

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 24 SEPTEMBER 2019
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the allocation of concurrent function grants for 2019/20.

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.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 In November 2017, this committee considered a revised Concurrent Function grant Scheme, which combined the previous Parish Lengthsman scheme with the concurrent function grant scheme.

2.2 The combined scheme continues to give grant assistance for those Parishes/ Town Councils who provide services in their areas, which elsewhere are provided by the Borough Council.

2.3 The Council has 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
- Parish Lengthsman

2.4 Under the revised scheme concurrent function grants continue to be paid to parishes at 25% of eligible concurrent function expenditure.

2.5 For those parishes previously in receipt of a separate Parish Lengthsman grant the following transitional protection applies:

| Year | Protection of Previous Parish Lengthsman Grant Paid (or actual net expenditure on Lengthsman if lower) |
|------------------------|---|
| 2017/18 | 100% |
| 2018/19 | 100% |
| 2019/20 | 75% |
| 2020/21 | 50% |
| 2021/22 and thereafter | 25% |

2.6 These transitional arrangements are in place to help support parishes previously in receipt of a separate parish lengthsman grant by enabling a gradual and smooth transfer into the combined scheme.

2.7 This committee resolved at their meeting in April 2019 that should a circumstance arise where the amount of parish lengthsman grant payable under these transitional arrangements is less than what would be payable under the concurrent function grant scheme, i.e. less than 25% of total net lengthsman expenditure, then the higher of the two amounts would be processed for the grant claim, subject to the cost of the overall scheme not exceeding available budget.

2.8 An annual revenue budget allocation for the combined scheme in 2019/20 has been approved of £31,910.

3 ALLOCATION OF 2019/20 GRANT

3.1 In June 2019 all Parish Councils were sent a concurrent function grant application form for 2019/20. It included an invitation to apply for a grant in respect of 2018/19 eligible net expenditure, with applications to be returned to the Borough Council by 31 July 2019.

3.2 25 applications were received, with eligible net revenue expenditure totalling £88,163 (See Annex 1).

3.3 Final allocations proposed for Committee approval at 25% of net eligible expenditure and including transitional arrangements for those council's previously in receipt of a separate parish lengthsman grant total £23,812 (See Annex 2).

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – a total budget of £31,910 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 That Committee approve the payment of grants to parish councils as detailed in Annex 2 and totalling £23,812.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2019/20

| Nos | Parish / Town Council | Burial Grounds | Bus Shelters | Footpaths | Litter Collection | Dog Waste Bins | Parks and Play Areas | Parish Lengthsman Gross | Sub-Total | External funding | Net Expenditure |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 | Aighton Bailey/Chaigley | | | | | | 2,568 | | 2,568 | | 2,568 |
| 2 | Barrow | 145 | | | 382 | 25 | 640 | 1,200 | 2,392 | | 2,392 |
| 3 | Billington & Langho | 1,258 | | | | | 4,197 | 3,088 | 8,543 | | 8,543 |
| 4 | Bolton By Bowland | | | | | | | 6,306 | 6,306 | | 6,306 |
| 5 | Bowland Forest (Higher) | | | | | | 1,971 | 1,170 | 3,141 | -600 | 2,541 |
| 6 | Chatburn | | | | 1,025 | 139 | 2,289 | | 3,453 | | 3,453 |
| 7 | Chipping | | 100 | 30 | | | 2,789 | | 2,919 | | 2,919 |
| 8 | Clitheroe | | | 612 | 1,848 | | 1,816 | 3,348 | 7,624 | -250 | 7,374 |
| 9 | Gisburn | | | | | | 692 | 1,460 | 2,152 | -250 | 1,902 |
| 10 | Grindleton | | 50 | | | | | 650 | 700 | | 700 |
| 11 | Longridge | | | | 3,887 | | 7,451 | | 11,338 | | 11,338 |
| 12 | Mellor | | | | 2,218 | | 2,753 | | 4,971 | | 4,971 |
| 13 | Newton in Bowland | | | | | 129 | 352 | | 481 | | 481 |
| 14 | Pendleton | | | | | | | 597 | 597 | | 597 |
| 15 | Read | | | | 186 | 1,486 | 773 | 1,259 | 3,704 | | 3,704 |
| 16 | Ribchester | | | | | | 300 | 1,856 | 2,156 | | 2,156 |
| 17 | Rimington & Middop | | | | | | 1,250 | | 1,250 | | 1,250 |
| 18 | Sabden | 400 | | | | 666 | 311 | 4,000 | 5,377 | | 5,377 |
| 19 | Salesbury | | | 28 | | | 864 | | 892 | | 892 |
| 20 | Simonstone | | | | 338 | | 320 | 526 | 1,184 | | 1,184 |
| 21 | Waddington | | 40 | | | | 4,237 | | 4,277 | | 4,277 |
| 22 | West Bradford | | | | | | 607 | 830 | 1,437 | | 1,437 |
| 23 | Whalley | 591 | | | | | 130 | 3,628 | 4,349 | -250 | 4,099 |
| 24 | Wilpshire | | | 1,120 | | | 1,076 | 4,918 | 7,114 | | 7,114 |
| 25 | Wiswell | 74 | | | | | 14 | 500 | 588 | | 588 |
| | Sub-Total | 2,468 | 190 | 1,790 | 9,884 | 2,445 | 37,400 | 35,336 | 89,513 | -1,350 | 88,163 |

ALLOCATION OF CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT – 2019/20

| Nos | Parish / TownCouncil | Burial Grounds | Bus Shelters | Footpaths | Litter Collection | Dog Waste Bins | Parks and Play Areas | Parish Lengthsman excl transitional grant scheme | Applicable External funding | Concurrent function grant at 25% | Parish Lengthsman transitional grant | Total |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1 | Aighton Bailey/Chaigley | | | | | | 2,568 | | | 642 | | 642 |
| 2 | Barrow | 145 | | | 382 | 25 | 640 | 1,200 | | 598 | | 598 |
| 3 | Billington & Langho | 1,258 | | | | | 4,197 | 3,088 | | 2,136 | | 2,136 |
| 4 | Bolton By Bowland * | | | | | | | | | 0 | 1,577 | 1,577 |
| 5 | Bowland Forest (Higher) | | | | | | 1,971 | 1,170 | -600 | 635 | | 635 |
| 6 | Chatburn | | | | 1,025 | 139 | 2,289 | | | 863 | | 863 |
| 7 | Chipping | | 100 | 30 | | | 2,789 | | | 730 | | 730 |
| 8 | Clitheroe | | | 612 | 1,848 | | 1,816 | 3,348 | -250 | 1,844 | | 1,844 |
| 9 | Gisburn | | | | | | 692 | | | 173 | 750 | 923 |
| 10 | Grindleton | | 50 | | | | | 650 | | 175 | | 175 |
| 11 | Longridge | | | | 3,887 | | 7,451 | | | 2,835 | | 2,835 |
| 12 | Mellor | | | | 2,218 | | 2,753 | | | 1,243 | | 1,243 |
| 13 | Newton in Bowland | | | | | 129 | 352 | | | 120 | | 120 |
| 14 | Pendleton | | | | | | | 597 | | 149 | | 149 |
| 15 | Read | | | | 186 | 1,486 | 773 | 1,259 | | 926 | | 926 |
| 16 | Ribchester | | | | | | 300 | 1,856 | | 539 | | 539 |
| 17 | Rimington & Middop | | | | | | 1,250 | | | 313 | | 313 |
| 18 | Sabden | 400 | | | | 666 | 311 | | | 344 | 1,500 | 1,844 |
| 19 | Salesbury | | | 28 | | | 864 | | | 223 | | 223 |
| 20 | Simonstone | | | | 338 | | 320 | 526 | | 296 | | 296 |
| 21 | Waddington | | 40 | | | | 4,237 | | | 1,069 | | 1,069 |
| 22 | West Bradford | | | | | | 607 | | | 152 | 375 | 527 |
| 23 | Whalley | 591 | | | | | 130 | | | 180 | 1,500 | 1,680 |
| 24 | Wilpshire | | | 1,120 | | | 1,076 | 4,918 | | 1,779 | | 1,779 |
| 25 | Wiswell | 74 | | | | | 14 | 500 | | 147 | | 147 |
| | Sub-Total | 2,468 | 190 | 1,790 | 9,884 | 2,445 | 37,400 | 19,112 | -850 | 18,110 | 5,702 | 23,812 |

* Bolton by Bowland: Lengthsman grant paid at 25% of net revenue expenditure, being higher than transitional arrangements in place for 2019/20