

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No 6

meeting date: 28 OCTOBER 2014  
title: ADDITIONAL CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT REQUESTS  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
principal author: TRUDY HOLDERNESS

### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To approve a further allocation of concurrent function grants for 2014/15.

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 and 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 £20,000p.a.

### 3 ISSUES

- 3.1 On 16 May 2014 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2014/15 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with applications to be received by the Borough Council by 1 August 2014. This was with a view to paying any subsequently approved grants by the 29 September 2014.
- 3.2 Initially 18 applications were received, with revenue expenditure to be supported of £47,062. Details of these applications were reported to this committee on 9 September 2014, at which this committee approved grants totalling £11,766 in support of this expenditure.
- 3.3 Members were informed at the time of a delay in submission at Longridge due to the absence of the town clerk. This application has now been received, together with applications from Billington & Langho and Chipping.
- 3.4 These further 3 applications were received, with revenue expenditure to be supported of £16,130, which based on a grant rate of 25% equates to £4,032.
- 3.5 If committee wishes to support these subsequent applications, the total revenue expenditure to be supported under the scheme will be £63,192, with a new total grant of £15,798 which is within the £20,000 budget provided.
- 3.6 Details of the grants approved at the meeting on 29 September and the 3 new grant applications received are shown at Annex 1.

### 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 subsequent grants as proposed in Annex 1 totalling £4,032.54 for the 3 parish and town council applications that have been received.
- 5.2 Agree to the payment of the 3 grants in a single instalment, rather than two instalments as outlined in the grant scheme

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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For further information please ask for Trudy Holderness.

## CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2014/15

Nos.	Parish / Town Councils	Burial Grounds £	Bus Shelters £	Footpaths £	Footway Lighting £	Litter Collection £	Dog Waste Bins £	Parks and Play Areas £	Total £	2014/15 Grant @ 25% £	2013/14 Grant Paid
<i>Previously Approved Applications – September 2014</i>											
1	Aighton Bailey / Chaigley							1,169.62	1,169.62	292.41	613.97
2	Bolton By Bowland	1,082.00		830.00		1,856.00			3,768.00	942.00	1,000.00
3	Bowland Forest (Higher)			820.00				1,334.49	2,154.49	538.62	463.53
4	Chatburn						1,698.91	1,355.00	3,053.91	763.48	589.11
5	Clitheroe							1,881.34	1,881.34	470.34	454.59
6	Gisburn					191.25		1,016.50	1,207.75	301.94	226.50
7	Grindleton			2,808.70					2,808.70	702.18	691.80
8	Mellor					1,442.24		1,962.61	3,404.85	851.21	1,133.15
9	Newton in Bowland							431.56	431.56	107.89	107.89
10	Pendleton			300.00					300.00	75.00	75.00
11	Read	1,096.90	320.63	480.00			1,014.00	903.25	3,814.78	953.70	1,382.29
12	Ribchester					1,759.00		576.00	2,335.00	583.75	578.50
13	Sabden	350.00	420.00	1,053.78		1,650.00	881.21	750.09	5,105.08	1,276.27	1,313.65
14	Salesbury							240.00	240.00	60.00	0.00
15	Waddington	50.00				1,054.00		2,230.00	3,334.00	833.50	809.40
16	Whalley	2,706.00			3,130.00			3,156.00	8,992.00	2,248.00	3,018.90
17	Wilpshire							1,585.00	1,585.00	396.25	311.25
18	Wiswell	204.00						1,272.00	1,476.00	369.00	309.25
<b>Sub-Total (Approved)</b>		<b>5,488.90</b>	<b>740.63</b>	<b>6,292.48</b>	<b>3,130.00</b>	<b>7,952.49</b>	<b>3,594.12</b>	<b>19,863.46</b>	<b>47,062.08</b>	<b>11,765.54</b>	<b>16,911.28</b>
<i>Applications Seeking Approval</i>											
19	Billington & Langho	1,100.49				2,614.81		2,262.61	5,977.91	1,494.47	1,390.00
20	Chipping							1,752.28	1,752.28	438.07	192.50
21	Longridge					5,400.00		8,400.00	8,400.00	2,100.00	2,250.00
<b>Sub-Total (Seeking Approval)</b>		<b>1,100.49</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,014.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,014.89</b>	<b>16,130.19</b>	<b>4,032.54</b>	<b>3,832.50</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,589.39</b>	<b>740.63</b>	<b>6,292.48</b>	<b>3,130.00</b>	<b>15,967.3</b>	<b>3,594.12</b>	<b>26,878.35</b>	<b>63,192.27</b>	<b>15,798.08</b>	<b>16,911.28</b>