

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	DATE 29 November 2019
TITLE Ward Budget – Support for the Charlton Society Monthly Meetings	WARD (S) Charlton
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities & Environment	CABINET MEMBER Leader of the Council
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Non-Key	FINAL DECISION IN THIS REPORT IS TO BE MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

1. **Decision required**

- 1.1 The Leader is requested to agree the allocation of a one-off payment of £1,920 to support an annual programme of talks and meetings run by the Charlton Society.

CHA003 – Support for the Charlton Society Monthly Meetings

The proposal has been submitted by Cllrs. Perks and Parker

Signed

Councillor Thorpe, Leader of the Council

Dated

Call-in deadline date

2. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 2.1 Under the Scheme of Delegation and arrangements agreed by Cabinet on 24th July 2018, it falls to the Leader of the Council to agree projects submitted by ward councillors in line with the Ward Budget Scheme.

2.2 In accordance with the Scheme agreed by Cabinet, Ward Budget funding should support initiatives that:

- 1) promote the well-being of the community and which are developed in response to local priorities and/or to meet a need identified from within the Ward;
- 2) look to provide additional funding where community groups are already making efforts to raise funds to support the initiative/project;
- 3) are developed and monitored by local Councillors, making use of their knowledge of local needs and priorities;
- 4) have consensus across a Ward or between Wards; and
- 5) enhance the Council's community leadership role and promote civic pride

The proposal reflects points 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 listed above.

2.3 The proposal has been put forward by two of the three Charlton ward Councillors to be funded from the Ward Budget Scheme:

The application is seeking £1,920 to support a programme of talks run by the Charlton Society, a local interest group, dedicated to the conservation and improvement of Charlton. The Society host monthly meetings on matters of local interest, such as the local environment, green spaces and plans on new development in the Charlton area. The events will aim to strengthen links between the local community, raise the profile of The Charlton Society and encourage new membership. The funding will contribute towards the cost of room hire, refreshments and speaker engagement. (Details attached at Appendix A)

3. Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives

3.1 This proposal is consistent with the Council's high-level objectives & priorities:

- A Healthier Greenwich
- A Safer Greenwich
- A Great Place to Grow Up
- A Cleaner, Greener Greenwich
- Economic Prosperity for All
- A Great Place to Be

Specifically, this proposal relates to "A Great Place to be", in terms of supporting the work of voluntary organisations to make the Borough a unique

place to live, work and study, as well as promoting continued community cohesion in Greenwich and equality of access for all.

4. Introduction and Background

- 4.1 On 24 July 2018, Cabinet agreed to allocate £530,000 of one off resources to fund a Ward Budget Scheme across the Borough for the duration of the current administration. There are 17 wards in the Borough and each has three Councillors, giving a total of 51 elected members. Each ward will be allocated £30,000 therefore, with £20,000 being set aside for administration costs.
- 4.2 Proposals for expenditure will be developed and put forward by the ward Councillors and recommendations for projects will go to the Leader of the Council for approval.
- 4.3 In accordance with the scheme agreed by Cabinet, this proposal is put forward for consideration following receipt of the completed application form from the relevant ward councillors. This form is appended and contains the information required by the scheme.
- 4.4 The funding in this application is compliant with the eligibility criteria for expenditure as agreed by Cabinet. This proposal specifically provides funding for “community groups are already making efforts to raise funds to support an initiative/project”.
- 4.5 In accordance with the Scheme agreed by Cabinet, this proposal is put forward following consideration of the Principles and Guidance of the Scheme, including use of land, planning or other consents and the requirements that there are no on-going revenue costs to the Council.

5. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
<p>Legal including Human Rights Act</p>	<p>Section 1 Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence which can be exercised anywhere and in any way, provided that any action is in accordance with any restrictions applying to existing powers that are overlapped by the general power.</p> <p>The proposal(s) included in this report are in line with the key principles and criteria as agreed by the Cabinet.</p> <p>The making of grants is an executive function and it falls to the Leader of the Council (or a person delegated by him in accordance with the Responsibility for Functions section of the Constitution) to agree whether or not projects put forward should be supported under the Ward Budgets Scheme.</p>	<p>John Scarborough, Director of Legal Services, 21st November 2019</p>
<p>Finance and other resources including procurement implications</p>	<p>The Director of Finance confirms that to date for the Charlton ward, £8,540 has been committed from the Ward Budget Scheme, including this proposal and that there are sufficient funds for this application.</p>	<p>Joanne Stark Accountancy & Business Change Manager, 19th November 2019</p>
<p>Equalities</p>	<p>The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.</p>	<p>Jackie Jago, Head of Corporate Services, 19th November 2019</p>

6. **Report Appendices**

6.1 The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- *Appendix A: Ward Budget Application*

7. **Background Papers**

Cabinet – 24.07.2018 – Ward Budget Scheme

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RBG Ward Budget Scheme

APPLICATION FORM for Councillors

Please complete all fields prior to submission

Title of Proposal	Support for the Charlton Society Monthly meetings
Ward(s)	Charlton
Proposed by (list all councillors who are proposing)	Councillor Linda Perks Councillor Gary Parker
Date of Submission	24/10/2019

Summary of Proposal	Support for the Charlton Society Monthly Meetings.						
Proposed Start and End Date of Project	2020 calendar year - to coincide with members 2020 talks and meetings card, provided to all members in January. The card lists the dates, speakers and subjects of the monthly meetings for coming year.						
Grant Amount requested	<p>Total £1,920</p> <p>Detailed Breakdown over the four calendar quarters</p> <p>Charlton Society</p> <p>2020 Talks Programme: Annual Costs providing 11 talks.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Charlton House Affiliation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Room Hire x 11 talks</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 802.00*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refreshments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 260.00*</td> </tr> </table> <p>Volunteer contribution to serve teas, Membership liaison, Raffles</p>	Charlton House Affiliation	£ 100.00	Room Hire x 11 talks	£ 802.00*	Refreshments	£ 260.00*
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<p>Details of group(s) who would receive funding</p>	<p>The Charlton Society</p>								
<p>Please confirm there are no ongoing revenue costs to the Council by clicking the box</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>								
<p>Funding streams (organisations and amounts) contributing to the initiative</p>	<p>The Charlton Society will contribute £992</p>								

Intended Benefits and outcomes of the initiative

The application is in support of our annual programme of talks and meetings as they have been produced through the last fifty years. The Charlton Society, having been set up in September 1969.

Our monthly meetings are open to all, but targeted at Charlton residents. Whilst Speakers talks can engage with the world beyond, our concerns with the local environment, green spaces, the Village Charlton and the development of new Charlton will benefit the local community by raising the profile of The Charlton Society, enlisting new members and encouraging civic pride in our areas past and present.

Declarations of Interest

If any of the Members putting forward this application have connections/relationships with the organisation(s) receiving funding (e.g. member of the management committee, governor) please indicate below.

Councillor's name	Gary Dillon
Organisation	Councillor
Connection/ relationship	Member of Executive Committee

Consents and Permissions

Please indicate below any permissions or consents that are required to progress this application and whether these have been granted (this includes relevant Council Departments)

Permission needed	From Where	Date	Agreed (yes or no)
N/A			

Health and Safety Implications

Please indicate below if there are any health and safety issues that need to be considered as part of the proposal and whether these have been acted upon.

N/A

Safeguarding Implications

Please indicate below if there are any safeguarding that need to be considered as part of the proposal and whether these have been acted upon.

N/A