

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 22 SEPTEMBER 2011
title: GRANT POLICY REVIEW
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide Committee with a comprehensive document that details all the grant initiatives available to private sector households in the borough.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Council Ambitions – To meet the identified needs of households in the borough.
- Community Objectives – To achieve a balanced housing market.
- Corporate Priorities – None.
- Other Considerations – None.

2 ISSUES

2.1 Each year all grants are reviewed as the budgets are agreed, however, the review does not detail the eligibility and conditions attached to the grant. This document sets out this information in one policy and identifies how the grants match the key housing strategy objectives of the Council.

3 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources - All the grant budgets have been agreed by Policy and Finance Committee.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal - Technical services are provided in house by Tim Lynas. The technical service for minor disabled facilities grant is provided by St Vincent's.
- Political - The grant policy supports the agreed housing strategy objectives.
- Reputation - investment in private sector housing ensures a stable housing market.

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

4.1 Accept the proposed Private Sector Housing Grant Policy for 2011-2014. The policy will be reviewed annually and is subject to budget approval.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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