

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:	Jennifer Mullin
Service Group:	Neighbourhoods and Development
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Phil Smith
Portfolio/Committee:	Regeneration & Leisure
My Neighbourhood Chair:	Cllr Jacqui Mort
My Neighbourhood Forum:	Central
Subject:	Permission to spend £600 core funds allocated to the Central Neighbourhood Forum to support the Friends of Lostock Hall Railway Station.
Decision:	To grant permission to allocate and spend core funds of up to £600 to support the Friends of Lostock Hall Railway Station.
Details and Reasoning:	<p>Background</p> <p>Lostock Hall Railway Station was constructed as part of the Blackburn & Preston Railway. This line was surveyed in 1843 to run between Blackburn & Farington where it would join the North Union Railway line into Preston. The original station, which was demolished in the 1970s, was on the opposite side of the bridge on Watkin Lane. By the early 1980s, pressure from locals to re-open a station to serve the Lostock Hall area had become considerable & on 14 May 1984 a new station was opened on the opposite side of the Watkin Lane Bridge by British Rail with financial backing secured from Lancashire County Council.</p> <p>This two platform concrete structure which now serves the East Lancashire Line, contains two waiting shelters, a long-line P.A system & passenger information screens on each concrete platform. Step-free access is available to both platforms & a touch screen Ticket Machine was recently installed.</p> <p>In 2015 a Friends Group was established by a small group of local residents in partnership with Northern Rail, The East Lancashire Line & Community Rail Lancashire. The group began to carry out a varied selection of planting work on the station approach from Watkin Lane & in the area around the car park, & a number of extra railway themed planters were constructed & installed by the group. South Ribble Borough Council's Central Neighbourhood Forum supported the group in a number of 'Clean Up' days, working with partners from 'Brothers of Charity Services' & in 2017 the group won first prize in the 'Community Space' section of the inaugural 'Farington & Lostock Hall in Bloom' competition, following this up with a runner-up prize in 2018.</p> <p>The group has recently constituted itself formally & is looking to further improve the overall appearance of the station, which in turn gives visitors a sense of pride in their local station, together with getting a better understanding of the history of the station & the local area.</p> <p>Funding requirements</p> <p>The group are looking for funding to help them to continue the planting work they have carried out. They would also like to install further planters & arrange more community based 'Clean Up' sessions at the station. They are also looking for matched funding to help them to purchase & install a 'Friends of Lostock Hall Station' sign similar to the one at Leyland which is featured here.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>The Central Neighbourhood Forum contribute £600 to the Friends of Lostock Hall Railway Station from core funds.</p>
Wider Implications (Financial, Legal, Equality & Risk):	Funding for the projects is available from core funds. There are no equality issues to consider.
Report attached?	Please refer to www.southribble.gov.uk website for further details of My Neighbourhood Forum decisions.
Exempt from publication?	No
If exempt, give reason(s):	

Signed:

Financial Management <i>[Signature]</i>	Legal Services <i>[Signature]</i>	
Date 26/2/19.	Date 27/2/19	
SMT Member <i>[Signature]</i>	Portfolio Holder <i>[Signature]</i>	My Neighbourhood Chair <i>[Signature]</i>
Date 28/2/19.	Date 18-3-2019	Date 26/2/19
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AFTER ITS PUBLICATION DATE, SUBJECT TO BEING CALLED IN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

