

Report to County Councillor John Fillis
Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
Skelmersdale East;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
First Upholland Scout Group

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £500 towards pool hire from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

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 John Fillis' 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



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| First Upholland Scout Group | |
| How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000 | |
| £500 | |
| Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit? | |
| Name | Amount |
| Skelmersdale East | £500 |
| What are you going to spend the grant on? | |
| The grant will be used to meet part of the cost of annual hire of swimming pool for weekly young people's kayak training courses in Skelmersdale. | |
| Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods | |
| October 2024 – July 2025 (weekly sessions) | |
| How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)? | |
| Young people of limited means will be introduced and training to a recognised standard of competence and safety. All tuition and equipment will be donated freely by Upholland Scout Group. | |
| Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment. | |
| The weekly hire cost of the pool on our block booking is £65 per week. The entirety of the grant will be used towards this cost. | |
| 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 balance of the project cost will be met by Scout Group fundraising, some sponsorship of young people and personal donations. | |
| 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? | |
| This is a long-standing project – one of the few of its kind open to young people | |



outside of canoe and kayak clubs. Other scout funds would be applied.

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

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

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| 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 | Ormskirk Street Pastors | £250.00 |
| | West Lancs Debt Advice | £250.00 |
| | | £500.00 |
| NEW REQUESTS | First Upholland Scout Group | £500.00 |
| | | £500.00 |
| Total Grant Requests in Progress | | £1,000.00 |
| Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved | | £1,000.00 |



List of Background Papers

| Paper | Date | Contact |
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| None | | |

