

**Report to County Councillor Steven Holgate**  
**Report submitted by: The Chief Executive**

**Electoral Division affected:**

Chorley West

**Local Member Grant Application from:**  
**Charnock Richard Playgroup**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation totalling £500 from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

**Recommendation**

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in Appendix 'A' attached.

**Background and Advice**

Local Member Grants were originally set up in April 2006 to provide voluntary, community and faith sector (VCFS) organisations the opportunity to apply for funding to support projects that would benefit the local community.

On 29 March 2010, using powers in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Leader of the County Council approved changes to the Local Member Grant scheme to enable individual county councillors to take formal decisions on behalf of the County Council. It was also agreed that a review of the administration of the new scheme should be undertaken to enable further improvements to be made to the administration of the scheme, based on feedback received from applicants, councillors and officers. The review is now complete and Leader of the County Council considered the findings of the review and agreed a number of improvements to it on 21 March 2011.

Under the Grants scheme each county councillor has been given a specific budget which he/she can spend to enhance the economic, social, environmental well-being of people who live in their area (electoral division).

For the financial year 2013/14 each county councillor has a budget of £3,000. A maximum of £250 can be carried forward from the 2012/13 allocations to 2013/14 on the basis that it is committed to projects (via the normal approval process) by the end of the 2013/14 financial year.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

- Appendix 'A' – Charnock Richard Playgroup

**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**

Details of the funding requested are set out in attached applications(s)

An up-date of spend in 2013/14 is shown below:

Budget for 2013/14		£3,000.00
C/F from 2012/13		£68.55
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2013/14</b>		<b>£3,068.55</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Coppull United FC	£697.00
	Heskin Young at Heart Club	£300.00
	Hand on Heart Charity Ltd	£500.00
	Mood Swings, Chorley and South Ribble Self-Help Group	£150.00
		£1,647.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2013/14</b>		<b>£1,421.55</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected		
		£0.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	Charnock Richard Playgroup	£500.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£500.00</b>

<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2013/14 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>
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<b>£921.55</b>
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**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

**List of Background Papers**

Paper

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