

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

DECISION

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 28 JULY 2009
title: REFERENCES FROM COMMITTEE
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider a request from Community Committee to fund the deficit of grant towards Chatburn Playing Fields Pavilion.

2 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE 14 JULY 2009

- 2.1 The Director of Community Services submitted a report asking Committee to consider supporting the development of this facility and went on to inform Committee of the background to this project. He informed Committee that the Chatburn Village Committee had found themselves in a difficult position in that a verbal offer of funding was not formally endorsed and had subsequently left them in the situation where work had begun but the project was not fully funded. There was a shortfall of £13,500. Some of the funding already secured was time limited and could be lost if the project was delayed. He outlined potential sources for the outstanding balance of monies required which included a contribution from the recreation grants and the health equalities fund. The balance of the funding would need to be considered by the Policy and Finance Committee.
- 2.2 Community Committee felt that under the particular circumstances that the Chatburn Village Committee found themselves in this project should be supported. It was also apparent that businesses and local people had supported the project and that the building should not be left unfinished.
- 2.3 Community Committee agreed that £5,000 could come from existing budgets and that Policy and Finance Committee be asked to consider funding the balance of £8,500.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The request is for an additional £8,500 towards the cost of the Pavilion. If Committee wish to give an additional grant of £8,500 to the project members need to determine whether such grant would be repayable. The additional funding would come from the Council's unused revenue balances.

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Consider the request from Community Services Committee for additional funding towards the Chatburn Playing Fields Pavilion project.

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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