

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

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Agenda Item No 9

meeting date: 26 JULY 2011  
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 2011/12.

**2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 In November 2008, this committee approved a concurrent grant scheme. This being to give 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.

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

2.3 The Council stated it would not support capital expenditure or large one off items through the concurrent function scheme.

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

**3 ISSUES**

3.1 On 6 May 2011 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2011/12 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be received by the Borough Council by 31 May 2011.

3.2 20 applications were received, details of which are shown in Annex 1. Net revenue expenditure to be supported totalled £50,024, excluding some large project work, based on a grant rate of 25% the total amount of grant payable in 2011/12 would be £12,506, which is within the £20,000 provided.

3.3 As per 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 requested to supply supporting documentation such as copy invoices. Whilst examining these we became aware of some Parish

Councils claiming for a large playground project, turfing work and fixing memorials. As stated at 2.3 the scheme does not cover capital expenditure or large one-off items. This expenditure has been deducted from the claim.

4 RECOMMENDATION

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

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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## ANNEX 1

## CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2011/12

Nos	Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds £	Bus Shelters £	Footpaths £	Footway Lighting £	Litter Collection £	Dog Waste Bins £	Parks and Play Areas £	Sub-Total £	Project Work £	Total £	2011/12 Proposed Grant (25%) £	2010/11 Grant paid £
1	Aighton Bailey/Chaigley							966.05	966.05		966.05	241.51	175.00
2	Billington & Langho	883.57				2,234.09		10,835.00	13,952.66	-9,298.34	4,654.32	1,163.58	2,671.02
3	Bolton By Bowland	322.00		1,253.50		546.25		3,795.50	5,917.25		5,917.25	1,479.31	888.38
4	Bowland Forest(Higher)							2,007.52	2,007.52		2,007.52	501.88	467.60
5	Chatburn						674.00	1,766.69	2,440.69		2,440.69	610.17	491.00
6	Chipping			230.75				1,385.14	1,615.89		1,615.89	403.97	399.58
7	Clitheroe							1,198.30	1,198.30		1,198.30	299.58	484.15
8	Gisburn			62.50		500.00			562.50		562.50	140.63	259.50
9	Grindleton			2,361.85					2,361.85		2,361.85	590.46	709.63
10	Mellor					1,300.72		1,792.85	3,093.57		3,093.57	773.39	745.58
11	Newton in Bowland							410.76	410.76		410.76	102.69	98.74
12	Pendleton							300.00	300.00		300.00	75.00	75.00
13	Read						768.40	1,201.82	1,970.22		1,970.22	492.56	365.69
14	Ribchester					1,653.00		464.00	2,117.00		2,117.00	529.25	470.06
15	Sabden	350.00	134.09	519.00		1,809.00	798.00	2,074.84	5,684.93		5,684.93	1,421.23	1,257.53
16	Salesbury			340.00					340.00		340.00	85.00	0.00
17	Waddington	250.00				1,848.34		1,050.31	3,148.65		3,148.65	787.16	335.55
18	Whalley	6,589.13	233.61			3,240.00		2,250.50	12,313.24	-2,825.00	9,488.24	2,372.06	3,919.50
19	Wilpshire							120.00	120.00		120.00	30.00	90.56
20	Wiswell	408.00						1,218.00	1,626.00		1,626.00	406.50	418.25
-	Longridge								0.00		0.00	0.00	1,625.00
		8,802.70	367.70	4,767.60	0.00	13,131.40	2,240.40	32,837.28	62,147.08	-12,123.34	50,023.74	12,505.93	15,947.32