

**Report to the Champion for Older People**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**  
(All Divisions);

**Champion Grants Scheme Application from:**

Hilldale Community Association

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £300 for refreshments for their coffee mornings.

**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 XXX total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>
Hilldale Community Association
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>
£300
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>
<p>The Hilldale Community Association, an entirely volunteer led and staffed charity, holds Coffee Mornings primarily aimed at the older residents of our community. They would spend the money of the food etc we buy which includes: bread, rolls, butter, cakes, sausages, bacon, coffee [instant and ground], soft drinks. The cost for food for each Coffee Morning is typically £60. They subsidise the prices at which they sell the food and drinks to keep and attract the residents. They hold the Coffee Mornings 9 times a year – the last Saturday of every month except May, August and December.</p>
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>
They hold the Coffee Mornings 9 times a year – the last Saturday of every month except May, August and December.
<b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>
Their Coffee Mornings have been running for many years and attracts many of their older residents who enjoy getting out to chat to neighbours and friends. More recently, younger people including families, have started to come along and this creates a mix of generations which everyone enjoys.
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>
Cakes, bread, drinks etc: typically, £300 per year
<b>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.</b>
<p>They have some reserves which they will use to make up the difference. They also hold the Hilldale Fair every year and this is a major fund raiser which allows them to hold events which are intended to bring in the community rather than to make money.</p>



**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?**

They will be able to continue to provide the coffee mornings. The award of a grant means that they don't have to draw on their reserves as much and that means that they can provide funds to improve village facilities and other loss making events.

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

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 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£10,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Blue Flamingo Community Hub CIC	£689.94
	Friends of Pendle Brook	£500.00
	Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)	£400.00
	Rosemary and Time CIC	£480.00
	Longton Over Fifties Lunch Group	£250.00
	North Meols Nifty Fiftys	£500.00
	TOFFS	£400.00
	St Stephens in the Banks	£500.00
	St Stephen's Church - Friends Food and Fun Group	£400.00



		£4,119.94
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£5,880.06</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Hilldale Community Association	£300.00
		£300.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£300.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£5,580.06</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

