

# Champion for Young People

## Report on Expenditure from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

To assist the Leader and appropriate Cabinet Members on efforts across Service Areas to provide high quality employment opportunities and apprenticeships for young people, and to encourage external organisations to do likewise.

### **McDonald School of Dancing - £100**

McDonald School of Dancing was set up in Burscough in 1970 and has taught many young children to dance, from beginner to professional, from medalist to championship. The funding they applied for will be used towards their building restoration project.

### **Carers Link Lancashire - £1,000**

Carers Link Lancashire had recently purchased a property in the centre of Accrington. The funding requested was used for a new DDA entrance to the new community garden all of which would be DDA compliant and inclusive for all, encouraging and promoting intergenerational work, community cohesion and engagement and support and accessible services for carers and the wider communities.

### **Key Youth Charity - £1,000**

Key Youth Charity deliver a range of services from Key's base at Leyland. This includes drop in sessions for Young people experiencing homelessness, and providing counselling, family therapy and life skills sessions. Due to heavy usage the carpets have become worn and stained and therefore the funding requested would be used towards replacing the carpet with a new more suitable flooring that can easily be cleaned.

### **Headway Preston and Chorley - £1,000**

Headway Preston and Chorley requested the funding towards a new school's road safety project. The project provided take away leaflets for children and their families containing road safety information. It targeted school age children in years 1 – 4 although they had a wider reach to siblings and other family members. The project Be Safe Be Seen included messages about wearing bright clothing, cycle lights and wearing a cycle helmet. Information for parents includes advice about crossing road properly and the use of mobile phones when in charge of a child. The aim was to reduce and hopefully prevent the instances of serious injury (including acquired brain injury) through road traffic collisions involving children.

### **Chorley Cricket Club - £250**

Chorley Cricket Club requested funding towards a new junior cricket pitch with an artificial surface and drains. This will allow children between 11-12 to play cricket and

will enable the club to expand and keep offering cricketing opportunities to young people.

**M3 Project – £500**

The M3 Project is a charity that helps vulnerable young people obtain accommodation and supports homelessness and helps them to access a brighter future. They work with other agencies to encourage young people to develop independent living skills and support them finding permanent accommodation of their own. The grant helped towards essential items for these young people as they move into M3 through to independent accommodation.

**Chorley School Sports Partnership - £1,000**

Chorley School Sport Partnership requested funding towards the cost of a 16 week program for three small groups of selected year 9 pupils who suffer from low self-esteem/ lacking of self-confidence. The program included a variety of outdoor activities and leadership activities in local primary schools which was linked to Sports Leaders Level 1 Award. The course encouraged the pupils to become more confident in themselves and their ability to communicate with peers and adults. At the end of all the programs there was a celebration event where pupils and parents were invited to a special sports and individual award evening.

**UR Potential - £2,000**

UR Potential requested the funding towards delivering three sessions in two secondary schools in Wyre and two secondary schools in Fylde. The sessions were offered to up to 25 year elevens in each school. One session explored coping strategies for dealing with exam stress and another session for a follow up. They also offered a third session for small groups or 1-1's for students who needed further support and intervention.

**Underspend. - £3,301**

I held back some funding expecting three further applications that I had discussed with the groups involved. Unfortunately, one of those applications was received too late in the year (and in the "purdah" period) for consideration, and the other two were never submitted.

***County Councillor Mark Perks  
Champion for Young People***

## Schedule of Expenditure for 2018/19

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<b>County Councillor Mark Perks - Champion for Young People</b>	
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>
McDonald School of Dancing – Improvements to the dance studio	£100
Carers Link Lancashire – Installation of safety door	£1,000
KEY – Unlocking Futures – new flooring and carpets	£1,000
Headway Preston and Chorley – Road safety project	£1,000
Chorley Cricket Club – junior pitch	£250
M3 Project – Essentials for young homeless live independently	£500
Chorley School Sports Partnership – 16 week programme to tackle low self esteem in Year 9 pupils	£1,000
UR Potential – Sessions in secondary to help with exams and revisions	£2,000
<b>TOTAL SPENT</b>	<b>£6,850</b>