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New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) Scheme - Awards

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the Cabinet approves the recommendations (to be reported orally) of the Grants and Concessions Panel in relation to two applications received under the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) Scheme that exceeds the Cabinet Member for Community Services' £25,000 delegation limit.**

3. Background

- 3.1. At their meeting on 8 March 2016, Cabinet approved revisions to the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) Scheme which confirmed that up to £250,000 be made available to eligible Parish Councils during 2016/17.
- 3.2. The deadline for applications for 2016 was 31 July, and at that date the Council had received 41 applications totalling approximately £233,000.
- 3.3. Applications were assessed and presented to a special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel on 22 September 2015, and the total sum awarded by the Panel will be reported orally.
- 3.4. One application from Donnington Parish Council for £28,145 exceeds the £25,000 delegation limit of the Cabinet Member for Community Services. Accordingly it is presented to Cabinet for determination.
- 3.5. Lynchmere Parish Council have applied to the Grants and Concessions Panel to vary the Agreement entered into following the approval of a project in the trial New Homes Bonus process in 2013. £30,000 was previously agreed, and accordingly is also presented to Cabinet for determination.

4. Proposal

- 4.1. Donnington Parish Council seek £28,145 (just short of their indicative allocation of £29,113) towards significant enhancements to the children's

play area at Wiston Avenue, providing both replacement and additional play facilities as well as a footpath linking the facilities. A full assessment was prepared for the special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel and is detailed in the exempt Appendix 1 for members of the Committee and senior officers only.

- 4.2. Lynchmere Parish Council originally secured £30,000 towards the replacement of the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground in Camelsdale. The project cannot proceed as envisaged due to lack of funding, and instead the Parish seek permission to utilise the monies to refurbish and extend the existing pavilion instead. A report was prepared for the special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel and an extract is detailed in Appendix 2.

5. Resource and Legal Implications

- 5.1. The special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel will agree allocations from the available £250,000 for 2015/16. The amount allocated will be reported orally to Cabinet. The application from Donnington Parish Council can be fully funded from the balance of the available NHB (Parish Allocations) budget.
- 5.2. The request from Lynchmere Parish Council relates to previously approved monies from the 2013/14 allocation and would have no impact on the available funds for 2016/17.

6. Consultation

- 6.1. Applications have been assessed by officers, and have been discussed by a special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel on 22 September 2016. The deliberations of the Panel will be reported orally to Cabinet.

7. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 7.1. Each application received was assessed in line with the NHB (Parish Allocations) policy and the guidance developed by the Grants and Concessions Panel. A range of issues were considered, on a case by case basis.

8. Other Implications

Crime and Disorder		None
Climate Change		None
Human Rights and Equality Impact		None
Safeguarding		None
Other (please specify) eg biodiversity		None

9. Appendix

- 9.1. Grant Application Summary Details ref NHB 15/16 Donnington Playground (Exempt under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the *Local Government Act 1972*)
- 9.2. Extract - New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) – Requests for variation

10. Background Papers

None