

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 2017 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 is split into 2 elements - £27,157 carried forward from 2016/17 and £144,000 from 2017/18, with 2 categories of application – Lower which is applications of £2,880 and under and Higher which is applications of £2,881 to £28,800.

The purpose of this meeting is to give each applicant an opportunity to respond to any questions and points of clarification from Members, in order for the Panel 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.

A brief summary of each application is also attached to this agenda, but it should be noted that each Member of the Panel has had the opportunity to scrutinise the completed detailed applications outside of this meeting. These will also be available at the meeting should Members wish to make reference to them.