

**Report to the Champion for Older People**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**  
(All Divisions);

**Champion Grants Scheme Application from:**  
Community Network and Outreach Serviced CIC

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £1,440 towards the cost to run monthly Seniors Luncheon Sessions from the Champion for Older People budget.

**Recommendation**

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

**Detail**

The role of Champion was first established in 2002 and the county council currently has six Champions, whose role is to support the Leader and individual Cabinet Members within their remits.

The six county council Champions are as follows:

- Armed Forces and Veterans
- Disabled People
- Mental Health
- Older People
- Parishes
- Young People

For the financial year 2024/25, each Champion has been given an annual allocation of £10,000 for use at their discretion to finance their activities, to which any unspent balance up to a maximum of £2,500 from the previous financial year could be added,



giving a maximum budget of £12,500 in any one financial year. The Champion for Older People total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>
Community Network and Outreach Service CIC
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>
£1,440.00
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>
<p>They would like to use the grant to run monthly Seniors Luncheon Sessions predominantly for over 60s in the Leyland, South Ribble &amp; surrounding areas. They will provide a meal (starter, main &amp; dessert) refreshments and entertainment. These will run at the British Commercial Vehicle Museum in Leyland. The manager has offered the venue space for free for the sessions.</p> <p>The Luncheons provide an opportunity for Older persons not only to connect with each other but with us as a service so that we are able to provide any additional practical or well-being support that may individually be required. They provide a welcoming, familiar environment, a meal, company/friendship and eider community links, (no cost for attendees). They will also offer entertainment during the sessions such as a quiz or music.</p>
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>
Monthly session (usually the last Saturday per month). They want to run over 12months. All good items and refreshments etc are purchased fresh in readiness for each session.
<b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>
<p>Reducing Social Isolation, Loneliness and social exclusion.</p> <p>Building strong community &amp; service links.</p> <p>Providing a social event with a meal &amp; refreshments at no cost to attendees which is a positive social event that doesn't impact anyone through the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Developing friendships and support networks with like minded people of similar interests and experiences.</p>
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>
Food/meal items to provide at the Luncheons which are seasonal and also include a Christmas Meal session in December.



All items purchased fresh in readiness for the sessions.

Allocation of £4 per person and we would like to offer 30 spaces.

**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.**

The venue space is being given as a gesture of goodwill by the Museum for us to host the Luncheons at.

Volunteers will run and facilitate the sessions including going shopping for the meal items that are prepared and provided.

Any minor items will be donated by local supermarket champions such as teabags/coffee.

Items for entertainment during the Luncheons is being provided by an attendees daughter at no cost.

**If the Champion 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 would need to reduce the number of places offered and/or the frequency of the Luncheons.

**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

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

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00



Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£10,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Blue Flamingo Community Hub CIC	£689.94
	Friends of Pendle Brook	£500.00
	Brindle Over Fifty Fives (The BOFFS)	£400.00
	Rosemary and Time CIC	£480.00
	Longton Over Fifties Lunch Group	£250.00
	North Meols Nifty Fiftys	£500.00
	TOFFS	£400.00
	St Stephens in the Banks	£500.00
	St Stephen's Church - Friends Food and Fun Group	£400.00
	Hilldale Community Association	£300.00
	St Vincent De Paul Society	£600.00
	Hesketh Bank Community Centre	£450.00
		£5,469.94
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£4,530.06</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Community Network and Outreach Service	£1,440.00
		£1,440.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£1,440.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£3,090.06</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

