

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services
Report submitted by: The Chief Executive**

Part I - Item No.

Electoral Division affected:

Padiham & Burnley West

**Local Member Grant Application from:
Vedas Services Ltd**
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report presents a joint application from a local organisation totalling £2998 from six County Councillors from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation is applying to the following Councillors for the amounts stated:

County Councillor Misfar Hassan - £500
County Councillor Tony Martin - £500
County Councillor Terry Burns - £500
County Councillor Margaret Brindle - £500
County Councillor Jeff Sumner - £500
County Councillor Marcus Johnstone - £498

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services is requested to consider and approve 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 the Leader of the County Council considered the findings of the review and agreed a number of improvements to it on 21 March 2011.

The above legislation however does not apply to cabinet members as they already have these decision making powers. The Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services is therefore being asked to consider and agree the attached application for funding (in relation to their own Local Member Grant 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.

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' – Vedas Services Ltd

Consultations

N/A

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 application

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

Budget for 2013/14		£3,000.00
C/F from 2012/13		£144.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2013/14		£3,144.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Burnley Bobcats ADM	£216.66
	Nazareth Unitarian Chapel	£250.00
	Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Parents Support Group for Diabetic Children Diabetes UK	£150.00
	Building Bridges in Burnley	£250.00
	Stonemoor Bottom Residents Group	£350.00
	Burnley Civic Trust	£600.00
		£1,816.66
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2013/14		£1,327.34
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved/Rejected	Friends of Memorial Park	£500.00
		£500.00
New Grant Request now submitted:	Vedas Services Ltd	£498.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£998.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2013/14 if all outstanding requests are approved		£329.34

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A