

**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:**

Adlington Luncheon Club

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £500 towards the coach hire to Oswaldtwistle Mill from the Champion for Older People budget.

**Recommendation**

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

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £5,448.50. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for Older People budget is £3,705.06.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £3,705.06..

**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>
Adlington Luncheon Club
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100</b>
£500
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.</b>
The grant will be used to hire a coach to take 50 pensioners to Oswaldtwistle Mill for shopping, a Christmas meal and entertainment. This is a popular annual event for members of the Adlington Luncheon Club but the cost has risen sharply in recent years. To ensure all who wish to participate can do so it will be necessary to subsidise the cost of the trip. This can be achieved in part by securing funding for the coach.
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
<b>What are the benefits expected to be achieved?</b>
Many pensioners do not have the opportunity to shop, enjoy a meal and entertainment in one trip. This is why this outing is so popular with members and it is hoped that it can take place again this year.
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>
The £500 is to cover the cost of the hire of a coach.
<b>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.</b>
N/A



**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?**

If offered less than the grant requested the trip will still go ahead and every effort will be made to secure the extra money to allow this to happen.

**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**

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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
	Community Network and Outreach Service	£500.00
	St Christopher PC - Community Talks	£325.00
		£6,294.94
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£3,705.06</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Basically Cheer CIC	£4,612.50
	Hesketh Bank Community Centre Dementia Carers	£336.00
		£4,948.50
NEW REQUESTS	Adlington Luncheon Club	£500.00
		£500.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£5,448.50</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>-£1,743.44</b>

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

