

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

DECISION

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 28 JULY 2009  
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
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**1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To consider the allocation of concurrent function sector grants.

**2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Parish Councils have requested the Council provide grant assistance for those Parishes/Town Councils who provide services in their areas, which elsewhere are provided by the Borough Council.

2.2 In these instances the council taxpayer pays for the service from the Borough Council and then again in the parish element of the Council Tax.

2.3 After researching how concurrent function grant schemes operate in other local authorities a scheme was recommended to this committee in November 2008.

2.4 The Council agreed to support Parish and Town Council net revenue expenditure on the following concurrent functions.

- Burial Grounds
- Bus Shelters
- Footpaths
- Footway Lighting
- Litter Collection
- Dog waste bins
- Parks and play areas

2.5 The Council will not support capital expenditure or large one off items through the concurrent function scheme.

2.6 Support was set at a rate of 25%, of eligible net revenue expenditure in the previous year subject to the overall cost to the Borough Council not exceeding £30,000 p.a. The grant due to be paid in 2 equal instalments on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**3 ISSUES**

3.1 In February 2009 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form and an invitation to apply for a grant. Application to be received by the Borough Council by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

3.2 The Borough Council received 17 applications, details of which are shown in appendix 1, with a net revenue expenditure totalling £63,431, Based on a grant rate of 25% the total amount of grant payable in 2009/10 would be £15,858, which is within the £30,000 provided.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Approve the allocation of grants as proposed in appendix 1.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT  
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16 JULY 2009

**APPENDIX 1**

**CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS**

No's	Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds	Bus Shelters	Footpaths	Footway Lighting	Litter Collection	Dog Waste Bins	Parks and Play Areas	Total	Proposed Grant (25%)
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aighton Bailey/Chaigley	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	633.29	633.29	158.32
2	Billington & Langho	9,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,065.00	0.00	2,211.00	13,776.00	3,444.00
3	Bolton By Bowland	0.00	0.00	1,380.00	0.00	443.00	0.00	1,604.00	3,427.00	856.75
4	Bowland Forest(Higher)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,304.70	1,304.70	326.18
5	Chatburn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	674.00	1,103.00	1,777.00	444.25
6	Clitheroe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,299.85	1,299.85	324.96
7	Gisburn	0.00	0.00	176.00	0.00	264.00	0.00	176.00	616.00	154.00
8	Grindleton	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	938.50	0.00	900.00	2,838.50	709.63
9	Longridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,000.00	6,500.00	1,625.00
10	Mellor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,208.97	0.00	1,700.69	2,909.66	727.42
11	Newton in Bowland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.78	280.01	377.79	94.45
12	Read	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.65	1,905.89	2,459.54	614.89
13	Ribchester	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,541.14	0.00	250.40	1,791.54	447.89
14	Sabden	350.00	0.00	243.00	0.00	1,458.00	757.50	726.00	3,534.50	883.63
15	Waddington	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	176.72	0.00	1,012.77	1,439.49	359.87
16	Whalley	6,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	0.00	7,000.00	17,100.00	4,275.00
17	Wiswell	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,147.00	1,647.00	411.75
		<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,299.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,795.33</b>	<b>2,082.93</b>	<b>26,254.60</b>	<b>63,431.86</b>	<b>15,857.99</b>