

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL** DECISION  
**REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Agenda Item No 14

meeting date: 20 MARCH 2018  
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
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**1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To consider the additional allocation of concurrent function grants for 2017/18.

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 In January 2018, this committee approved Concurrent Function grant allocations for 2017/18 totalling £26,750.

2.2 However, subsequently it was brought to our notice that some Parishes had not included some eligible expenditure, which they have requested to be included.

2.3 Also after some correspondence with Newton Parish Council regarding the Parish Lengthsman scheme two further adjustments are required.

**3 ISSUES**

3.1 Both Newton and Bowland Forest Higher Parish Councils had split the Lengthsman expenditure and income between the two parish councils. In practice Newton has in the past paid all the parish Lengthsman expenditure for both parishes and received all the income.

3.2 It is proposed that the grant is paid to Newton for the 2017/18 concurrent function grant but going forward Newton and Bowland Forest Higher will incur their own parish lengthsman expenditure and submit separate claims.

3.3 This results in extra Concurrent Function grant being paid as follows:

PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL	REASON	GRANT AMOUNT £
Gisburn	Additional grass cutting	167
Billington & Langho	Additional grass cutting	346
West Bradford	Additional grass cutting	147
Clitheroe	Maintenance of Cenotaph area in Castle grounds and Tom Robinson play area	300
Newton	Expenditure for Bowland Higher not included on claim submitted (part of old lengthsman scheme, therefore payable at 100%)	598
Bowland Forest Higher	Adjustment re lengthsman expenditure	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,559</b>

The financial implications of these changes is, that they result in an increase in grant funding to £28,309, an increase of £1,559, which is within the budget provision of £31,060.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

##### 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – a total budget of £31,060 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 further allocation of 2017/18 concurrent function grants as proposed in paragraph 3.3.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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12 MARCH 2018

Back ground papers: Concurrent function grant application papers 2017/18

For further information please ask for Trudy Holderness, extension 4436

## CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2017/18

Nos	Parish / Town Council	Eligible Net Expenditure @ 23 Jan 2018 £	Additional Eligible Expenditure £	Change in Parish Lengthsman Expenditure £	Other Funding £	Revised Eligible Expenditure @ 20 Jan 2018 £	Grant approved @ 23 January 2018		Revised Grant @ 20 March 2018	
							Lengthsman £	Concurrent Function £	Lengthsman £	Concurrent Function £
	<i>Applications</i>									
1	Aighton Bailey/Chaigley	1,258				1,258	0	315	0	315
2	Barrow	2,406				2,406	0	602	0	602
3	Billington & Langho	10,963	1,384			12,347	0	2,741	0	3,087
4	Bolton By Bowland	4,427				4,427	2,000	250	2,000	250
5	Bowland Forest(Higher)	1,817	2			1,819	0	454	0	455
6	Chatburn	2,621				2,621	0	655	0	655
7	Chipping	2,453				2,453	0	613	0	613
8	Clitheroe	6,000	1,200			7,200	0	1,500	0	1,800
9	Gisburn	1,995	668			2,663	1,000	78	1,000	245
10	Grindleton	1,056				1,056	0	264	0	264
11	Longridge	7,820				7,820	0	1,955	0	1,955
12	Mellor	5,720				5,720	0	1,430	0	1,430
13	Newton in Bowland	1,727		598		1,725	1,288	110	1,886	110
14	Pendleton	300				300	0	75	0	75
15	Read	2,998				2,998	0	750	0	750
16	Ribchester	2,568				2,568	0	642	0	642
17	Rimington & Middop	1,250				1,250	0	313	0	313
18	Sabden	6,145				6,145	2,000	395	2,000	395
19	Simonstone	1,141				1,141	0	285	0	285
20	Waddington	2,866				2,866	0	717	0	717
21	West Bradford	1,376	586			1,962	500	0	500	147
22	Whalley	10,686				10,686	2,000	1,934	2,000	1,934
23	Wilpshire	6,819				6,819	0	1,705	0	1,705
24	Wiswell	716				716	0	179	0	179
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>87,128</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91,566</b>	<b>8,788</b>	<b>17,962</b>	<b>9,386</b>	<b>18,923</b>