

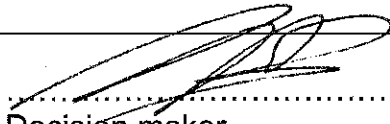


Vale of White Horse

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
3	Date of Decision (This should be the same as the date form signed)		
4	The Decision	To approve a new homes bonus community funding policy and procedure as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.	
5	Reasons for Decision	The new homes bonus community grant policy and procedures for 2013/14 has been developed so that the council can determine requests for funding towards community projects using a formally approved process.	
6	Alternative Options Rejected	That the policy only allows applications from areas where housing developments of a certain size were built.	
7	Resource Implications	The grants team will administer the applications and payments of new homes bonus that will be determined by the area committees.	
8	Legal implications	<p>The council's legal powers to award these grants are contained in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 that provides a general power of competence for local authorities.</p> <p>New homes bonus funding is not ring-fenced for any particular purpose so the council has a wide level of discretion in how it chooses to use the funding that it receives.</p>	
9	Financial implications	There is £100,000 for the allocation of new homes bonus grants	

		included in the councils revenue budget for 2013/14 only.	
10	List of Consultees (See guidance below)	Cabinet members – briefing on 12 July 2013.	
11	Reports and Background Papers Considered	(i) New homes Bonus policy – Cabinet report 8 February 2013. ii) Methodology of distribution of budgets to area committees – Cabinet member decision 12 April 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 23.8.2013 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”. S.A. Corrigan Date: 23/8/2013 Time: 1:00pm 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 2/9/2013 .. Date Published..... 23 August 2013 .. Date emailed to Chair of Scrutiny..... 23 August 2013 ..	

APPENDIX 1

New Homes Bonus – Community Funding Policy and Procedure 2013/14

This scheme seeks to support community initiatives in areas that are seeing housing growth. Applications will be considered for funding towards a wide variety of community projects or services that improve local facilities or services, or help to integrate new communities.

Funding criteria

Area Committees will consider proposals for funding in 2013/14 only against the following criteria:

- constituted voluntary community groups and town and parish councils may apply for either revenue and/or capital funding
- projects **must** have any appropriate planning and/or listed building consents before applying for funding
- projects that benefit communities where housing development **has taken place since 2009**. If no relevant applications are received the area committees may consider applications relating to other projects within the committees area
- we will not fund retrospective projects
- we will not fund projects or services that are more appropriately funded by other organisations.

Application and decision dates

The closing date for applications in 2013/14 will be 30 November 2013 and applications will be determined by each area committee in February 2014.

Conditions of grant awards

The standard terms and conditions that apply to the grant award are:

- the project should be completed within one year of the date of the grant being awarded

- council staff should be allowed to enter and inspect the work being carried out, at any time, subject to them abiding by any necessary health and safety requirements
- acknowledgement of the council's support must be included in any publicity concerning the project or service
- the project or service must comply with all relevant statutory regulations and consents.

The council may also specify conditions that are particular to the service or project that is being funded.

Equalities

The council is committed to promoting equality and diversity and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community, regardless of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, age, status, religion or belief. We encourage applications from minority groups.

Payment of grants

Grant payments will normally be made to the organisation once the area committee has approved an award. The organisation will be required to sign a declaration that the grant will only be spent on the project as detailed in the application form.

Monitoring of grants

Organisations will be asked to provide evidence of expenditure following completion of the project. Any grant awards not spent within 12 months will need to be returned unless prior approval from the Head of Corporate Strategy has been given.