

**Record Of Decision Taken Under Scheme Of
Delegation By Member Of Senior Management
Team In Consultation With Portfolio Holder and
Chair of My Neighbourhood Forum**



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| SMT Member: | Jennifer Mullin |
| Service Group: | Neighbourhoods and Development |
| Portfolio Holder: | Cllr Bylinski Gelder |
| Portfolio/Committee: | Community Engagement, Social Justice and Wealth Building |
| My Neighbourhood Chair: | Cllr Jane Bell |
| My Neighbourhood Forum: | Leyland and Farington |
| Subject: | Love Leyland and Farington – Support for Volunteering |
| Decision: | Permission for Leyland and Farington Neighbourhood Forum to allocate and spend core funds of up to £2000 to support the Love Leyland and Farington project (Support for Volunteering) |
| Details and Reasoning: | <p>Introduction Leyland and Farington Neighbourhood Plan includes the following project: Love Leyland and Farington</p> <p>Background Whilst several large events have been 'badged' under the Love Leyland and Farington project and supported by the Forum (e.g. Leyland Festival, Taste of Leyland, Leyland Christmas Festival), and the forum has got involved with initiatives like the Great British Spring Clean and The Big Lunch, even more could be achieved if there was a planned campaign to support volunteering.</p> <p>Volunteering is a corporate priority, and the South Ribble Partnership is also focusing on volunteering within the new community strategy. Several neighbourhood plan projects also rely on volunteers – e.g. Leyland in Bloom, Reducing Social Isolation, Giant Veggie Patch, Farington Lodges. This would therefore could be used as a pilot scheme that could be rolled out borough-wide if successful.</p> <p>Details Discussions with the Members responsible for the project has identified that volunteering lies at the heart of the Love Leyland and Farington project, and there is a role for the Forum in encouraging volunteers and acknowledging the valuable part they play in our communities, as well as helping to support and sustain groups. The project will therefore incorporate four stages:</p> <p><u>Stage One – Information gathering</u> Over the coming months we will be asking people to tell us what they like about their community, and the types of volunteering they do or are aware of – this could be formal activity such as the 'Friends' groups, small unconstituted groups, or just individuals. This information will be used to identify the smaller groups that could benefit from low level support or contribution from the forum – e.g. providing refreshments for a coffee morning, or printing leaflets. There will be several opportunities to interact with residents before the end of the year, such as Taste of Leyland, Leyland in Bloom awards, Leyland Library 'Fun Palace' event, Leyland Christmas Festival. We can also use social media and our existing contacts in the community to gather the information.</p> |

Stage Two – Forming relationships

This stage will involve making contact with any groups that have been identified during stage one, and finding out if there is any support they need to maximise their potential, such as helping them to access funding, publicising what they do, putting them in touch with similar groups.

Stage Three – ‘Festival of Volunteering’

This will be a week-long celebration of volunteering held in spring 2020 that could include the following elements:

Seminars, workshops & training on a variety of topics – e.g. time-credits (with South Ribble Partnership), funding, safeguarding, risk assessment, young volunteers, workplace volunteering

Marketplace – where all voluntary groups (large, small, formal and informal) will be offered a stand to showcase their work, form links, share ideas and recruit new volunteers

Groups identified during stage one would be invited to take part.

Thought could be given to using a similar model to the Stirling Festival of Volunteering, now in its third year: <https://festivalofvolunteering.org/about/>

Stage Four – ongoing sustainable support

Once the active phase of the project is complete, we want to put in place a programme of ongoing support for volunteering in South Ribble; this could be done via the South Ribble Partnership.

Proposal

The resource needed for the project is mostly time (councillors and staff), but funding is also needed to provide a working budget during stages one and two, and a larger amount will be required for the Festival of Volunteering.

Stage One & Two

£500 ‘working budget’ to provide publicity materials and in kind support to small groups (provision of tea & coffee, printing, etc.)

Stage Three

£1500 to organise the Festival of Volunteering

It is proposed – that the Leyland and Farington Forum request an allocation of £2000 from core funds to support the project.

None

Please refer to www.southribble.gov.uk website for further details of My Neighbourhood Forum decisions.

**Wider Implications
(Financial, Legal, Equality
& Risk):**

Report attached?

**Exempt from publication?
If exempt, give reason(s):**

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| Financial Management <i>J. Blundell</i> | Legal Services <i>[Signature]</i> | |
| Date <i>28/8/19</i> | Date <i>27/8/19</i> | |
| SMT Member <i>[Signature]</i> | Portfolio Holder <i>[Signature]</i> | My Neighbourhood Chair <i>[Signature]</i> |
| Date <i>16/9/19</i> | Date <i>18/09/2018</i> | Date <i>16.9.19</i> |

Publication Date
(DST use):

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