

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change**  
**Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars**

**Part I**

**Electoral Division affected:**  
Wyre Rural East;

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**  
Catterall Village Hall

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**Brief Summary**

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £500 towards the cost of exterior lighting for the village hall from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change 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 Environment and Climate Change 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 Shaun Turner'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>	
Catterall Village Hall	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£500	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wyre Rural East (Cllr Turner)	£500
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
<p>We desperately need some lighting on the exterior of the village hall. The rear of the hall is not overlooked and we have been getting youths congregating there. They have been climbing onto the roof and damaging it as well as committing anti-social behaviour in respect of hall users – banging on windows, shouting etc. The police have advised that we should install lights at the back as this deters youths from congregating but the lights need to be robust.</p> <p>We also need to put some lights on the front of the hall. The hall is very well used and the car park is often busy especially when parents are coming to pick up children from groups like Rainbows and Brownies. There is no lighting at all on the car park hence the need to install some lights for the safety of users. Having two good wall mounted lights on the front of the hall will illuminate the exit and improve safety. We will also need to install some lighting further into the car park but these would have to be column lights and are much more expensive and we will be looking for a further grant for these.</p> <p>We have used a lighting design company (whose fee was kindly paid by the parish council) to ensure we have professional advice and recommendations as to the required lighting.</p>	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	



We would like to do the work as soon as possible but before we are too far into autumn/winter so we are aiming for late November/early December.

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

The lighting will keep village hall users safe on the car park and will hopefully deter youths from loitering at the back of the building and scaring hall users.

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

4 x wall mounted lights £603.65  
Cost of installation by electrician estimated £500 (timer/light sensor, PIR, isolator, wiring and labour).

**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.**

We have a small amount of reserves which we can use to fund the remainder of the cost.

**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?**

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**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.

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £700. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Shaun Turner's budget is £1,200.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £1,200.

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	Calder Vale Village Hall	£400.00
	Barton Ladies Social Club	£200.00
	Garstang Scarecrow Festival Trust	£400.00
		£1,000.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£1,200.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	St. John's Hospice Lancaster	£200.00
		£200.00
NEW REQUESTS	Catterall Village Hall	£500.00
		£500.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£700.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£500.00</b>

## List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		



**Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate**

N/A

