

## Record of Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

<b>Decision made by</b>	Councillor Elaine Ware
<b>Key decision?</b>	No
<b>Date of decision</b> (same as date form signed)	
<b>Name and job title of officer requesting the decision</b>	Carole Cumming, Grants Team Leader
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<b>Decision</b>	To approve new policies for awarding capital and new homes bonus community grants but using the existing budget formulas. The new policies are attached in appendices 1 and 2.
<b>Reasons for decision</b>	<p>We need new policies to continue awarding community grants as the New Homes Bonus (NHB) policy expired on 31 March 2015 and the one for Capital Community Grants (CCG) needs updating to reflect the changes to the area committees. The new policies are based on the old policies but include some improvements to reflect the feedback we have received from applicants and councillors about simplifying the scheme and application process.</p> <p>We are due to open both schemes in September 2015 and therefore need policies in place in the next few weeks in order to do this.</p>
<b>Alternative options rejected</b>	There are no alternatives if the council wants to continue offering community grants and use the grant budgets allocated this year.
<b>Legal implications</b>	According to the council's scheme of delegations, the cabinet member for corporate strategy can approve changes to our grants policies and procedures.
<b>Financial implications</b>	The council agreed budgets for both schemes at its budget-setting meeting in February 2015.
<b>Other implications</b>	If we don't approve new policies soon it will delay the schemes opening in September and will mean we can only open for one round of funding this financial year.
<b>Background papers considered</b>	The old NHB and CCG policies.
<b>Declarations/conflict of</b>	

<b>interest?</b> <b>Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?</b>				
<b>List consultees</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Ward councillors			
	Legal	Pat Connell	No response	
	Finance	William Jacobs	Amendments made based on comments	6/8/2015
	Human resources			
	Sustainability			
	Diversity and equality			
	Communications	Shona Ware	No concerns	26/8/2015
	Strategic Management Board	Steve Bishop	SAB	27/8/15
<b>Confidential decision?</b> If so, under which exempt category?				
<b>Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?</b>				
<b>Cabinet member's signature</b> To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature <u>Received by email</u>			
	Date <u>26/8/15</u>			

**ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.**

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Form received	Date: <u>27/8/15</u>	Time: <u>4pm</u>
Date published to Scrutiny Committee	Date: <u>27/8/15</u>	
Call-in deadline	Date: <u>4/9/15</u>	Time: <u>5pm</u>