

Report to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families

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

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Briercliffe Wednesday Club

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £400 towards a group trip to Thompson Park for afternoon tea.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Children and Families 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 Children and Families 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 Cosima Towneley'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	
Briercliffe Wednesday Club	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£400	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
County Councillor Cosima Towneley	£400
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
A trip to Thompson Park for afternoon tea.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
26 th June 2024	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
A welcome trip out for 30 members of our senior citizens club in Briercliffe, most of whom are in their eighties or nineties.	
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.	
Afternoon tea - £15 per head Transport to and from Thompson Park, Burnley from Jubilee Street, Briercliffe.	
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.	



Small contribution from each member and/or club "funds".

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 hopefully still be able to go ahead but will affect our reserves for room hire and annual insurance.

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
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,200.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	St Stephen's Church - Friend, Food and Fun Group	£400.00
	Towneley Hall Society	£500.00
		£900.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,300.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Briercliffe Wednesday Club	£400.00
		£400.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£400.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£900.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

