

**Report to County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal MBE**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**

Brierfield & Nelson West;  
Clitheroe; Ribble Valley South  
West; Rossendale West;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**

7<sup>th</sup> Clitheroe Brownies

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £1,890 towards the cost of days out in Bruges, Brussels and The Netherlands for 4 Brownie units from Girlguiding in East Lancashire from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £1,890 from the Local Member Grants Scheme towards the same project. Requests have been made to each of the following county councillors and a separate report will be submitted to each councillor for their determination:

- County Councillor Sue Hind - £560
- County Councillor Alan Schofield - £210
- County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal - £490
- County Councillor Samara Barnes - £630

**Recommendation**

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in this report.

**Detail**

On 16 December 2021, Full Council approved the reintroduction of the Local Member Grants Scheme. 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.

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 Mohammed Iqbal'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>	
7 <sup>th</sup> Clitheroe Brownies	
We are a joint group made up of four units from the Girlguiding Lancashire East County - 7 <sup>th</sup> Clitheroe (St Paul's Low Moor) Brownies, 3rd Langho Brownies, 6th Nelson (St Philp's) Brownies and 21st Rossendale Brownie Unit. The leader of 7th Clitheroe Brownies is the event organiser/lead volunteer for the trip.	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£1890	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clitheroe (Cllr Hind)	£560
Ribble Valley South West (Cllr Schofield)	£210
Brierfield & Nelson West (Cllr Iqbal)	£490
Rossendale West (Cllr Barnes)	£630
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
<p>This summer, girls and leaders from 4 Brownie units from Girlguiding in East Lancashire are joining together to go on their first international trip – 5 days in Belgium, travelling by coach and ferry, and staying near Bruges. Days out during the trip include visits to Bruges, Brussels and over the border into the Netherlands for a visit to an activity farm and the beach. There are 29 excited travellers in total.</p> <p>If successful, the grant would be used towards the cost of the days out in Bruges and Brussels and The Netherlands.</p> <p>From each division: County Councillor Sue Hind - Clitheroe – 8 participants (two participants have received full grants from Girlguiding for the trip so we are not applying for grants for them)</p> <p>County Councillor Alan Schofield - Ribble Valley South West – 3 participants</p>	



County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal MBE - Brierfield and Nelson West – 7 participants

County Councillor Samara Barnes - Rossendale West – 9 participants

**Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods**

Trip is 1st – 5th August 2024

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

In Bruges, the participants will be visiting two museums, finding out about two of Belgium’s biggest exports – French Fries and Chocolate, as well as taking a canal trip and finding out about Bruges’ history through the canal ride commentary and later walking around the town.

In Brussels, the participants will visit Mini-Europe, a unique featuring all the wonders of Europe in miniature, learning about the history, geography and culture of Europe, and also the Atomium, Brussels’ iconic and most-famous attraction – inside there are displays about history, science, art – and several lifts, escalators and 260 steps!

As the accommodation we are using is not far from the Dutch border, we thought it would be fun to include a trip to The Netherlands in our trip, meaning we will visit three countries – France, Belgium and The Netherlands – in our five day adventure. We’ve found an activity farm that looks great fun and will also have time for a trip to the Dutch coast for some paddling.

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

Accommodation	£	52.00
Coach	£	100.00
Ferry	£	30.00
Food	£	50.00
Necker	£	5.50
Badges and trip clothing	£	35.00
insurance	£	25.00
Bruges inc. Canal Ride and Museum	£	25.00
Brussels inc. Atomium and Mini-Europe	£	25.00
Day Trip to NL inc. Farm Centre and Beach	£	25.00
Pre-Trip Events/Planning	£	20.00
Misc Group Items - First Aid Kit etc	£	10.00
	£	402.50
contingency	£	40.25
	£	442.75



**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 cost of the trip is £450 per person, as shown in the budget at Q8, and this has been paid through personal payments, group and individual fundraising (including craft stalls, refreshment stalls, Virtual Balloon Race, Easter party, Burns Night dance party) grants from Rotary, Soroptimists, Freemasons, various Girlguiding grants and trusts. Most participants have raised/paid so far all but the last £75 due.

The trip is definitely going ahead, and we have received funding from a number of sources, with the balance paid by personal/parental payments.

**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 the grant received is less than the amount for which we applied, it simply means a bit more fundraising in other ways or higher personal payments.

**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		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Women Rise Up CIC	£265.00
	Nature Warriors	£500.00



	Building Bridges Pendle	£500.00
		£1,265.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£735.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	7th Clitheroe Brownies	£490.00
		£490.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£490.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£245.00</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

