1. PURPOSE

1.1 To receive and consider the performance monitoring information provided by the Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau for the quarter ending March 2019.

1.2 To consider whether to approve payment for the next quarterly instalment of voluntary organisation grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At your last meeting you approved grants supporting 20 voluntary organisations across the borough totalling £105,500. You also agreed to hold back the unallocated budget remaining of £5,810 which equated to approximately 5% of the grant pot available for any new applications that may arise during the year.

2.2 Concern was expressed by members that the proposed allocation for the Citizens Advice Bureau dominated the grants to be awarded representing approximately 50% of the total budget available.

2.3 Although it was recognised that the Citizens Advice Bureau have an important role to play it was also felt that the Council should receive regular updates on their work with measurable targets in order for the Council to be sure that the grant was well spent.

2.4 Members therefore approved that the agreed grant amount for the Citizens Advice Bureau of £52,500 be paid quarterly in advance subject to satisfactory monitoring information being received and approved by this Committee. You further asked that the CAB be advised that they cannot rely upon this level of grant in future years.

3. MONITORING INFORMATION

3.1 The manager of the Citizens Advice Bureau has supplied monitoring information for the latest quarter available i.e. up to the end of March 2019. This is attached at Annex 1.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Members consider the monitoring information supplied by the Citizens Advice Bureau and decide whether to approve payment of the grant for the second quarter of £13,125.