

**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:**

Hesketh Bank Community Centre

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £1,189.88 towards the cost of 10 Cobalt Blue Coronet Armchairs from the Champion for Older People 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 2024/25, 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 Older People total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

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| <b>Full name of your organisation</b>  |
| Hesketh Bank Community Centre  |
| <b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>   |
| £1,189.88  |
| <b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>   |
| 10 Cobalt Blue Coronet Armchairs<br>They have several regular users of the Centre who are older/less able and struggle getting in and out of the chairs in their function rooms because they do not have arms. They are currently using two chairs from the reception area, they did have three but one has broken because they are very old, but that is not enough.<br>The Coronet Armchairs are the same as the chairs we have in the function rooms but with arms which will be less conspicuous, more comfortable and secure for our users. They are stackable and there is a discount for purchasing 10. |
| <b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>   |
| As soon as possible, as we are in urgent need.   |
| <b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>  |
| Safety and comfort for anyone who struggles getting in and out of chairs and needs them to have arms who uses our Centre.  |
| <b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>   |
| Coronet Armchair £101.70 each x 10 = £1,017.00<br>Less 10 or more unite discount of £25.43<br>Shipping Free of Charge<br>Plus VAT £198.31<br>Total = £1189.88  |
| <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>  |
| N/A  |



**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 would seek funding elsewhere to cover any shortfall or purchase fewer chairs without a discount.

**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 2023/24 is shown below:

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| 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           |
|   | Hilldale Community Association                   | £300.00           |



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|   |                                  | £4,419.94        |
| <b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>   |                                  | <b>£5,580.06</b> |
| Grants Requests Submitted<br>but not yet Approved or<br>Rejected  |                                  |                  |
|   | St Vincent De Paul Society       | £800.00          |
|   |                                  | £800.00          |
| NEW REQUESTS  | Hesketh Bank Community<br>Centre | £1,189.88        |
|   |                                  | £1,189.88        |
| <b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>   |                                  | <b>£1,989.88</b> |
| <b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all<br/>outstanding requests are approved</b> |                                  | <b>£3,590.18</b> |

### List of Background Papers

| Paper | Date | Contact |
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| None  |      |         |

