

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 14

meeting date: 28 JANUARY 2014
title: ADDITIONAL APPROVALS OF CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform committee about further payments of grant that have been made to both Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley and Chipping Parish Councils under the concurrent function grant scheme.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On the 10 September this committee considered the concurrent function grant applications that had been received for the 2013/14 financial year. Only 18 applications were received. The revenue expenditure supported totalled £64,419, which based on a grant rate of 25% equated to £16,105 in grant funding, which was within the £20,000 budget provided.
- 2.2 Due to the small number of applications received, this committee raised some concern that some Parish Councils were not applying for grant assistance and that Parish Councils should be made more aware of the support available.
- 2.3 On the 14 November a report was submitted to the Parish Council's Liaison Committee to increase awareness of the concurrent function grant scheme, following which two further applications have been received.

3 GRANTS PAID

- 3.1 Recent applications have been received from Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley and Chipping Parish Councils for grant support under the concurrent function grant support scheme.
- 3.2 Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council submitted a claim for revenue expenditure of £2,455.90, which included grass cutting and playground repairs. Based on a grant rate of 25% this equates to £613.97 in grant funding
- 3.3 Chipping Parish Council submitted a claim for revenue expenditure of £770, which included maintenance of parks and play areas. Based on a grant rate of 25% this equates to £192.50 in grant funding.
- 3.4 This total payment of £806.47 has been made from the unallocated amount available on the concurrent function grant budget, and was approved by the Director of Resources.
- 3.5 The total revenue expenditure supported is now £67,645, which based on a grant rate of 25% equates to £16,911 in grant funding, which is still within the £20,000 budget provided.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Concurrent grant funding totalling £16,105 was approved in September 2013 for the current financial year.
- 4.2 Following further promotion of the scheme at Parish Council Liaison meeting in November 2013, it is very pleasing that two further applications have been received.
- 4.3 The total approved grant now stands at £16,911, which is still within the £20,000 budget provided.



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Back ground papers:
Concurrent function grant application papers 2013/14

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