

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

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Agenda Item No 7

meeting date: 7 AUGUST 2012  
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 2012/13.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- In accordance with the corporate strategy objective "to protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area", this report will provide a means for providing a high quality environment, including safe, clean parks and open spaces.
- In accordance with the sustainable community strategy a key priority is "to maintain, protect and enhance all natural and built features that contribute to the quality of the environment", this report will provide the means for supporting Parish/Town Councils with maintaining and protecting the quality of the environment.

**2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Concurrent Grant Scheme, which was approved a number of years ago by this Committee, gives 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 has been approved of £20,000.

2.2 The Council agreed to support Parish and Town Council net revenue expenditure on the following concurrent functions. However, the scheme does not support capital expenditure or large one off items.

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

2.3 Support is limited to 25% of eligible net revenue expenditure in the previous year, subject to the overall cost to this Council not exceeding the £20,000 budget allocation.

**3 ISSUES**

3.1 On 4 May 2012 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2012/13 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be received by this Council by 31 May 2012.

- 3.2 19 applications were received, details of which are shown in Annex 1. Revenue expenditure to be supported totalled £57,113, which based on a grant rate of 25% of the total amount of grant payable in 2012/13 equated to £14,278, which is within the £20,000 budget provided.
- 3.3 In accordance with the scheme the grant would normally be paid in 2 equal instalments on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 required to supply supporting documentation such as copy invoices. On examining these no invoices were found to be for capital expenditure or large one-off items.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
- Resources – a total budget of £20,000 is available to fund the grants requested, and the proposed expenditure is within this balance
  - Technical, environmental and legal – no implications identified
  - Political – no implications identified
  - Reputation – the matter covered links to the Council's ambitions and priorities to protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area.
  - Equality and Diversity – the scheme is open to all parish and town councils.

#### 5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Approve the allocation of grants as proposed in Annex 1.
- 5.2 Agree to the payment of the approved grants in a single instalment, rather than two instalments as outlined in the grant scheme.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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BACKGROUND PAPERS  
Concurrent Functions Grant Application Forms – 2012/13

For further information please ask for Trudy Holderness, extension 4436

## CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2012/13

Nos	Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds £	Bus Shelters £	Footpaths £	Footway Lighting £	Litter Collection £	Dog Waste Bins £	Parks and Play Areas £	Total £	2012/13 Proposed Grant (25%) £	2011/12 Grant Paid £
1	Aighton Bailey/Chaigley							822.40	822.40	205.60	241.51
2	Billington & Langho	2,431.38		100.00		2,331.00		3,349.80	8,212.18	2,053.04	1,163.58
3	Bolton By Bowland			1,200.00		800.00		1,600.00	3,600.00	900.00	1,479.31
4	Bowland Forest(Higher)							1,792.99	1,792.99	448.25	501.88
5	Chatburn					674.00		1,654.27	2,328.27	582.07	610.17
-	Chipping								0.00	0.00	403.97
6	Clitheroe							1,929.18	1,929.18	482.30	299.58
7	Gisburn					335.00		900.00	1,235.00	308.75	140.63
8	Grindleton			2,778.76					2,778.76	694.69	590.46
9	Longridge					3,600.00		3,000.00	6,600.00	1,650.00	0.00
10	Mellor					1,364.34		1,863.48	3,227.82	806.96	773.39
11	Newton in Bowland						108.97	312.06	421.03	105.26	102.69
12	Pendleton							300.00	300.00	75.00	75.00
13	Read						816.57	1,013.06	1,829.63	457.41	492.56
14	Ribchester					1,672.00		573.00	2,245.00	561.25	529.25
15	Sabden	350.00		426.00		1,806.00	1,021.72	722.27	4,325.99	1,081.50	1,421.23
-	Salesbury								0.00	0.00	85.00
16	Waddington		256.00			724.00		2,355.00	3,335.00	833.75	787.16
17	Whalley	3,806.96			4,320.00			2,375.00	10,501.96	2,625.49	2,372.06
18	Wilpshire							380.00	380.00	95.00	30.00
19	Wiswell	204.00						1,044.00	1,248.00	312.00	406.50
		<b>6,792.34</b>	<b>256.00</b>	<b>4,504.76</b>	<b>4,320.00</b>	<b>13,306.34</b>	<b>1,947.26</b>	<b>25,986.51</b>	<b>57,113.21</b>	<b>14,278.32</b>	<b>12,505.93</b>