

**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**



<b>SMT Member:</b>	Jennifer Mullin
<b>Service Group:</b>	Neighbourhoods and Development
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr Phil Smith
<b>Portfolio/Committee:</b>	Regeneration and Leisure
<b>My Neighbourhood Chair:</b>	Cllr Colin Coulton
<b>My Neighbourhood Forum:</b>	Western Parishes
<b>Subject:</b>	Permission to spend £253 core funds allocated to the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Forum to support Western Parishes in Bloom 2019.
<b>Decision:</b>	To grant permission to allocate and spend core funds of up to £253 to contribute to one of the priority projects from the Western Parishes Neighbourhood Plan, Western Parishes in Bloom 2019.
<b>Details and Reasoning:</b>	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Western Parishes in Bloom is a campaign to brighten up the Western Parishes and boost civic pride.</p> <p>The project began last year with the aim to develop and support a Western Parishes in Bloom committee and develop the initiative and hold the first one in 2018.</p> <p>This proved to be very successful and we are now approaching the second year of running the competition.</p> <p>The aim is 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 closely with the other 4 committees.</p> <p>The committee 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></p> <p>This competition focuses on engaging with local people, schools, churches, businesses &amp; community groups.</p> <p>The categories currently agreed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Front Gardens</li> <li>• Best Hanging Basket/Window Box (any size or design)</li> <li>• Best Church</li> <li>• Best Business Premises (any commercial concern)</li> <li>• School's Challenge (open to nurseries, primary and high schools, outdoor display, with a "50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing theme")</li> <li>• Best Community area/space (eg Village Hall, Church Hall, Sheltered Accommodation, Residential Home)</li> </ul>

This year the overall South Ribble In Bloom committee, made up of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each area's In Bloom committees, have decided to add an extra category called "Young Bloomers". This is for young people age 16 years and under entering from a domestic property. This is to give recognition to younger people who do the gardening at home.

There will be a launch of Western Parishes in Bloom and a celebration at the end.

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). 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 shields can be re-used each year and therefore there is only an engraving cost for the 2019 winners of the 6 shields. There will be an additional cost of upto £80 for the new Young Bloom winner's shield.

There are 7 categories.  
 The cost for the engraving of the existing 6 shields is £5.50 per shield, a total of £33.  
 The cost of an extra shield is upto £80.  
 The voucher cost for 7 at £20 each is a total of £140.

Proposal

To allocate upto £253 for engraving shields and vouchers.

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

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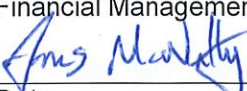
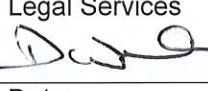
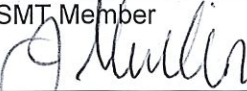


No

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

**Report attached?**

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

**Signed:**

Financial Management 	Legal Services 	
Date 8/3/19	Date 11/3/19	
SMT Member 	Portfolio Holder 	My Neighbourhood Chair 
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