councillor has been given a specific budget which they can spend to enhance the economic, social, and environmental well-being of people who live in their division. Following the reintroduction, using powers in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Leader of the County Council has authorised 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 Adult Social Care is therefore being asked to consider and agree the application for funding (in relation to their own Local Member Grants Scheme 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.

For the financial year 2024/25, each county councillor has a budget of £2000. Each councillor can also carry forward a maximum of £200 that was unspent in the previous financial year. County Councillor Graham Gooch's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation	
Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£649	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
South Ribble West	£649
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
£500 part funding for a groundsman aerator. £149 part funding for bowls buddies 16 bowl kit for young people.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
As soon as funding is approved.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
Groundsman aerator – Funding is required to help purchase a Groundsman Aerator which is capable of doing both solid and hollow tines. The green should be aerated regularly during the winter and spring to reduce thatch build-up and improve the playing surface. However, at a cost of £250 per visit (external contractor) current maintenance schedules are limited.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
£500 part funding for a groundsman aerator.	



£149 part funding for bowls buddies 16 bowl kit for young people.

If you are not asking for the full amount of the cost of your activity / equipment, please give us details of where the rest of the funding is coming from. Please also explain what you will do if we give you the grant, but you do not get the other funding.

Groundsman aerator cost £3500 – received a grant of £3000 from Much Hoole Parish Council leaving a shortfall of £500.

Bowls Buddies 16 bowl kit cost £449 – received a grant of £300 from LCC Younger Peoples Champion leaving a shortfall of £149.

If the councillor offers a grant of less than you have asked for, please explain below how that will affect your proposal – for example, will you still be able to complete your project or purchase, will you scale the project back, or seek funding elsewhere?

If grant offer is less than we applied for, we will have to look at seeking additional grant funding or approve to release the shortfall from the bowling club's reserves.

Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

Yes
 No

Consultations

N/A

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.

Financial

Details of the funding requested are set out in this report.

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:



Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£1.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,001.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
£0.00		
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,001.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
£0.00		
NEW REQUESTS	Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club	£649.00
£649.00		
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£649.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,352.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

