

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places (Introduced by the Executive Member for Partnerships and Planning Councillor Peter Malpas)	Executive Cabinet	17 February 2011

SECTION 106 FUNDING FOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN BUCKSHAW VILLAGE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To agree the methodology and allocation process for allocating Section 106 funding for youth and community activities in Buckshaw Village.

RECOMMENDATION

- That the recommendations in Sections 8 to 15 of this report be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Section 106 agreement for Buckshaw Village provides £64,000 funding to support youth and community activities in Buckshaw Village. The report's recommendations outline how the funding will be allocated.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To ensure Section 106 funding is allocated in a way that is transparent, effective and efficient.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- None.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support	√	Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy	√	Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	√
Safe Respectful Communities	√	Quality Community Services and Spaces	√
Vibrant Local Economy		Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	√
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			

BACKGROUND

7. As part of the Buckshaw Section 106 agreement, Chorley Council are due to receive a £50,000 contribution towards youth and community activities/development in Buckshaw. The £50,000 is index linked. The developers have recently been invoiced for £64,000. The funding is for youth and community activities/development for the whole of Buckshaw Village, the Chorley and South Ribble areas. Youth and community activities are initiatives, activities and/or events that encourage participation and involvement in community life. As mentioned later in the report, South Ribble Borough Council will be involved in the allocation process.

METHODOLOGY AND ALLOCATION PROCESS RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that the funding be allocated over a four year period, equally. This ensures that existing residents receive the benefit immediately and new residents, as properties continue to be built, also enjoy the benefit of the funding.
9. It is recommended that the grants be awarded from £500 to £5,000. The grant applicant would need to demonstrate that the funding would be spent within a 12 month period. If their project is to run for more than 12 months they would be asked to make this clear in their first application and to say whether they plan to apply for funding in subsequent years.
10. It is recommended that applicants can apply for up to 90% of the total value of their project. Their 10% contribution can be cash or in-kind volunteer time.
11. It is recommended that there is an annual, for example, deadline for applications, the 31 April, Decisions would be made in May/June, for projects to start from 1 July. In the event that the full year's allocation is used in the bidding round there will be no further funding allocated in that year. In the event that the annual allocation is not fully used in the annual bidding round, bids made in the year will be considered, subject to the annual allocation not being exceeded.
12. It is recommended that the decision to allocate funding be delegated to the Executive Member for People.
13. It is also recommended that South Ribble Borough Council be formally consulted, and this be reported to the Executive member, before any decisions are made.
14. It is recommended that voluntary, community and faith sector organisations, and public bodies, are eligible to apply. All applicants should have effective governance arrangements in place, for example, be a constituted group and have a bank account.
15. For the avoidance of doubt, the majority of the projects beneficiaries should reside in Buckshaw Village. A majority being 51%. Projects that physically take place outwith Buckshaw Village, for example, due to the nature of the facility or activity, are permissible, so long as the majority of beneficiaries are Buckshaw residents. Applicants will need to provide evidence of how they will monitor this, to the Council's satisfaction.
16. It is recommended that applications are assessed using the following criteria:
 - Does the project enhance the provision of youth and community activities/development in Buckshaw Village?
 - Is there evidence that there is a need for the project?
 - Is the project accessible to all, in terms of equality, notwithstanding the residency issue.
 - Is there at least 10% match funding, either cash or in kind?
 - How well does the applicant, and their project, encourage partnership working and cohesion in Buckshaw Village?

- How sustainable is the project? What will happen to the project when the funding ends?
- How well does the project encourage volunteering?

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

17. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	√	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	√	No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR TRANSFORMATION

18. The recommendations outlined in this report will ensure the proper use of this funding.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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