

NEW HOME BONUS COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL

Background Information

The New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme was set up in 2015/16 following receipt of a petition at Council in April 2014.

The Scheme was reviewed and revised at the Cabinet meeting in February and again in June, when it was passed to Council for consideration. This was agreed and the necessary process put in place to promote the Scheme and invite relevant applications.

Details in respect of the scheme and relevant application forms were uploaded to the Council's website together with a timeline of the process and deadlines for completed applications.

The funding was split into 2 elements - £23,840 carried forward from 2015/16 and £101,000 from 2016/17. The only significant change to the scheme was the way in which the funds were allocated. This has been allocated by Ward with the request that applicants also seek support from their relevant Ward Councillor.

The purpose of this meeting is to give each applicant an opportunity to present their application and respond to questions from Members, in order for Members to consider whether each application is a) appropriate and b) meets the criteria set down in the New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme and detailed in the relevant application forms.

Details of the scoring matrix that will be used are attached at agenda item 4.