

To: Cabinet Member, Cllr Nathan Desmond

From: David Buckland
Director of Resources
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9 September 2011

SECTION 136 GRANT AID – BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL & STOURPORT TOWN COUNCIL.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a request by Bewdley Town Council for payment of their £8,018 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2011/2012 and to consider a request by Stourport Town Council for payment of a proportion equating to £6,000 of their Section 136 Grant Aid for 2010/11.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you approve:

- **The application from Stourport Town Council for £6,000 from their Section 136 Grant Aid for 2010/11;**
- **The application from Bewdley Town Council for £8,018 representing the full amount of their Section 136 Grant Aid for 2011/12.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Wyre Forest District Council has for a number of year provided Section 136 Grant Aid to town and parish councils in excess of the amounts which are raised through their own parish precepts.
- 3.2 The value to the smaller parish councils under this scheme are modest the sums which are payable to the two town councils are more significant. Therefore, each year the Cabinet requires Bewdley and Stourport Town councils to submit proposals on how the funds will be applied before any monies are released. Payments to parishes are paid automatically.
- 3.3 Due to overall budget reduction the value of the grant aid has reduced each year from 2009/10 where a figure equivalent to 15% of the parish precept was paid, whereas in 2011/12 this is now 10%.
- 3.4 This report relates to applications which have been received from Stourport Town Council for a proportion of their funding for 2010/11, and an application from from Bewdley Town Council for the full value of the 2011/12 grant.

- 3.5 The proposal for Stourport Town Council for 2010/11 is that £6,000 of the earmarked sum of £21,196 be released at this stage, this will leave a balance of £15,196. The purpose proposed is that the funding be released to provide funding towards the Stourport Forward programme, this is a group that WFDC already supports. The further funding for 2010/11 will be subject to a future application in relation to a number of new initiatives which are being considered.
- 3.6 The proposals for the 2011/12 for Bewdley Town Council are for the full value of the grant and are detailed in the table below:

Organisation/Purpose	2011/12 Bid £
Wyre Hill Play Area	4,000
Bewdley Youth Café	1,500
War Memorials Maintenance	500
Bewdley Development Trust	1,500
Churchyards Maintenance	200
Tourism/Christmas Lights	318
Total	8,018

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The value of the grants are included within the Council's budgets.

5. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

6. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An equality assessment impact has been undertaken and it is considered that there are no discernable impacts on the six equality strands.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risk management issues associated with the proposed delegations.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The proposals are in line with the Council's own priorities and resources are available, it is suggested therefore that the payments requested of £6,000 to Stourport Town Council and £8,018 to Bewdley Town Council be approved.

9. **CONSULTEES**

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10. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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Director of Resources

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NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Grant Aid for Town Councils	To approve the application from Bewdley Town Council for £8,018 and the application from Stourport Town Council for £6,000.	Applications in line with Council priorities	9 th September 2011

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated: 9th September 2011

Signed: 

Councillor: Councillor Nathan Desmond
Cabinet Member

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

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I, J-P Campion, as Strong Leader, delegate the decisions to the Cabinet Member/Officer detailed below:

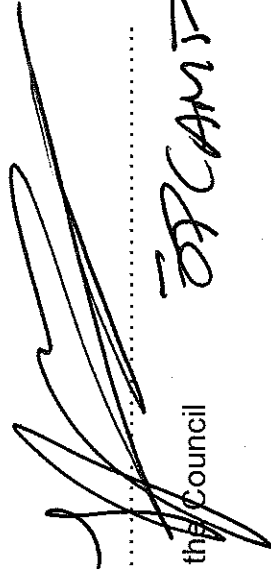
Determination of the decisions in relation to the Section 136 Grant Aid applications from Bewdley Town Council and Stourport Town Council

Cabinet Member/Officer : Councillor Nathan Desmond



Dated: 9th September 2011

Signed:



Leader of the Council

