

**Report to County Councillor Stuart Morris**

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

**Electoral Division affected:**

Heysham; Morecambe Central;  
Morecambe North; Morecambe  
South;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**

Promenade Concert Orchestra of Morecambe

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £2,500 towards the cost of soloists and musicians to perform at the Ernest Tomlinson centenary celebration concert from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £2,500 from the Local Member Grants Scheme towards the same project. Requests have been made to each of the following county councillors and a separate report will be submitted to each councillor for their determination:

- County Councillor Andrew Gardiner - £625
- County Councillor Margaret Pattison - £625
- County Councillor Stuart Morris - £625
- County Councillor Charles Edwards - £625

**Recommendation**

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

**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 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 Stuart Morris'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>	
Promenade Concert Orchestra of Morecambe	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£2500	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Heysham (Cllr Gardiner)	£625
Morecambe Central (Cllr Pattison)	£625
Morecambe North (Cllr Morris)	£625
Morecambe South (Cllr Edwards)	£625
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
Ernest Tomlinson Centenary celebration concert.	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024.	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
Ernest Tomlinson was a Lancashire-born, light music composer, well known for his work on the BBC Light Programme from 1948 to 1960's and beyond, both as composer, arranger, and conductor. His styles of composing/arranging are renown throughout the music profession, and he is seen as a doyen of light orchestral music compositions. As well as broadcasts, he made many recordings conducting his own music and other light music composers. The benefits to Morecambe, Lancaster City District, NW Region and beyond, is to hear some of his works performed together in a dedicated concert. The main work is his exciting, but rarely heard, <b>Concerto for Five</b> , written for five different saxophones and orchestra, fusing jazz, blues, and light orchestral sounds in one work. The five soloists are professional-standard students	



from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, where, indeed, both the composer and conductor studied many years before when the Royal Manchester College of Music. These students will benefit from the promotion of the work, themselves as an opportunity for young musicians to perform such music in public, while audience members will experience such skills first-hand and appreciate and enjoy the craft of some of Tomlinson's compositions. Publicity will include local schools, colleges, and universities. Care Homes, Defying Dementia and affiliated local arts groups will be encouraged to attend the concert and experience live music. All areas of social and public media will be used and hoping for radio and television coverage. Ticket prices are very reasonably priced at £16 with FREE tickets for accompanied children, as well as carer/assistant. Over the 17 years of over 65 performances since formed, the PCO has also commissioned new works from young composers at the start of their careers; engaged young soloists as they embark on their careers and local young instrumentalists working in the orchestra as RNCM Junior School students, before going on to full-time music studies. We hope to access regional/national interest with this, the only known concert in the country promoting and performing an entire concert dedicated to Ernest Tomlinson's music. In our 17 years existence, we have performed at least 20 of his works and arrangements. The PCO is the only concert orchestra in between Manchester and Glasgow on the West Coast, and across the North, as it specialises in light orchestral music, and the only large Palm Court orchestra in the country performing our annual Music from the Palm Court concert.

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

Five soloists, extra musicians, concert fee, extra rehearsal, travel, and expenses for two visits from Manchester including RNCM agency fee - £2000  
 PCO. 47 musicians, leader and conductor - £4500  
 Platform and rehearsal room hire - £1600  
 Publicity material, social media etc - £400  
 PRS/CCC - £230

**Total            8730.00**

**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.**

Ticket sales	250x£16	4000.00
Raffle		120.00
Refreshment donations		200.00
Possible donation form the ET family		1000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>5320.00</b>
PCO sponsorship/advertising		500.00
<b>LCC LMG (Funding soloists, extra musicians)</b>		<b>2500.00</b>
Anonymous donations/Friends of PCO		410.00
<b>Total balance</b>		<b>8730.00</b>



<b>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?</b>
We would have to search for more funding from elsewhere, special raffle, sell more tickets through more publicity, seek anonymous donations.
<b>Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 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		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Promenade Concert Orchestra of Morecambe	£625.00
		£625.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£625.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are</b>		<b>£1,575.00</b>



approved

### List of Background Papers

Paper

Date

Contact

None

