

Name of meeting: Cabinet

Date: 23rd August 2016

Title of report: District Committee New Homes Bonus Funding

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| Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? | No |
| Is it in the Council's Forward Plan? | No |
| Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny? | Yes |
| Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name | Jacqui Gedman - 11.08.16 |
| Is it signed off by the Director of Resources? | David Smith - 10.08.16 |
| Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal, Governance & Monitoring? | Julie Muscroft - 10.08.16 |
| Cabinet member portfolio | Cllr David Sheard - Leader - Cllr Shabir Pandor - Deputy Leader Strategy and Strategic Resources - New Council and Regional Issues |

Electoral [wards](#) affected: N/A

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

Cabinet are requested to consider an amendment to the 2016/17 New Homes Bonus (NHB) budget devolved to District Committees.

2. Key points

Background

2.1 On 24 March 2016 Cabinet approved a set of criteria and principles for District Committee budgets for 2016/17 which included criteria for the NHB budget devolved to District Committees.

2.2 On 4 July 2016 a report was taken to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to provide an update on progress made to implement the NHB criteria and seek support on how NHB could be used to support New Council priorities.

The report was well received and it was recognised that a flexible approach was needed to support both New Council and local priorities.

2.3 In light of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee discussion and comments received from portfolio holders, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council are proposing an amendment that allows District Committees greater flexibility to spend their NHB budget as follows:-

2.3.1 The following criteria is applied to 10% of the 2016/17 NHB budget:

- 2.3.1.1** Awards should not be made to individuals.
- 2.3.1.2** Wider community benefits must be demonstrated.
- 2.3.1.3** Schemes must adhere to the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

2.3.2 The criteria approved by Cabinet 24 March 2016 remains unchanged is applied to the remaining 90% of the 2016/17 NHB budget.

2.4 The 2016/17 NHB budget allocated to each District Committee, along with the proposed 10% of this allocation is set out below:-

| District Committee | NHB Budget Allocation | 10% of NHB Allocation |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Batley and Spen | £282,059.00 | £28,205.90 |
| Dewsbury and Mirfield | £148,170.00 | £14,817.00 |
| Huddersfield | £320,568.00 | £32,056.80 |
| Kirklees Rural | £175,203.00 | £17,520.30 |
| Total | £926,000.00 | £92,600.00 |

3. Implications for the Council

There are no specific implications at this time.

4. Consultees and their opinions

The views of portfolio holders have been sought, in regard to the proposed amendment to the NHB criteria.

5. Next steps

Subject to approval from Cabinet, the amendment to the 2016/17 New Homes Bonus budget will be implemented.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Cabinet is requested to consider the proposed amendment to the NHB criteria set out in paragraph 2.3 of this report and make a decision as to whether to support it.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Cllr David Sheard the Leader and Cllr Shabir Pandor the Deputy Leader, portfolio holders, for Strategy and Strategic Resources - New Council and Regional Issues, support the proposed amendment set out in paragraph 2.3 above and would ask that Cabinet approves the amendment.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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