

**Report to County Councillor Mathew Tomlinson**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Leyland Central;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**

The Base on Broadfield Community Centre

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £1750 towards the Broadfield Community Garden from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

**Recommendation**

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

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £2062.50. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Mathew Tomlinson's budget is £1981.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £1981.

**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 2023/24, each county councillor has a budget of £2500. Each councillor can also carry forward a maximum of £200 that was unspent in the previous financial year. County Councillor Mathew Tomlinson'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>	
The Base on Broadfield Community Centre	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2500</b>	
£1750	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Leyland Central	£1750
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
To develop the Broadfield Community Garden – we want to turn it into a Wellbeing Garden for all the community to enjoy with the focus on positive mental health and social isolation. We would love the garden to be a real sensory experience and a hub for the community. We would like to purchase some comfortable seating and seeds, bulbs and security cameras.	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
Project would start immediately.	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
We passionately believe in the power of nature to combat poor mental health and social isolation – we want the garden to be accessible to the whole community whether they are keen gardeners or just want to sit and enjoy a peaceful green space.	
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>	
Seating - £800 CCTV - £500 Seeds/Bulbs/other gardening equipment - £450	



**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.**

Requesting the full amount of funding for the project.

**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?**

We will endeavour to seek alternative funding.

**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**

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An up-date of spend in 2023/24 is shown below:



Budget for 2023/24		£2,500.00
C/F from 2022/23		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2023/24</b>		<b>£2,500.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Leyland Photographic Society	£419.00
	Friends of Leyland Library	£100.00
£519.00		
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2023/24</b>		<b>£1,981.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	The South Ribble Wellbeing Trust	£312.50
£312.50		
NEW REQUESTS	The Base on Broadfield Community Centre	£1,750.00
£1,750.00		
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£2,062.50</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2023/24 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>-£81.50</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

