RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Dear Sir/Madam

Parish Grant 2014/15

I am writing to your parish as a previous recipient of grant as part of the precept setting exercise for 2013/2014. You will recall that the Localisation of Council Tax Support introduced by the Government for 2013/14, resulted in reductions to the Council Tax base and Ryedale District Council paid a grant to each precept levying parish in Ryedale to fully reflect this reduction in 2013/2014. Many Parishes chose to amend their precept to reflect the grant.

Members have discussed this grant and its future as part of the deliberations over the budget for 2014/2015 when further cuts to Government Financial support in excess of £0.5m are expected (equivalent to 7% of the Council's net budget).

I attach a draft report for consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee in September 2013 which would then be referred to Council for final decision on the 31 October, and reflects Members current thoughts on the grant for future years.

The purpose of this letter is to seek your Parish Council's views on this matter, these will then be summarised and included in the final report. I request your response to the following questions:

1. If the Council halved the grant made to parishes in 2014/2015 and then removed it in 2015/2016 how would your Parish Council manage the reduction in funding:
   a. by increasing your parishes precept
   b. by using reserves to cover the shortfall
   c. by reducing services – please indicate which services if possible
   d. a combination of the above – please specify
2. Please propose any alternate methodology that reflects the members desire to generate a saving in the grant payable.

The deadline for responses is 2 September 2013. Your response can be submitted by email to faye.snowden@ryedale.gov.uk
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Yours faithfully,

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