

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting date: 12 SEPTEMBER 2023
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS 2023/24
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the allocation of concurrent function grants for 2023/24.

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 councils 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 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 2023/24 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 June 2023 all parish and town councils were invited to apply for a concurrent function grant to support net expenditure that occurred during the 2022/23 financial year.
- 3.2 As set out in Annex 1, 25 applications are to be considered for support from this year's grant fund, with total net expenditure as follows:

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Net Expenditure	106,629
Grant Support at 25%	26,657

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 £26,657.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2023/24

Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds	Bus Shelters	CCTV Capital	Footpaths	Footway Lighting	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,113	0	2,113	0	2,113	528
2 Barrow	0	0	0	0	0	416	0	2,688	1,500	4,604	0	4,604	1,151
3 Billington & Langho	1,105	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,691	3,068	14,864	0	14,864	3,716
4 Bolton By Bowland	0	0	0	0	0	324	0	0	5,053	5,377	0	5,377	1,344
5 Bowland Forest (Higher)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,202	145	2,347	-145	2,202	550
6 Chatburn	0	0	5,645	0	0	862	160	1,796	0	8,463	0	8,463	2,116
7 Chipping	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	2,611	0	2,701	0	2,701	675
8 Clitheroe	0	0	0	244	0	1,663	0	1,775	719	4,402	0	4,402	1,100
9 Gisburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,730	1,470	3,200	0	3,200	800
10 Grindleton	0	0	0	695	0	0	0	0	1,579	2,274	0	2,274	568
11 Longridge	0	0	0	0	200	4,130	0	2,498	0	6,828	0	6,828	1,707
12 Mellor	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,849	0	2,149	0	2,149	537
13 Newton in Bowland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	526	0	526	0	526	131
14 Osbaldeston	0	0	0	0	0	0	295	0	0	295	0	295	74
15 Pendleton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	500	0	500	125
16 Ramsgreave	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244	244	0	244	61
17 Read	0	80	0	1,507	0	208	1,351	1,067	900	5,113	-650	4,463	1,116
18 Ribchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	2,146	2,446	0	2,446	612
19 Rimington & Middop	0	0	0	721	0	0	0	1,500	0	2,221	0	2,221	555
20 Sabden	400	2,086	0	0	0	0	0	286	4,000	6,772	0	6,772	1,693
21 Simonstone	0	0	0	0	0	381	0	375	800	1,556	0	1,556	389
22 Waddington	0	0	0	0	0	241	0	3,632	0	3,874	-1,400	2,474	618
23 West Bradford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,558	1,605	3,162	0	3,162	791
24 Whalley	3,948	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,197	4,465	17,611	0	17,611	4,403
25 Wilpshire	0	0	0	320	0	0	0	1,736	3,446	5,502	-320	5,182	1,296
Sub-Total	5,753	2,256	5,645	3,487	200	8,227	1,806	50,129	31,641	109,144	-2,515	106,629	26,657