

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:
Hutton Church of England Grammar School PTA

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £2000 towards purchasing three picnic tables 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.

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £2680. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Graham Gooch's budget is £1352.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £1352.

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	
Hutton Church of England Grammar School PTA	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£2000	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
South Ribble West	£2000
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<p>Purchasing 3 picnic tables. This would be for an area beside the MUGA. (Multi-use games area.)</p> <p>The seating would be used by Year 8 at lunchtime and for visitors to the school to watch Summer sports of athletics and cricket on the front field.</p> <p>The benches need to be moveable.</p>	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
Ongoing	
<p>HGSA help support a number of events throughout the school year. We have recently held our annual Easter BINGO, a disco with Penwortham Girls High School for Year 7 pupils and have planned a Plant Sale & Car Rally on the 11th of May. We have also planned a Sports Awards evening for later in the Summer Term.</p>	



How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?

HGSA support a number of events throughout the school year. Hutton host a number of South Ribble Primary School events such as athletics and cricket. The HGSA provide refreshments to the parents and students. The moveable seating will allow them to be closer to the action.

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

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£465 EA	£433 EA	£425 EA

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.

We are asking for £2000. We will look to purchase 5 @ £425 = £2125

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 we do not get the full amount the HGSA which is the Hutton Grammar School Association (PTA) will need to fundraise the difference.



This may take some time as we fundraise small amounts of money on a regular basis. For example, Plant Sale, Sports Awards Evening, Car Rally and sponsored walk.

If the amount is significantly short, we may decide to purchase fewer picnic tables as there are other aspects of the school community that we wish to support.

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	Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club	£649.00
£649.00		
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,352.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Longton Victory Memorial Sports and Social Club	£680.00
£680.00		
NEW REQUESTS	Hutton Church of England Grammar School	£2,000.00
£2,000.00		
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£2,680.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		-£1,328.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

