

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2014

NEW HOMES BONUS – UPDATE

Following the petition to Council in April 2014 the New Homes Bonus Cross Party Working Group was established and has met on a number of occasions to discuss the issue and the way forward.

A residents forum was set up and a full presentation on the New Homes Bonus given to over 50 attendees on July 15th 2014. This gave interested parties the opportunity to question officers and members on the level of grant and the basis of calculation for the grant received. The presentation is available on the Council's website under agendas and minutes.

Following this meeting an email address was set up to receive input from any residents in relation to the New Homes Bonus and a 2 week period for comments was advised to parishes, councillors and to the public via the press and the Council's website. The Council received almost 150 responses which have been collated and discussed by the Working Group.

At the present time officers have been requested by the Working Group to develop a number of options to address the concerns raised, with the aim to propose a scheme that would enable an element of the future New Homes Bonus funding to be allocated for community schemes.

The aim is to report these options to Cabinet and Council later in the year to form part of the budget considerations and recommendations.

Councillor M Webb