

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 22 SEPTEMBER 2009  
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
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### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform this committee of the current position regarding the payment of the concurrent function grants.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In November 2008 this committee approved a concurrent grant scheme. This was to 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 tax-payer pays for the service from the Borough Council and then again in the parish element of the Council Tax.
- 2.3 In February 2009 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be returned by 31 May 2009.
- 2.3 In July 2009 this Committee agreed to support 17 Parish and Town Council net revenue expenditure at a rate of 25% of eligible expenditure in the previous year, as shown in Appendix 1. The grant was due to be paid in 2 equal instalments on the 30 September and 31 March.
- 2.4 The Council stated that it would not support capital expenditure or large one off items through the concurrent function scheme.

### 3 ISSUES

- 3.1 Due to the level of grant applied for 14 Councils are to have their grant paid in full, rather than in instalments, on 28 September.
- 3.2 Further supporting documentation has been requested from those Parish/ Town Councils with grant assistance of over £1,000. Only 3 Councils fell into this category.
- Billington & Langho Parish Council
  - Longridge Town Council
  - Whalley Parish Council
- 3.3 Both Billington & Langho and Whalley Parish Councils have supplied copies of invoices paid. However these differed from the total expenditure indicated on their application form and so further clarification is being sought.
- 3.4 Longridge Town Council have provided a copy invoice, which included a contribution of £3,000 to ourselves towards the costs of repairs and purchase of equipment on Ribble Valley Borough Council Playgrounds. Parish/Town Councils had in the past

been asked to contribute towards these costs. We consider this to be eligible expenditure under the scheme.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 By the end of September £11,185.99 will have been paid to Town/Parish Councils under the Scheme.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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## APPENDIX 1

### CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS

Nos	Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds	Bus Shelters	Footpaths	Footway Lighting	Litter Collection	Dog Waste Bins	Parks and Play Areas	Total	Proposed Grant (25%)	Payment to be made 28 Sept
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aighton Bailey/Chaigley							633.29	633.29	158.32	158.32
2	Billington & Langho	9,000.00		500.00		2,065.00		2,211.00	13,776.00	3,444.00	1,722.00
3	Bolton By Bowland			1,380.00		443.00		1,604.00	3,427.00	856.75	856.75
4	Bowland Forest (Higher)							1,304.70	1,304.70	326.18	326.18
5	Chatburn						674.00	1,103.00	1,777.00	444.25	444.25
6	Clitheroe							1,299.85	1,299.85	324.96	324.96
7	Gisburn			176.00		264.00		176.00	616.00	154.00	154.00
8	Grindleton			1,000.00		938.50		900.00	2,838.50	709.63	709.63
9	Longridge					3,500.00		3,000.00	6,500.00	1,625.00	812.50
10	Mellor					1,208.97		1,700.69	2,909.66	727.42	727.42
11	Newton in Bowland						97.78	280.01	377.79	94.45	94.45
12	Read						553.65	1,905.89	2,459.54	614.89	614.89
13	Ribchester					1,541.14		250.40	1,791.54	447.89	447.89
14	Sabden	350.00		243.00		1,458.00	757.50	726.00	3,534.50	883.63	883.63
15	Waddington	250.00				176.72		1,012.77	1,439.49	359.87	359.87
16	Whalley	6,900.00				3,200.00		7,000.00	17,100.00	4,275.00	2,137.50
17	Wiswell	500.00						1,147.00	1,647.00	411.75	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>	<b>11,185.99</b>