

## **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.

A second opportunity has been given to those Wards for which either bids were not received or where all of the funds were not allocated in the first round of applications, together with the remaining balance of funds from that brought forward from the Scheme for 2015/16. The total funding available in this second round is detailed below:

£12,324 – outstanding from 2015/16

£61,469 – outstanding from the first round of bids for the 2016/17 funding

The 2016/17 funding of £61,469 is for the Wards detailed in the revised Ward Application Summary and which was not allocated in the initial round of bids earlier in the year.

There will again be two categories of bids, under £3.5k and between £3.5k and £28k (dependant on the amount of funds available for each particular ward).

The 2015/16 funding balance of £12,324 is available to any communities that can evidence they have been affected by growth. The limit per application is £3.5k.

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.