

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 5

meeting date: 24 JANUARY 2017  
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 2016/17.

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 8 September 2016 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2016/17 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be received by the Borough Council by 2 December 2016.
- 3.2 There were 22 applications received, two of which require further information before committee approval and relate to Clitheroe Town Council and Sabden Parish Council. These will be brought back to committee for further consideration in March 2017.
- 3.3 The remaining 20 applications totalled £58,036.53, which based on a grant rate of 25% equates to £14,509.16. Details of the applications received are shown at Annex 1. All 20 grant applications are supported by documentation such as copy invoices.

### 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 £14,509.16 for 20 parish and town councils.

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

PF12-17/SM/AC  
16 January 2017

Background papers:  
Concurrent function grant application papers 2016/17

For further information please ask for Sally Mason

## CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2016/17

Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds £	Bus Shelters £	Footpaths £	Foot-way Lighting £	Litter Collection (Incl Lengths-man) £	Dog Waste Bins £	Parks and Play Areas £	Total £	Less Funding £	Total £	2016/17 Proposed Grant (25%) £	2015/16 Grant Paid £
Aighton Bailey/Chaigley							2,258.46	2,258.46	0.00	2,258.46	564.62	471.30
Barrow	145.00	190.00	190.00		173.33		947.50	1,645.83	0.00	1,645.83	411.46	0.00
Billington & Langho	993.34				2,718.80		429.00	4,141.14	0.00	4,141.14	1,035.29	0.00
Bolton By Bowland					4,917.91			4,917.91	3,615.00	1,302.91	325.73	0.00
Bowland Forest(Hghr)							1,996.64	1,996.64	0.00	1,996.64	499.16	400.54
Chatburn					699.75	225.00	1,431.30	2,356.05	0.00	2,356.05	589.01	603.53
Chipping							2,172.47	2,172.47	0.00	2,172.47	543.12	615.58
Gisburn			315.00				1,794.13	2,109.13	1,000.00	1,109.13	277.28	273.06
Grindleton			1,334.23					1,334.23	200.00	1,134.23	283.56	271.93
Longridge					5,800.00		6,925.00	12,725.00	0.00	12,725.00	3,181.25	2,630.00
Mellor	398.07				1,456.66		1,822.41	3,677.13	0.00	3,677.13	919.28	864.41
Newton in Bowland						117.06	335.24	452.30	0.00	452.30	113.08	110.86
Pendleton							300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	75.00	75.00
Read	805.89				140.00	1,040.00	1,002.86	2,988.75	0.00	2,988.75	747.19	863.17
Ribchester					1,155.31		360.00	1,515.31	0.00	1,515.31	378.83	571.23
Simonstone					312.00			312.00	0.00	312.00	78.00	312.93
Waddington							2,004.22	2,004.22	0.00	2,004.22	501.06	714.74
Whalley	2,673.00		1,055.00				2,367.00	6,095.00	0.00	6,095.00	1,523.75	1,874.50
Wilpshire			4,800.00		3,103.18		1,231.01	9,134.19	0.00	9,134.19	2,283.55	996.55
Wiswell	74.00		550.00				91.77	715.77	0.00	715.77	178.94	474.75
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>5,089.30</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>8,244.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,476.94</b>	<b>1,382.06</b>	<b>27,469.00</b>	<b>62,851.53</b>	<b>4,815.00</b>	<b>58,036.53</b>	<b>14,509.16</b>	<b>12,124.08</b>

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<b>Further Information Requested – to be brought back to Committee in March 2017</b>												
Clitheroe*												0.00
Sabden*												1,448.91
<b>Sub-Total</b>												<b>1,448.91</b>
<b>No Application Received (but where grant was paid in 2015/16)</b>												
Salesbury												67.50
<b>Sub-Total</b>												<b>67.50</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,089.30</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>8,244.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,476.94</b>	<b>1,382.06</b>	<b>27,469.00</b>	<b>62,851.53</b>	<b>4,815.00</b>	<b>58,036.53</b>	<b>14,509.16</b>	<b>13,640.49</b>