



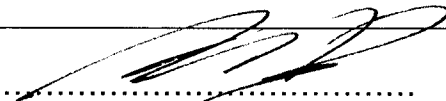
Vale of White Horse

District Council

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities
(Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England)
Regulations 2000

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER OR KEY DECISION OF OFFICER			
1	Name of Decision maker	Councillor Matthew Barber	
2	Type of Decision (Please <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate)	Key	Other Yes
3	Date of Decision (This should be the same as the date form signed)		
4	The Decision	That the methodology to be used to determine the distribution of £100,000 of new homes bonus (NHB) funding by the area committees will be in proportion to the growth in the number of band 'D' properties within each area. The percentage split to be used in 2013/14 is as follows: Abingdon 19.3% North-East 9.5% West 39.8% South-East 31.4%	
5	Reasons for Decision	At its meeting of 14 February 2013 Scrutiny committee resolved: <i>'To recommend Cabinet to review the new homes bonus policy to clarify how it will distribute the bonus between the area committees'</i> . Cabinet considered that any NHB money distributed to area committees in accordance with the Council's NHB policy should be apportioned proportional to the growth in the number of band 'D' properties in each area. The cabinet member for finance has re-considered this and has	

		<p>concluded that this method of apportionment continues to be the fairest distribution method, insofar as, it directs funding to area committees directly in proportion to where NHB has been generated.</p> <p>The method mirrors the calculation of NHB entitlement by comparing the movement in each area's total number of band 'D' equivalent properties across the year that starts and ends on the second Monday in September.</p>
6	Alternative Options Rejected	The cabinet member for finance considered allocating funding at parish level but it was viewed that this divided the available resources into sums that were too small to make a significant difference.
7	Resource Implications	<p>The grants team will administer the applications and payments of new homes bonus that will be determined by the area committees.</p> <p>The grant awarding process and criteria will be the subject of a further individual cabinet member decision.</p>
8	Legal implications	NHB funding is not ringfenced for any particular purpose so the council has a wide level of discretion in how it chooses to use the funding that it receives.
9	Financial implications	A budget of £100,000 was approved by council as part of its 2013/14 budget setting.
10	List of Consultees (See guidance below)	
11	Reports and Background Papers Considered	(i) New homes Bonus policy – Cabinet report 8 February 2013.
12	Date of receipt of Reports	
13	Declarations of Interests	None
14	Dispensations	None
15	Is this decision	

	confidential and if so, under which Exempt category?	No
16	"Call in" Waived?	No
17	Signature and Date	 Decision maker
	 12. IV. MMXIII Dated
18	This form must be physically handed to a member of the Democratic Services Team	Note: The date and time at which this form is received will be recorded by the Democratic Services Manager. The decision will then be published and is subject to "call in". A. Conigan. Date 12 April 13 Time 1:50pm Democratic Services Manager Date and Time Form Received
19	Details of Publication on the Web and date of expiry of "Call In" Note: This part of the Form will be completed by Democratic Services	Date of Expiry of "Call In" 5:00pm 19 April 2013 .. Date Published 12 April 2013 Date emailed to Chair of Scrutiny 12 April 2013