

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**CABINET MEETING**
15TH JUNE 2010**Section 136 Grant Aid to Bewdley Town Council 2010/2011**

OPEN	
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	Stronger Communities
CORPORATE PLAN AIM:	A Better Quality of Life
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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 - Letter from Bewdley Town Council Appendix 2 - 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 £10,251 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2010/2011.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE that:-

- 2.1 **That the Grant Aid application should be approved.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of the annual Budget process, Council on 24th February 2010 approved the sum of £10,251 additional grant to Bewdley Town Council, equivalent to 12.75% 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.
- 4.2 In response to the statement in the final paragraph of Appendix 2 concerning Wyre Hill Play Area, the District Council is in the process of drawing up a lease to formalise the arrangements between itself and the County Council subject to occupation rights.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 For information, the approval of the 2009/2010 Section 136 Grant Aid in the sum of £12,007 was given by Cabinet on 23rd June 2009.
- 5.2 The payment of this grant can be met from within existing budget.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

7. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This is a financial report and there is no requirement to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 The grant payment is made in accordance with Section 136 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 8.2 There are no risk management implications.

9. CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS

- 9.1 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.

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 CMT
- 10.2 Councillor N J Desmond

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 Council Minute C.111 24th February 2010.