

Report to County Councillor Anne Cheetham
Report Submitted by: Head of Democratic Services

Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:
Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC

	Corporate Priorities: Better lives for all;
Electoral Division(s): Mid Rossendale; Rossendale East; Rossendale South;	
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Summary

Purpose of the Report

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £2000 towards technical equipment and workshops from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

The organisation has submitted a multi-division application requesting a total amount of £2000 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 Sean Serridge - £1000
- County Councillor Jackie Oakes - £500
- County Councillor Anne Cheetham - £500

Recommendation

County Councillor Anne Cheetham is asked to consider the request for grant funding as set out in the report.

Background

1. 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.

2. 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 Anne Cheetham's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

3. Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation	
Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC	
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000	
£2000	
Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?	
Name	Amount
Mid Rossendale – Cllr Sean Serridge	£1000
Rossendale East – Cllr Jackie Oakes	£500
Rossendale South – Cllr Anne Cheetham	£500
What are you going to spend the grant on?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptop and software - Printer - 4 Well Being sessions - 6 facilitated workshops 	
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods	
Immediately upon receiving the grant.	
How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?	
<p>The laptop, software and printer will be used for sole CIC use, for safeguarding and information governance policy requirements for service delivery. Spectrum covers all areas of Rossendale Haslingden, Helmshore, Waterfoot, Rawtenstall, Bacup, Whitworth, Weir and surrounding area.</p> <p>This will also enable us to reach our community online and make it sustainable for longer - many of our community are socially isolated and online meetings are the way of them of getting support. We are also collaborating with the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum and meetings are mostly online.</p> <p>We would also like to hold a workshop/ well-being sessions face to face for our parent/</p>	



carer /adult community who attend our support group and or a part of our social media group.

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

Laptop and Software - £500
Cost effective Printer - £300

Well-being therapeutic art and craft session - £400
£100 for resources, £50 for facilitating and £50 for room hire - this could be done over four separate sessions as to reach more people.

Workshops on informative subjects asked for by our parents, professionals throughout Rossendale. Room Hire £25 each session, £100 facilitating and preparation – total £125 a workshop.

6 workshops - £750
£50 refreshments for all above

Ideas for Workshops

- Neuroscience of the neurodiverse brain
- Sensory Processing Disorder
- EHCP process
- PDA
- Anxiety
- Sleep support
- Question and Answers

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 are politely requesting the full amount due to huge demand for support from Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC and being able to put on much needed services.

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 would have to seek funds elsewhere.

Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

- Yes
 No



Options and Proposals

4. There are three options available:
5. **Option One:** Approve the application in full for the amount requested.
6. **Option Two:** Approve the application in part for a reduced amount.
7. **Option Three:** Reject the application.

Consultations

8. This report has been written in consultation with Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC and using the information provided in their application.

Context and Implications

Legal (including Human Rights)

9. In submitting their application, the organisation has signed the Local Member Grants Scheme Funding Agreement which sets out the terms and conditions of the grant. Those conditions include a requirement that any funding awarded to them will be used solely for the purposes set out in their application and this report.

Financial

10. An updated summary 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
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£2,200.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	More in the Room CIC	£200.00
	Beacon Dementia and Wellbeing	£1,000.00
	Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service	£117.65
	Blackburn Blind Sports	£150.00
		£1,467.65
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£732.35
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Spectrum of Light Rossendale CIC	£500.00
		£500.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£500.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£232.35

Equality and Diversity

11. The Local Member Grants Scheme enables each county councillor to enhance the economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of people who live in their division. Applications for grant funding may relate to projects or activities that seek to benefit specific groups with protected characteristics.

Risk Management

12. No significant risks have been identified.

13. Following the receipt of grant funding, organisations are contacted for evidence to demonstrate that the money awarded has been spent in accordance with their application. The outcome of this monitoring activity is reported to the council's Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		



Part II Reason

14.N/A

