

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING ON 26TH JULY 2007

SECTION 136 GRANT AID TO BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	Internal Organisational Theme
CORPORATE THEME:	Improving Corporacy & Performance
KEY PRIORITY:	Financial and Asset Management
STRATEGY:	Grant to Parish/Town Councils
CABINET MEMBER:	Cllr. John Champion
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Head of Financial Services
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APPENDIX 1	Paper from Bewdley Town Council
AN OPEN ITEM	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a request by Bewdley Town Council for payment of their £11,064 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2007/2008.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to **DECIDE :-**

- 2.1 That the Section 136 Grant Aid application for 2007/2008 from Bewdley Town Council be approved.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of the annual Budget process, Council on 28th February 2007 approved the sum of £11,064 additional grant to Bewdley Town Council, equivalent to 15% of parish precept.
- 3.2 The grant was to be used for purposes agreed or stipulated and administered through the Cabinet.
- 3.3 A request for payment of the grant aid has now been received and a copy of the request is enclosed for members' information.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The proposal for usage of the Grant is in summary as follows :-

a.	Wyre Hill Play Area	£ 5,114
b.	CCTV for Skate Park	£ 1,600
c.	Contribution to Youth Café	£ 1,000
d.	Provision and Maintenance of Seats	£ 2,250
e.	Churchyards	£ 200
f.	War memorials	£ 600
g.	Lifebelts	£ 300

Total **£11,064**

Grant Value **£11,064**

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The payment of this grant can be met from within existing budget.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant legal or policy implications arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The grant payment is made in accordance with Section 136 of the Local Government Act 1972.

7.1 There are no risk management implications.

8. CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS

8.1 The request by Bewdley Town Council is in accordance with the criteria agreed by the Executive on 20th March, 2003, i.e. grant aid should be used for projects that benefit the local community.

9. CONSULTEES

9.1 CMT.

9.2 Councillor J.P. Champion.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Council Minute CM98 28th February 2007.