

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

meeting date: 10 SEPTEMBER 2024
title: CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANTS 2024/25
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the allocation of concurrent function grants for 2024/25.

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 2024/25 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 2024 all parish and town councils were invited to apply for a concurrent function grant to support net expenditure that occurred during the 2023/24 financial year.

3.2 As set out in Annex 1, 27 applications are to be considered for support from this year's grant fund, with total net expenditure as follows:

	£
Net Expenditure	98,140
Grant Support at 25%	24,535

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 £24,535.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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CONCURRENT FUNCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS – 2024/25

Parish / Town Council	Burial Grounds	Bus Shelters	CCTV	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	0	0	0	0	0	3,171	0	3,171	0	3,171	793
2 Balderstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,600	1,600	0	1,600	400
3 Barrow	0	0	1,970	0	459	0	1,007	2,044	5,481	0	5,481	1,370
4 Billington & Langho	1,812	0	0	0	0	0	2,863	3,395	8,070	-112	7,958	1,989
5 Bolton By Bowland	0	0	0	0	216	0	0	2,268	2,484	0	2,484	621
6 Bowland Forest(Higher)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,438	225	2,663	-225	2,438	610
7 Chatburn	0	0	708	0	949	179	1,986	0	3,822	0	3,822	956
8 Chipping	0	44	0	0	115	0	2,175	0	2,334	0	2,334	583
9 Clitheroe	0	0	0	224	2,191	0	2,205	640	5,261	-500	4,761	1,190
10 Gisburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,715	1,386	3,101	0	3,101	775
11 Grindleton	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	2,581	2,651	0	2,651	663
12 Longridge	0	0	0	0	4,548	0	465	1,600	6,613	0	6,613	1,653
13 Mellor	300	0	0	0	0	0	1,889	0	2,189	0	2,189	547
14 Newton in Bowland	0	0	0	0	0	0	579	0	579	0	579	145
15 Pendleton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	500	0	500	125
16 Ramsgreave	0	0	0	2,094	0	0	0	300	2,394	0	2,394	598
17 Read	0	0	0	0	230	1,508	1,042	500	3,280	0	3,280	820
18 Ribchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	371	771	0	771	193
19 Rimington & Middop	0	0	0	1,271	0	0	1,250	849	3,369	-800	2,569	642
20 Sabden	400	0	0	36	0	419	616	4,000	5,471	0	5,471	1,368
21 Salesbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	0	75	19
22 Simonstone	0	120	0	0	420	0	375	336	1,251	0	1,251	313
23 Waddington	0	40	0	0	259	0	159	1,961	2,419	0	2,419	605
24 West Bradford	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,036	791	2,827	0	2,827	707
25 Whalley	6,947	0	0	0	0	0	7,597	4,089	18,632	0	18,632	4,658
26 Wilpshire	0	0	0	2,762	0	0	2,901	3,158	8,822	-500	8,322	2,080
27 Wiswell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	0	450	113
Sub-Total	9,458	204	2,678	6,457	9,388	2,106	36,868	33,119	100,277	-2,137	98,140	24,535