

**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**



SMT Member:	Jonathan Noad
Service Group:	Development, Enterprise & Communities
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Phil Smith
Portfolio/Committee:	Regeneration and Healthy Communities
My Neighbourhood Chair:	Cllr Colin Coulton
My Neighbourhood Forum:	Western Parishes
Subject:	Permission to spend £600 core funds allocated to the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Forum to support Western Parishes in Bloom.
Decision:	To grant permission to allocate and spend core funds of up to £600 to contribute to one of the priority projects from the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Plan, Western Parishes in Bloom.
Details and Reasoning:	<p><u>Background</u> Western Parishes in Bloom is a campaign to brighten up the Western Parishes and boost civic pride.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to develop and support a Western Parishes in Bloom committee and develop the initiative and hold in 2018. Also to work with the other 4 neighbourhood areas, for an overall South Ribble in Bloom competition. Winners from each category of Western Parishes in Bloom will go forward to the South Ribble in Bloom.</p> <p>The committee has now been set up and is made up of representatives from across the area. Working with the other 4 committees, they will then decide on what they want to achieve, the categories to have for entering the competition, the promotion work and the specific dates.</p> <p>The committee will aim to engage people, groups, schools, churches into the competition and make the Western Parishes a better place to live, work and visit.</p> <p><u>Details</u> This competition will focus on engaging with local people, schools, churches, businesses & community groups.</p> <p>The categories currently agreed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Front Gardens • Best Hanging Basket/Window Box (any size or design) • Best Church • Best Business Premises (any commercial concern) • School's Challenge (open to nurseries, primary and high schools; outdoor display, with a "Coming of Peace theme") • Best Community area/space (eg Village Hall, Church Hall, Sheltered Accommodation; Residential Home) <p>There will be a launch of Western Parishes in Bloom and a celebration at the end.</p> <p>Over the next few months there will be various promotions to market the competition and encourage involvement and entries. Judging will take place in July with a presentation event in August or September (except the schools as a separate presentation will take place before the schools close).</p>

An overall South Ribble in Bloom ceremony will take place in October.

Prizes for each category winner have been agreed with the overall In Bloom group as a £20 voucher. The cost of a shield, which can be re-used each year, is upto £80.

There are 6 categories.

The cost for the shields are initial costs and one off. The voucher cost, a total if £120, will be yearly.

Proposal

To allocate up to £600 for re-usable shields and vouchers, for the prizes.

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

Funding for the projects is available from core funds.
There are no equality issues to consider

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

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

No

Signed:

Financial Management <i>James McNelly</i>	Legal Services <i>David Owen</i>	
Date 12/2/18	Date 12/2/18	
SMT Member <i>[Signature]</i>	Portfolio Holder <i>[Signature]</i>	My Neighbourhood Chair <i>[Signature]</i>
Date 7/3/18.	Date 7-3-2018	Date 13.03.18

**Publication Date
(DST use):**

FRIDAY, 16 MARCH 2018

THIS DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE AND MAY BE IMPLEMENTED FIVE WORKING DAYS AFTER ITS PUBLICATION DATE, SUBJECT TO BEING CALLED IN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION