

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 13

meeting date: 26 JANUARY 2016
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek approval of a further allocation of concurrent function grant for 2015/16.

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 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE

3.1 On 7 July 2015 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2015/16 and an invitation to apply for a grant, with a request for applications to be received by the Borough Council by 2 October 2015.

3.2 Initially 19 applications were received, with qualifying revenue expenditure totalling £57,734. Details of these applications were reported to this committee on 27 October 2015, at which this committee approved grants totalling £14,434 in support of this expenditure.

4 FURTHER APPLICATION

4.1 At the time when committee approved the applications for grant support on 27 October, no application had been received from Chatburn Parish Council.

4.2 They have since made an application, with £2,414 of qualifying revenue expenditure, which on the terms of the grant scheme would equate to a maximum 25% award of £604.

4.2 Should committee wish to support this application, the total qualifying revenue expenditure submitted through all grant applications would be £60,148, with actual grant awarded being £15,037. This is well within the £20,000 budget provided.

4.3 Details of the grants approved at the meeting on 27 October is shown for information at Annex 1. The new claim made by Chatburn Parish Council is also shown in Annex 1, at the bottom of the table.

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 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Approve the latest application for Concurrent Functions Grant funding made by Chatburn Parish Council, totalling £604.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

PF9-16/TH/AC
8 January 2016

Background papers:
Concurrent function grant application papers 2015/16

For further information please ask for Trudy Holderness

ANNEX 1

**CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2015/16
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED APPLICATIONS AND NEW APPLICATION FROM CHATBURN PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds	Bus Shelters	Footpaths	Litter Collection (Incl Lengthsman)	Dog Waste Bins	Parks and Play Areas	Total	Less Funding	Total	2015/16 Previously Approved/ Proposed Grant (25%)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
APPLICATIONS ALREADY APPROVED										
Aighton Bailey/Chaigley						1,885.18	1,885.18	0	1,885.18	471.30
Bowland Forest(Higher)						1,602.14	1,602.14	0	1,602.14	400.54
Chipping						2,462.30	2,462.30	0	2,462.30	615.58
Clitheroe						5,586.14	5,586.14	0	5,586.14	1,396.54
Gisburn			373.00			1,719.22	2,092.22	-1,000.00	1,092.22	273.06
Grindleton				1,287.73			1,287.73	-200.00	1,087.73	271.93
Longridge				6,000.00		4,520.00	10,520.00	0	10,520.00	2,630.00
Mellor				1,456.66		2,000.97	3,457.63	0	3,457.63	864.41
Newton in Bowland						443.42	443.42	0	443.42	110.86
Pendleton				300.00			300.00	0	300.00	75.00
Read				787.47	1,940.00	725.20	3,452.67	0	3,452.67	863.17
Ribchester				1,800.92		484.00	2,284.92	0	2,284.92	571.23
Sabden	350.00	534.77	1,643.81	1,689.00	939.00	639.09	5,795.67	0	5,795.67	1,448.91
Salesbury						270.00	270.00	0	270.00	67.50
Simonstone				441.72		810.00	1,251.72	0	1,251.72	312.93
Waddington				1,442.21		1,416.74	2,858.95	0	2,858.95	714.74
Whalley	3,398.00			3,197.00		2,903.00	9,498.00	-2,000.00	7,498.00	1,874.50
Wilpshire				3,986.20			3,986.20	0	3,986.20	996.55
Wiswell	219.00	105.00	315.00			1,260.00	1,899.00	0	1,899.00	474.75
Sub-Total	3,967.00	639.77	2,331.81	22,388.91	2,879.00	28,727.40	60,933.89	-3,200.00	57,733.89	14,433.50
NEW APPLICATION										
Chatburn				585.13		1,829.00	2,414.13		2,414.13	603.53
New Total	3,967.00	639.77	2,331.81	22,974.04	2,879.00	30,556.40	63,348.02	-3,200.00	60,148.02	15,037.03