

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills**

**Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars**

**Part I**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Leyland South;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**  
St John's Church Leyland

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £400 towards a deep clean of a baby grand piano from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills 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 Education and Skills 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 Jayne Rear's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>	
St John's Church Leyland	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£400	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Leyland South	£400
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
Deep clean of a baby grand piano – I.e. the realignment of the hammers, cleaning and re-tuning.	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
Spring/Summer 2024.	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wednesday Hub – Adults learning difficulties – Singing therapy.</li> <li>- Parent and toddler group singing – 'Acorns' – Thursday – Term time.</li> <li>- September – Community Choir commences.</li> <li>- Regular church services.</li> </ul>	
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>	
The deep clean – re-alignment of the strings/hammers and re-tuning is all in one event.	



**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.**

Requesting the full amount of funding for the project.

**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?**

We will need to ask the congregation for donations to make up the difference.

**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		£200.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,200.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
£0.00		
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,200.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
£0.00		
NEW REQUESTS	St John's Church Leyland	£400.00
£400.00		
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£400.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£1,800.00</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

### Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

