

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 23 MARCH 2010
title: ALLOCATION OF VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider the allocation of voluntary sector grants as proposed by a sub-group of this committee, in accordance with the scheme approved in November 2006.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has a number of grant schemes in operation including specific ones such as recreation grants, culture grants and sports grants to more general ones administered mainly by Policy and Finance Committee.
- 2.2 In November 2006 this committee approved a review of the way the Council administers general grants.
- 2.3 In accordance with the review a voluntary grant sub-group of this Committee was established to consider the application received and recommend the allocation of funds.
- 2.4 In November 2009, all applicants from 2009 and any other voluntary group who had indicated an interest in a voluntary grant were sent an application, to be returned by 31 December 2009.
- 2.5 On 4 March Councillors M Ranson, R Sherras, S Hore, D Berryman acting as substitute for A Knox met to consider the applications received.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 The Council received 14 applications totalling over £159,954. The funds available were £91,560. The sub group considered each application in detail.
- 3.2 After careful consideration the sub group recommends the allocation of grants as shown at annex 1.
- 3.3 All funds have been allocated.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Approve the allocation of grants as proposed by the voluntary grant sub-group as set out in annex 1.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

PF19-10/TH/AC
15 MARCH 2010

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ANNEX 1

ALLOCATION OF VOLUNTARY GRANTS

	2009/10 Grant Approved £	2010/11		Notes
		Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £	
Goosnargh & Longridge Agricultural Society	250	250	250	No application received – grant subject to completed application being received.
Hodder Valley Agricultural & Horticultural Society	250	250	250	No application received – grant subject to completed application being received
Chipping Agricultural Society	250	250	250	No application received – grant subject to completed application being received.
Victim Support Lancashire Area Office	1,500	3,000	1,500	
Ribble Valley Shop mobility	5,500	8,000	5,500	Subject to providing audited accounts
East Lancashire Women's Refuge Association	2,500	10,000	6,400	
Carers Link Hyndburn & Ribble Valley	3,000	3,500	3,000	
Home Start Ribble Valley	3,153	7,053	3,160	Year 2 of 3 Year agreement+ £3,900 additional funding. No additional funding recommended
Hyndburn & Ribble Valley CVS	0	24,979	0	
Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau	56,000	69,910	57,000	
Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Domestic Violence Team	0	10,000	0	

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	2009/10 Grant Approved £	2010/11		Notes
		Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £	
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	750	1,000	750	
Ribble Valley Crossroads	13,500	13,500	13,500	Requested as much support as possible. 2009/10 support used as an indication of funds used.
IT Zone (NW)CIC	0	8,262	0	
Total Grants	86,653	159,954	91,560	
Funds available		-91,560	-91,560	
Deficit / (Surplus)		68,394	0	