

Report to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Part I

Electoral Division affected:

Chorley Central; Chorley North; Chorley Rural West; Chorley South; Clayton with Whittle; Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley; Hoghton with Wheelton; Leyland Central; Leyland South; Moss Side & Farington; South Ribble East;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Friends of the Lancashire County Ensembles (FLCE)

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £1,875 towards the cost of supporting the 'Lancashire Sings' events from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £1,875 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 Aidy Riggott - £250
- County Councillor Alan Cullens BEM - £250
- County Councillor Alan Whittaker - £375
- County Councillor Barrie Yates - £100
- County Councillor Julia Berry - £200
- County Councillor Hasina Khan - £200
- County Councillor Mark Clifford - £100



- County Councillor Michael Green - £100
- County Councillor Steven Holgate - £100
- County Councillor Jayne Rear - £100
- County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson - £100

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth 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 Economic Development and Growth 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 Aidy Riggott'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	
Friends of the Lancashire County Ensembles (FLCE)	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£1,875	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount



Euxton, Buckshaw and Astley (Cllr Riggott)	£250
Hoghton with Wheelton (Cllr Cullens)	£250
Chorley Rural West (Cllr Whittaker)	£375
South Ribble East (Cllr Yates)	£100
Chorley South (Cllr Berry)	£200
Chorley North (Cllr Khan)	£200
Clayton with Whittle (Cllr Clifford)	£100
Moss Side and Farington (Cllr Green)	£100
Chorley Central (Cllr Holgate)	£100
Leyland South (Cllr Rear)	£100
Leyland Central (Cllr Tomlinson)	£100

What are you going to spend the grant on?

Working in partnership with Lancashire music service the Charity is supporting this years "Lancashire Sings" events (Renamed from "Big sings"). These events have exploded in popularity meaning that this year we have had to add 2 extra Chorley dates for the 1st time, taking us to 3 days! This popularity means extra costs and we are now looking for financial support to enable us to keep costs as low as possible for each participating school. The schools involved are all from the Chorley and surrounding areas and we will reach 676 pupils from 24 Primary schools.

The wider benefits of singing are widely known; from enhancing general learning skills in reading and language, to contributing to enhanced well-being and developing confidence in our young people. Lancashire schools are noticing the long-lasting effects of regular, quality singing in their lives, evident in this year's number of sign-ups.

Our Lancashire Sings Model works on 4 principles: 1. Circulating high quality, accessible resources that benefit entire schools, of every ability and area, for the whole academic year. 2. Sharing best singing practise in good technique, vocal health and musical understanding through teachers CPD sessions and school workshops. 3. Bringing local schools together as a musical community to work in important local venues alongside inspirational musicians and sharing their skills with audiences from their community. 4. Performing, developing confidence and stagecraft to create long lasting musical memories and hopefully a lifelong love for singing

The Chorley event takes place on the 11th & 12th June 2024.

Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods

11th, 12th & 13th June 2024

How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?



The money will benefit pupils at schools in the councillors' divisions by enabling us to keep costs as low possible and free at the point of contact for pupils, allowing them access to high quality resources, workshops and the experience of a high-quality live event.

It is also contributing to a feeling of belonging and wellbeing as this an inclusive event, where all participants are welcomed and important.

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

School workshops. Vocal Leader 6 days @ £150/day - £900
Venue Chorley Town Hall Hire (2 days) - £900
Band 3 musicians for 5 hours @ £25.20 per hour x3 - £1,134
Vocal Leader (event) 3 day - £450
TOTAL £3,384

Schools have also received resources and In school workshops with the costs being covered by LMS.

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 rest of the funding for the event is coming from ticket sales (@ £2.50pp) and LMS will fund the final outstanding amount.

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 still run the event and continue to seek funding from other sources.

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

Details of the funding requested are 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 £850. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Aidy Riggott's budget is £2,000.

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved		
		£0.00
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£2,000.00
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	New Friends For You	£600.00
		£600.00
NEW REQUESTS	Friends of the Lancashire County Ensembles (FLCE)	£250.00
		£250.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£850.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,150.00

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

