

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 5

meeting date: 27 OCTOBER 2015
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the allocation of concurrent function grants for 2015/16.

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 and 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.

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

2.3 Support was set at a rate of 25% of eligible net revenue expenditure in the previous year, less any grant funding subject to the overall cost to the Borough Council not exceeding £20,000p.a.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 On 7 July 2015 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2015/16 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be received by the Borough Council by 2 October 2015.
- 3.2 19 applications were received, details of which are shown in Annex 1. Revenue expenditure to be supported totalled £57,734, which based on a grant rate of 25% equated to £14,444, which is well within the £20,000 budget provided.
- 3.3 All grant applications were requested to supply supporting documentation such as copy invoices; with the exception of 1 this request was met.

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 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Approve the allocation of grants as proposed in Annex 1 totalling £14,316 for 19 parish and town councils.
- 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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8 October 2015

Background papers:
Concurrent function grant application papers 2015/16

For further information please ask for Trudy Holderness, extension 4436

ANNEX 1

CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2015/16

Nos	Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds £	Bus Shelters £	Footpaths £	Footway Lighting £	Litter Collection (Including Lengthsman) £	Dog Waste Bins £	Parks and Play Areas £	Sub-Total £	Less Funding £	Total Net Revenue Expenditure £	2015/16 Proposed Grant (25%) £	2014/15 Grant Paid £
	<i>Applications Received</i>												
1	Aighton Bailey / Chaigley							1,885.18	1,885.18		1,885.18	471.30	292.41
2	Bowland Forest(Higher)							1,602.14	1,602.14		1,602.14	400.54	538.62
3	Chipping							2,462.30	2,462.30		2,462.30	615.58	438.07
4	Clitheroe*							5,586.14	5,586.14		5,586.14	1,396.54	470.34
5	Gisburn			373.00				1,719.22	2,092.22	-1,000.00	1,092.22	273.06	301.94
6	Grindleton					1,287.73			1,287.73	-200.00	1,087.73	271.93	702.18
7	Longridge					6,000.00		4,520.00	10,520.00		10,520.00	2,630.00	2,100.00
8	Mellor					1,456.66		2,000.97	3,457.63		3,457.63	864.41	851.21
9	Newton in Bowland							443.42	443.42		443.42	110.86	107.89
10	Pendleton					300.00			300.00		300.00	75.00	75.00
11	Read					787.47	1,940.00	725.20	3,452.67		3,452.67	863.17	953.70
12	Ribchester					1,800.92		484.00	2,284.92		2,284.92	571.23	583.75
13	Sabden	350.00	534.77	1,643.81	0.00	1,689.00	939.00	639.09	5,795.67		5,795.67	1,448.91	1,276.27
14	Salesbury							270.00	270.00		270.00	67.50	60.00
15	Simonstone					441.72		810.00	1,251.72		1,251.72	312.93	0.00
16	Waddington					1,442.21		1,416.74	2,858.95		2,858.95	714.74	833.50
17	Whalley	3,398.00				3,197.00		2,903.00	9,498.00	-2,000.00	7,498.00	1,874.50	2,248.00
18	Wilpshire					3,986.20			3,986.20		3,986.20	996.55	396.25
19	Wiswell	219.00	105.00	315.00				1,260.00	1,899.00		1,899.00	474.75	369.00
	<i>No Application Received</i>												
-	Bolton By Bowland								0.00		0.00	0.00	942.00
-	Billington & Langho								0.00		0.00	0.00	1,494.47
-	Chatburn								0.00		0.00	0.00	763.48
	Total	3,967.00	639.77	2,331.81	0.00	22,388.91	2,879.00	28,727.40	60,933.89	-3,200.00	57,733.89	14,433.50	15,798.08

* No copy invoices