

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change**  
**Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars**

**Part I**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Wyre Rural East;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**  
Garstang Scarecrow Festival Trust

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £500 towards the cost of first aid, toilets, seating and collection boxes at the festival from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change 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 Environment and Climate Change 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 Shaun Turner'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>	
Garstang Scarecrow Festival Trust	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£500	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wyre Rural East (Cllr Turner)	£500
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
First aid, toilets, seating and collection boxes at the festival.	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
5-7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024.	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
The community event includes all walks of life: children, schools, adults, businesses etc. It brings tourists to Garstang and improves the local economy and community cohesion.	
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>	
Collection Boxes - £135	



Seating, toilets and first aid – To be confirmed.

**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.**

We apply for other funding, sponsorship and charge stallholders to attend and for programmes. The festival costs circa £4-5,000 per annum.

**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 seek funding elsewhere.

**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		£200.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,200.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved		



		£0.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,200.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	St. John's Hospice Lancaster	£200.00
		£200.00
NEW REQUESTS	Garstang Scarecrow Festival Trust	£500.00
		£500.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£700.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£1,500.00</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
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None

### Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

