

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
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Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Longridge with Bowland;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Longridge Girl Guide Hut

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £2,000 towards the cost of rebuilding a WW1 Timber Hut from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport 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 £2,000. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick's budget is £1,800.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £1,800.

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 Highways and Transport 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 Rupert Swarbrick's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

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| Full name of your organisation | |
| Longridge Girl Guide Hut | |
| How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000 | |
| £2,000 | |
| Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit? | |
| Name | Amount |
| Longridge with Bowland (Cllr Swarbrick) | £2,000 |
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| What are you going to spend the grant on? | |
| Rebuilding a WW1 Timber Hut on freehold land which was bequeathed to us in 1934. | |
| Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods | |
| July 2024. | |
| How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)? | |



Providing a safe space for continue Girl Guiding member activities as well as offer the building to the local community for a number of activities and purposes. Which will be run on a not-for-profit basis with established volunteers and trustee.

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

All/any funds we are awarded will go towards the cost of demolition and removal of the old building in preparation for the rebuild of the property at a later date.

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.

The full cost of the rebuild is approx. £200,000.
We have current fundraising fund of approx. £40,000 – the majority raised, pre COVID pandemic.
We have applied for a number of other grants and have a busy schedule of Fundraising for the current year.
We also have several local traders who have pledged skills/labour/fixtures & Fittings to work with us on the project.
In the unlikely event of not getting further funding, we will reimburse you with the money received. However, we will not give up until this hut is rebuilt!

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 complete this project with the help of any amount of funding from the councillor, although it may take a little longer.

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.

It should be noted that the amount being requested in this application is £2,000. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick's budget is £1,800, therefore the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for this application is £1,800.

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

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| Budget for 2024/25 | | £2,000.00 |
| C/F from 2023/24 | | £0.00 |
| Refunds | | £0.00 |
| Total Grant Available in 2024/25 | | £2,000.00 |
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| Grant Allocations Already Approved | Rosemary and Time CIC | £200.00 |
| | | £200.00 |
| Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25 | | £1,800.00 |
| Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected | | |
| | | £0.00 |
| NEW REQUESTS | Longridge Girl Guide Hut | £2,000.00 |
| | | £2,000.00 |
| Total Grant Requests in Progress | | £2,000.00 |
| Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved | | -£200.00 |

List of Background Papers

| Paper | Date | Contact |
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

