

Report to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

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

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Moss Side & Farington;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Friends of St. Pauls School

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £1851:95 towards storage and seating in the changing shed and five raised flower beds from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing is requested to consider and approve the request for grant funding as set out in the report.

Detail

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

The above legislation however does not apply to Cabinet Members as they already have these decision-making powers. The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing is therefore being asked to consider and agree the application for funding (in relation to their own Local Member Grants Scheme 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.

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 Michael Green's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation	
Friends of St. Pauls School	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£1851:95	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Moss Side and Farington	£1851:95
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<p>We (FOSPS - Friends of St Paul's School) are the PTFA operating as a registered charity (Registration Number 1097467). We are supporting and part-funding the implementation and ongoing development of Forest School at Farrington Moss St Paul's CE Primary School.</p> <p>We plan to spend this grant money, if successful, on storage and seating in the changing shed for pupils to store and get changed in and out of forest school uniform - this will allow usage of the Forest School facilities in all weathers. A Mud Kitchen and 5 raised flower beds to enhance learning and development by providing interactive-based learning.</p>	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
May 2024	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
There are approximately 200 pupils on roll at Farrington Moss St Paul's CE Primary School. This grant will enable the purchase and siting of a large shed/workshop as part of the implementation of Forest School.	



If embedded as part of the curriculum, pupils of all ages and abilities at the school will benefit from everything that Forest School has to offer. It will also help us to create something that will build and grow, supporting children that will come to the school in future years as well as the current pupils.

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

We believe that risk is more than just potential for physical harm, but a more holistic thing, there are risks in everything we do, and we grow by overcoming them. Forest School, therefore, helps participants to become, healthy, resilient, creative and independent learners.

(Ref-<https://forestschoollassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/>)

It is vital to have a safe, suitable place for the children to change and for kit storage. Having a fully embedded Forest School will give the children who attend Farington Moss St Paul's regular opportunity to gain important life skills and another dimension to their learning that will improve their well-being and quality of life.

This setting will encourage deeper learning about nature and the environment, promoting the respect and values of protecting it for everyone to enjoy.

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

Storage and seating in the forest school changing shed -£400.00

Mud Kitchen-£522.00

X5 Raised flower beds-£185.99 each,£ 929.95 in

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.

If we were unsuccessful in receiving the full amount FOSPs would make up the shortfall through fundraising efforts.

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?

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We would also review with the Headteacher and specialist teachers what the most important need was and would procure those items first.

Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

- Yes
 No

Consultations

N/A

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.

Financial

Details of the funding requested are set out in this report.

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:



Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£197.68
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,197.68
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
£0.00		
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,197.68
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
£0.00		
NEW REQUESTS	Friends of St. Pauls School	£1,851.95
£1,851.95		
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,851.95
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£345.73

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

