

**Report to County Councillor Terry Hurn**  
**Report Submitted by: Head of Democratic Services**

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**  
Accrington & District Unit of the Sea Cadet Corps

	<b>Corporate Priorities:</b> Economic ambition;
<b>Electoral Division(s):</b> Accrington South;	
<b>Contact:</b> Local Member Grants, Democratic Services, Tel: (01772) 530078, <a href="mailto:LPTLocalMemberGrants@lancashire.gov.uk">LPTLocalMemberGrants@lancashire.gov.uk</a>	

## Summary

### Purpose of the Report

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £475 towards an oven from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

### Recommendation

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

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £1942. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Terry Hurn's budget is £792.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £792.

## 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 Terry Hurn's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

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

<b>Full name of your organisation</b>	
Accrington & District Unit of the Sea Cadet Corps	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£475	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cllr Terry Hurn – Accrington South	£475
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
An oven.	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
As soon as possible.	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
<p>Our current oven is broken and unusable. This is needed for our young cadets to learn cooking during our weekend residential catering courses, which is a progression part of their training syllabus, leading to their advancement as a natural part of their training.</p> <p>Our catering courses encourage independence by providing the cadets with the necessary skills, promoting creativity, encouraging aspirations, developing self-confidence, and working skills, widening educational horizons and enhancing educational achievement.</p> <p>The oven also enables us to provide catering at our popular community events, which the cadets are all involved with. We are currently unable to provide this service which is a major disappointment for something which many are not introduced to as part of their regular school education.</p> <p>Our cadets come from all over the borough, including Accrington South division.</p>	



<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>
We need £1975 to buy a new electric range oven/cooker: £475 Local Member Grant £1500 Duchy of Lancaster
<b>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.</b>
We have applied for £1500 from the Duchy of Lancaster. If we do not secure the funding, the Sea Cadets will use funds assigned to another project.
<b>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?</b>
If we do not secure the funding, the Sea Cadets will use funds assigned to another project.
<b>Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Accrington & District Unit of the Sea Cadet Corps 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. The outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £1942. The total amount of funding available in County Councillor Terry Hurn's budget is £792.

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12. An updated summary of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£192.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,192.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum	£700.00
	Growing Wild	£500.00
	Accrington Sea Cadets	£200.00
		£1,400.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£792.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	JC's Gym & Fitness Centre	£667.00
	Baxenden Community Forum	£300.00
	Official Accrington Stanley Supporters Trust	£500.00
		£1,467.00
NEW REQUESTS	Accrington Sea Cadets	£475.00
		£475.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£1,942.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>-£1,150.00</b>

## Equality and Diversity



13. 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**

14. No significant risks have been identified.

15. 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**

16. N/A

