

Report to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

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

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Moss Side & Farington; South
Ribble East; Penwortham
West;

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:

Friends of Balderstone School

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £2,000 towards the cost of groundwork for a new playground from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £2,000 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 Michael Green - £1,000
- County Councillor David Howarth - £500
- County Councillor Barrie Yates - £500

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing 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 Health and Wellbeing 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 Michael Green'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 Balderstone School	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£2,000	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Moss Side & Farington (Cllr Green)	
Penwortham West (Cllr Howarth)	
South Ribble East (Cllr Yates)	
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
We are seeking to replace our condemned playground to create a safe and inclusive space for all children. Our school serves a diverse community, and the play area is vital for children of all ages and backgrounds. This project will provide invaluable opportunities for physical, social, and emotional development. To achieve this, we need to raise £30,000 in total. The grant money will specifically fund the initial groundwork, which is estimated at £11,000. Your support will help us take the first step toward transforming this essential space for our children.	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	



Spring 2025.

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

We are initially looking to benefit our own children and families within the school but we are looking to expand the use to British Aerospace families additionally, this is currently in discussion.

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

We need £11,000 overall for groundwork to complete phase 1 of our project, this includes removal of the equipment currently on the ground, flooring (inclusive of safe disposal), levelling off the ground, laying foundations and the implementing of the astroturf and some basic equipment.

£2000 would be put towards our current raised funds. We currently have £7000, and we are looking to add another £1000 to that in December with further events planned for the new year to continue to build.

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.

As above, we currently have £7000 for the project.

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?

If the full amount is not offered we will keep the amount given and continue to fundraise and apply for additional funding/grants until the target is reached.

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.

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

Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£197.68
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,197.68
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Friends of St. Pauls School	£371.98
	Moss Side Leyland WI	£240.00
		£611.98
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£1,585.70
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Chorley Women's Centre	£100.00
		£100.00
NEW REQUESTS	Friends of Balderstone School	£1,000.00
		£1,000.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£1,100.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£485.70

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



