

New Homes Bonus Forum

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New Homes Bonus Forum Update

- Purpose of the Forum
- Update on New Homes Bonus framework
- 2015/16 Calculation
- Impact on the budget 2015/16 – 2017/18
- Proposed Scheme 2015/16
- Questions
- Next Steps

New Homes Bonus Forum Update

- New Homes Bonus Forum July 2014
- Feedback from community re options available
- Number of Member Working Group meetings undertaken
- Recommendations developed to be presented to Cabinet & Full Council

New Homes Bonus Framework

- Introduced in 2011
- Based on increase in number of available houses
- Non Ringfenced allocation of funding – encouraged to work with communities
- Amount payable per property – additional amount for affordable housing
- Payable for 6 years

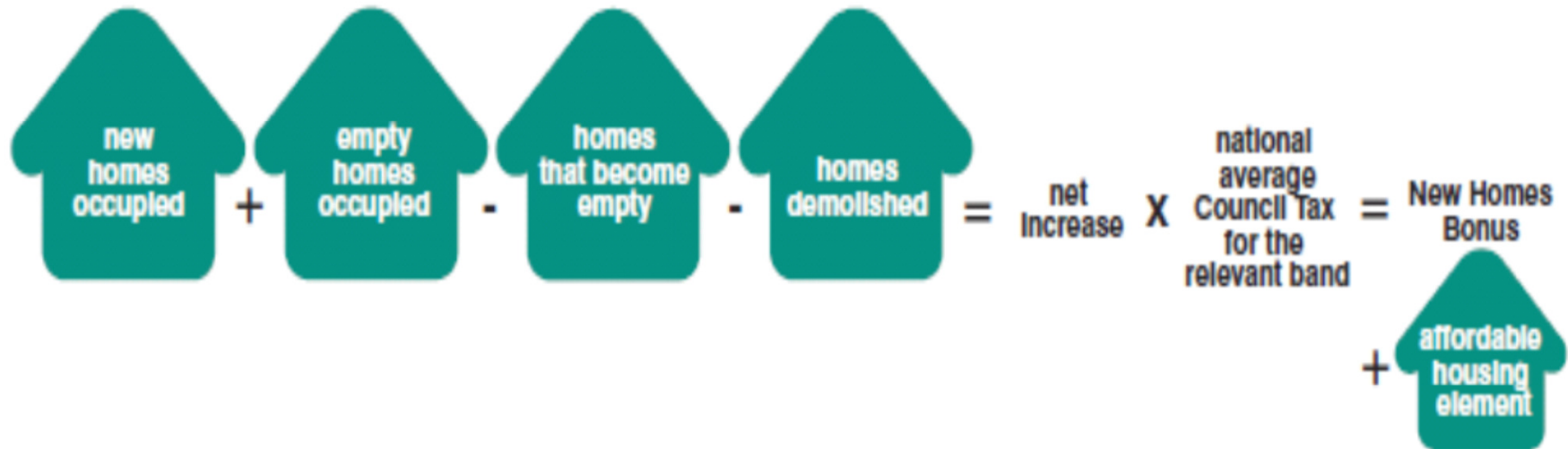
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How is it worked out

- New Homes occupied
- Long Term Empty homes brought into use
- Based on net average Council Tax (Band D)
- Based on information submitted to Government each October
- Extra payment of £350 for affordable homes
- Split between County Council and District Council (20%:80%)

New Homes Bonus

How the new Homes Bonus is calculated



New Homes Bonus – 2015/16

2014/15 New Homes Bonus c/fwd £950k

Initial Calculation for 2015/ 16 Based on 108 additional properties - £126k

October 2014 additional properties – Band D equivalent	271.40 Properties
NHB @ £1,455 = 271.40 * £1,455	£394,952
NHB (affordable homes) @ £350 = 72 *350	£25,200
TOTAL NHB PAYABLE 2015/16 (for 6 years)	£420,152
<i>80% to Bromsgrove District Council</i>	<i>£336,121</i>
<i>20% to Worcestershire County Council</i>	<i>£84,031</i>

PROPOSED SCHEME

- Proposal that 20% of 2015/16 (£420k) New Homes Bonus to be made available for community projects (£84k)
- One year funding only – to be reassessed each Financial Year as part of the budget process
- Community Grants Panel to be established
- Not for Profit Groups to apply eg Residents Groups/ Parish Councils
- Communities evidence they are affected by growth
- Meets Strategic Purposes of the Council
- To agree a maximum bid from the fund
- Potential need for business case for larger amounts
- Annual bidding process

NEXT STEPS

- Recommendation to Cabinet in January proposed scheme from Working Group
- Recommendation from Cabinet to Full Council in February for final allocation and scheme

QUESTIONS ?