

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DECISION

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 10 SEPTEMBER 2013
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the allocation of concurrent function sector grants for 2013/14.

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/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 subject to the overall cost to the Borough Council not exceeding £20,000 p.a.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 On 17 May 2013 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2013/14 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be returned by 31 May 2013.
- 3.2 18 applications were received, details of which are shown in Annex 1. Revenue expenditure to be supported totalled £64,419, which based on a grant rate of 25% equated to £16,105, which is within the £20,000 budget provided.
- 3.3 In accordance with the scheme the grant would normally be paid in 2 equal instalments on the 30 September and 31 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. Bolton-by-Bowland, Gisburn Forest and Sawley Parish Council requested that their grant be a limited to a maximum of £1,000.

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 £16,104.81 for 18 Parish/Town Councils.
- 5.2 Agree to the payment of the approved grants in a single instalment, rather than two instalments as outlined in the grant scheme.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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Background papers:
Concurrent function grant application papers 2013/14

For further information please ask for Trudy Holderness, extension 4436

ANNEX 1

CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2013/14

Nos	Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds £	Bus Shelters £	Footpaths £	Footway Lighting £	Litter Collection £	Dog Waste Bins £	Parks and Play Areas £	Sub-Total £	Reduced Claim £	Total £	2013/14 Proposed Grant (25%) £	2012/13 Grant Paid £
-	Aighton Bailey / Chaigley								0.00		0.00	0.00	205.60
1	Billington & Langho	1,183.40				3,425.71		14,523.91	19,133.02	-13,573.00	5,560.02	1,390.00	2,053.04
2	Bolton By Bowland			432.00		1,189.00		2,682.00	4,303.00	-303.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	900.00
3	Bowland Forest (Higher)							1,854.10	1,854.10		1,854.10	463.53	448.25
4	Chatburn					674.00		1,682.42	2,356.42		2,356.42	589.11	582.07
-	Chipping								0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Clitheroe							1,818.36	1,818.36		1,818.36	454.59	482.30
6	Gisburn					156.00		750.00	906.00		906.00	226.50	308.75
7	Grindleton			2,767.21					2,767.21		2,767.21	691.80	694.69
8	Longridge					6,000.00		3,000.00	9,000.00		9,000.00	2,250.00	1,650.00
9	Mellor					2,093.43		2,439.18	4,532.61		4,532.61	1,133.15	806.96
10	Newton in Bowland						111.69	319.87	431.56		431.56	107.89	105.26
11	Pendleton							300.00	300.00		300.00	75.00	75.00
12	Read						701.34	4,827.82	5,529.16		5,529.16	1,382.29	457.41
13	Ribchester					1,741.00		573.00	2,314.00		2,314.00	578.50	561.25
14	Sabden	350.00	36.00	810.80		1,677.00	962.00	1,418.82	5,254.62		5,254.62	1,313.65	1,081.50
-	Salesbury								0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Waddington	850.00		196.00		121.74		2,069.87	3,237.61		3,237.61	809.40	833.75
16	Whalley	3,510.58				4,164.00		4,401.00	12,075.58		12,075.58	3,018.90	2,625.49
17	Wilpshire							1,245.00	1,245.00		1,245.00	311.25	95.00
18	Wiswell	204.00						1,033.00	1,237.00		1,237.00	309.25	312.00
Total Expenditure		6,097.98	36.00	4,206.01	0.00	21,241.88	1,775.03	44,938.35	78,295.25	-13,876.00	64,419.25	16,104.81	14,278.32