

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 13

meeting date: 21 SEPTEMBER 2010
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 for 2010/11.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In November 2008, this committee approved a concurrent grant scheme. This being to give grant assistance for those Parishes/Town Councils who provide services in their areas, which elsewhere are provided by the Borough Council. An annual revenue budget allocation was approved of £30,000.

- 2.2 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

- 2.3 The Council stated it would not support capital expenditure or large one off items through the concurrent function scheme.

- 2.4 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 £30,000p.a.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 On 7 May 2010 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2010/11 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be received by the Borough Council by 31 May 2010.

- 3.2 20 applications were received, details of which are shown in Annex 1. Net revenue expenditure to be supported totalled £63,789 and based on a grant rate of 25% the total amount of grant payable in 2010/11 would be £15,947, which is within the £30,000 provided.

- 3.3 As per the scheme the grant would normally be paid in 2 equal instalments on the 30th September and 31st March. However, due to the level of each individual grant, members may choose to recommend payment of this grant in a single instalment in order to reduce the level of administration.

3.4 Any grants sought over £1,000 are requested to supply supporting documentation such as copy invoices. We have already received some applications for this years grant allocation and whilst examining these we became aware of some Parish Councils claiming for replacing stone coping stones, fixing memorials, hiring tippers and diggers and playground improvements. As stated at 2.3 the scheme does not cover capital expenditure or large one-off items. Whilst we recommend that the grants be approved for 2010/11 there is a need to clarify to Parish Councils the type of work that could be claimed for under the scheme.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Approve the allocation of grants as proposed in annex 1.
- 4.2 Agree to the payment of the approved grants in a single instalment, rather than two instalments as outlined in the grant scheme.
- 4.3 Agree to reiterate to Parish Councils that capital expenditure and large one-off items will not be supported under the scheme.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
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15 JULY 2010

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%) £
1	Aighton Bailey/Chaigley							700.00	700.00	175.00
2	Billington & Langho	5,529.10		1,400.00		2,417.74		1,337.23	10,684.07	2,671.02
3	Bolton By Bowland			1,334.00		563.50		1,656.00	3,553.50	888.38
4	Bowland Forest (Higher)							1,870.40	1,870.40	467.60
5	Chatburn						674.00	1,290.00	1,964.00	491.00
6	Chipping					343.75		1,254.56	1,598.31	399.58
7	Clitheroe							1,936.61	1,936.61	484.15
8	Gisburn			88.00		550.00		400.00	1,038.00	259.50
9	Grindleton			1,000.00		938.50		900.00	2,838.50	709.63
10	Longridge					3,500.00		3,000.00	6,500.00	1,625.00
11	Mellor					1,227.63		1,754.68	2,982.31	745.58
12	Newton in Bowland						102.22	292.74	394.96	98.74
13	Pendleton			300.00					300.00	75.00
14	Read						602.10	860.65	1,462.75	365.69
15	Ribchester					1,616.25		264.00	1,880.25	470.06
16	Sabden	350.00		246.00		1,491.00	702.00	2,241.12	5,030.12	1,257.53
17	Waddington	250.00				79.43		1,012.77	1,342.20	335.55
18	Whalley	8,358.00						7,320.00	15,678.00	3,919.50
19	Wilpshire							362.25	362.25	90.56
20	Wiswell	408.00						1,265.00	1,673.00	418.25
		14,895.10	0.00	4,368.00	0.00	12,727.80	2,080.32	29,718.01	63,789.23	15,947.32