Report to the Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans
Report submitted by: **Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars**

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:
Wrea Green D-Day 80th Anniversary Committee

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £636.75 to deliver a series of commemorative events in line with national and international events for the 80th anniversary of D-Day from the Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans Budget.

Recommendation

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in this report.

Detail

The role of Champion was first established in 2002 and the county council currently has six Champions, whose role is to support the Leader and individual Cabinet Members within their remits.

The six county council Champions are as follows:

- Armed Forces and Veterans
- Disabled People
- Mental Health
- Older People
- Parishes
- Young People

For the financial year 2023/24, each Champion has been given an annual allocation of £10,000 for use at their discretion to finance their activities, to which any unspent

balance up to a maximum of £2,500 from the previous financial year could be added, giving a maximum budget of £12,500 in any one financial year. The Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation
Wrea Green D-Day 80th Anniversary Committee (Constitution lists Friends of Wrea Green)

How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£636.75

What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
To deliver a series of commemorative events in line with national and international events for the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
They are planning four days of events which will take place on The Green including: - 6 June a bonfire and formal service in line with national and international commemorations. - 7 June family Quiz - 8 June all day, large scale event with period entertainment, children's activities, performances from local group, competitions, food and drink stalls, World War II vehicles, reenactors including soldiers, 1940s performances and "The Churchills", vintage stalls and a dining and entertainment evening event which will be ticketed. The Royal British Legion and Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA) – The Armed Forces Charity have been invited to attend the event as our chosen charities. - 9 June family picnic day, community church service on The Green and afternoon Tea

What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
It will be held in Wrea Green and publicised to the wider Fylde Coast area with the support of the Wrea Green Parish Council and Fylde Borough Council Tourism team.

Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.

They are seeking funding for the following activities on Saturday 8 June:
Children's activities
Spitfires:
MDF (plywood) spitfires that be painted and taken home as a memento £250 for 100 (the company is providing plywood at cost)
Paints and paint brushes - £17.85
Paratrooper craft for children:

Toy soldiers - £11.90
String - £10
Parachutes (fabric squares) £47 (.47p each for 100) (we will be seeking donations of fabric to reduce this cost)

(Any savings on the above will be used towards additional children's activities such as printing costs for codebreaking and colouring, facepainting etc)

Activities open to everyone:

JEM Events: (A group of three professional singers who will be doing four 1940s performances over a four-hour period singing songs from the era and reciting famous speeches and poetry). A £100 deposit has been paid and the total cost is £900. We are requesting £150 from this fund towards the performers which will be a free performance open to all visitors.

Family Quiz Night – to be held Friday 7 June
£150 for professionally run quiz evening including quizmaster and all technical equipment

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.

If they are not successful in this grant, they will need to either reduce/adjust their plans or organise additional fundraisers to meet the costs. For the singers, they are continually seeking sponsors and have several other fundraisers planned through April to meet the remainder of the costs.

If the Champion 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?

Seek funding elsewhere.

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

x☐ Yes		
☐ No		

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

An up-date of spend in 2023/24 is shown below:Budget for 2023/24		£10,000.00
C/F from 2022/23		£1,054.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2023/24		**£11,054.00**
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2023/24		**£11,054.00**
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Wrea Green D-Day 80th Anniversary Committee	£636.75
		£636.75
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£636.75
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2023/24 if all outstanding requests are approved		£10,417.25

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact

None