

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

**SECTION 136 GRANT AID TO BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME</b>	Internal Organisational Theme
<b>CORPORATE THEME:</b>	Improving Corporacy & Performance
<b>KEY PRIORITY:</b>	Financial and Asset Management
<b>STRATEGY:</b>	Grant to Parish/Town Councils
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	Councillor John Campion
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Head of Financial Services
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<b>APPENDIX 1</b>	Letter from Bewdley Town Council
<b>APPENDIX 2</b>	Grant Usage Proposals from Bewdley Town Council

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider a request by Bewdley Town Council for payment of their £11,666 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2008/2009.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

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

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Grant Aid application should be approved.**

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 As part of the annual Budget process, Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 approved the sum of £11,666 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 as Appendix 1.

4. **KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The proposal for usage of the Grant is identified in Appendix 2.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 For information, the approval of the 2007/2008 Section 136 Grant Aid in the sum of £11,064 was given by Cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007.
- 5.2 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 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2003, i.e. grant aid should be used for projects that benefit the local community.

9. **CONSULTEES**

- 9.1 Corporate Management Team.  
9.2 Councillor J.P. Champion.

10. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 Council Minute C.82 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008.