

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting date: 13 SEPTEMBER 2022
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS 2022/23
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the allocation of concurrent function grants for 2022/23.

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 Concurrent functions are services provided in some parts of the borough by the borough or county council and in others by a parish or town council.

2.2 The council's concurrent functions grant scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in November 2008 and:

- Supports parish and town council's with net revenue expenditure on the following concurrent functions
 - Burial Grounds
 - Bus Shelters
 - CCTV (*from 2021*)
 - Footpaths
 - Footway Lighting
 - Litter Collection
 - Dog waste bins
 - Parks and play areas
 - Parish lengthsman (*from 2017*)
- Reimburses councils with 25% of expenditure that is net of other methods of support, VAT and any administration costs
- Supports revenue expenditures only that occurred in the previous financial year i.e expenditure incurred in the day-to-day activities of the organisation or for ongoing maintenance or repairs
- Excludes capital expenditures or large one-off items of expenditure except for
 - CCTV equipment and installation (*from 2021*)

2.3 Reimbursement is subject to the cost of claims under the overall scheme to the Borough Council not exceeding the annual approved budget, which for the 2022/23 financial year is £33,200. If claims were to exceed this amount then they would be scaled back to the funds available.

3 CURRENT YEAR APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

3.1 In July 2022 all parish and town councils were invited to apply for a concurrent function grant to support net expenditure that occurred during the 2021/22 financial year.

3.2 As set out in Annex 1, 25 application forms were returned to the council, claiming for net revenue expenditure as follows:

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Net Expenditure	76,779
Grant Support at 25%	19,195

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – a total budget of £33,200 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 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Committee approve the payment of grants to parish and town councils under the grant scheme conditions and totalling £19,195.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2022/23

Parish / Town Council		Burial Grounds	Bus Shelters	Footpaths	Litter Collection	Dog Waste Bins	Parks and Play Areas	Parish Lengthsman	Sub-Total	External funding	Net Expenditure	Grant at 25%
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Aighton Bailey/Chaigley	0	785	0	0	0	2,094	0	2,879	0	2,879	720
2	Barrow	145	0	0	432	0	1,584	1,500	3,661	0	3,661	915
3	Billington & Langho	1,290	0	0	0	0	2,342	3,039	6,672	0	6,672	1,668
4	Bolton By Bowland	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,061	2,061	0	2,061	515
5	Bowland Forest (Higher)	0	0	0	0	0	2,052	410	2,462	-600	1,862	465
6	Chatburn	0	0	0	1,267	160	2,200	0	3,627	0	3,627	907
7	Chipping	0	80	0	0	0	880	0	960	0	960	240
8	Clitheroe	0	0	799	396	0	2,159	1,181	4,535	-500	4,035	1,009
9	Gisburn	0	0	295	0	0	3,560	1,235	5,090	-295	4,795	1,199
10	Grindleton	0	0	60	0	0	0	1,905	1,965	0	1,965	491
11	Longridge	0	0	0	4,010	0	1,780	0	5,790	0	5,790	1,448
12	Mellor	0	0	0	0	0	1,941	0	1,941	0	1,941	485
13	Newton in Bowland	0	0	0	0	0	510	95	605	0	605	151
14	Pendleton	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	500	0	500	125
15	Ramsgreave	0	0	300	0	0	0	120	420	-300	120	30
16	Read	0	80	0	199	1,351	1,389	900	3,920	-435	3,485	871
17	Ribchester	0	0	0	0	0	400	2,059	2,459	0	2,459	615
18	Sabden	400	0	75	0	346	349	7,210	8,381	0	8,381	2,095
19	Salesbury	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	128	0	128	32
20	Simonstone	0	25	0	364	0	464	842	1,695	0	1,695	424
21	Waddington	0	160	0	217	0	1,439	0	1,817	0	1,817	454
22	West Bradford	0	0	0	0	0	924	815	1,739	0	1,739	435
23	Whalley	0	0	0	0	0	3,991	3,832	7,823	-500	7,323	1,831
24	Wilpshire	0	0	1,692	0	0	2,552	3,962	8,206	-500	7,706	1,926
25	Wiswell	74	0	0	0	0	0	500	574	0	574	144
	Sub-Total	1,909	1,130	3,348	6,885	1,858	32,612	32,166	79,909	-3,130	76,779	19,195