

**Committee: Cabinet**

**Agenda Item**

**Date: 19 March 2015**

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**Title: Members New Homes Bonus Scheme –  
progress update**

**Portfolio Holder: Councillor Robert Chambers**

Item for information

## Summary

1. This report sets out the 2014/15 Member spend on the New Homes Bonus Ward Scheme.

## Recommendations

2. To note the report.

## Financial Implications

3. There are no implications for the District Council's budget. Monies unallocated by the 27 March 2015 will be returned to the council budget and will no longer be available for allocation.

## Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.
  - None

## Impact

Communication/Consultation	Funding bids are made in consultation with the relevant communities
Community Safety	Some of the bids have community safety benefits
Equalities	No specific implications
Health and Safety	No specific implications
Human Rights/Legal Implications	No specific implications
Sustainability	No specific implications
Ward-specific impacts	No specific implications
Workforce/Workplace	No specific implications

## Background

5. In April 2011 the Council introduced the Members New Homes Bonus Scheme whereby each year each Member received a sum of money to be spent in their Ward.
6. In 2011/12 the amount given to each Member was £1,000, since then the amount has been £2,000 per annum.
7. In terms of governance, the way in which the scheme works is that the Leader delegates to each Ward Member power to undertake executive functions within their Ward which they can fund from their New Homes Bonus allocation.
8. The Leader has decided to rescind this delegation once the Pre-Election Period (formerly known as “Purdah”) commences (27 March). This means that the last date on which the allocation can be committed is 26 March 2015. Any money unallocated after that date will be returned to the central budget and will no longer be available to be spent in the Ward.
9. Total spend as at 11 March 2015 is £71,825.20 and set out in Appendix A is a summary of the amount spent by Member.
10. A full list of projects funded is attached at Appendix B.
11. A verbal update will be given at the meeting should any Member commit further sums.
12. As part of the budget setting for 2015/16 Members agreed to increase the scheme to £3,000 per Member with the following new set of criteria being applied:
  - To be spent in the Member’s Ward
  - To be spent in year of allocation and any underspends will not be carried forward into future years
  - For the good of the community
  - Not to commit to future years
  - To be mindful of the financial status of the recipients
  - No personal interest in the organisation receiving the award
  - In election year the money only becomes available from 1 June (i.e. to the newly elected Member)

## Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Funds are not used	3 (previous experience is that not all Members spend their allocation)	1 (if not spent the money returns to the general council funds)	Members are regularly reminded of the scheme and the amount they have remaining.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

## APPENDIX A

<b>Member</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cllr Artus	£2,000.00
Cllr Asker	
Cllr G Barker	£850.00
Cllr S Barker	£1,995.00
Cllr Cant	£2,000.00
Cllr Chambers	£2,000.00
Cllr Cheetham	£2,000.00
Cllr Davey	£2,000.00
Cllr Davies	£850.00
Cllr Dean	£2,000.00
Cllr Eastham	£2,000.00
Cllr Eden	£1,500.00
Cllr Evans	£1,500.00
Cllr Felton	£1,989.00
Cllr Foley	£2,000.00
Cllr Freeman	£2,000.00
Cllr Godwin	£2,000.00
Cllr Harris	
Cllr Hicks	£1,541.20
Cllr Howell	£2,000.00
Cllr Jones	£2,000.00
Cllr A Ketteridge	

<b>Member</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cllr J Ketteridge	£2,000.00
Cllr Knight	£2,000.00
Cllr Lemon	£2,000.00
Cllr Loughlin	£2,000.00
Cllr Mackman	£2,000.00
Cllr Menell	£2,000.00
Cllr Morson	£2,000.00
Cllr Oliver	£2,000.00
Cllr Parr	£850.000
Cllr Parry	£2,000.00
Cllr Perry	£2,000.00
Cllr Ranger	£1,750.00
Cllr Redfern	£2,000.00
Cllr Rich	
Cllr Rolfe	£2,000.00
Cllr Rose	£2,000.00
Cllr Sadler	£2,000.00
Cllr Salmon	£2,000.00
Cllr Smith	£2,000.00
Cllr Walters	£2,000.00
Cllr Watson	£1,000.00
Cllr Wells	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£71,825.20</b>

## APPENDIX B

### WARD MEMBERS – 2014/15 PAYMENTS MADE UP TO 11 MARCH 2015

Member	Recipient	Amount	Purpose
Cllr Artus	Hatfield Broad Oak Village Green Co.	£2,000.00	Goal posts for junior football team
Cllr Asker			
Cllr G Barker	Dunmow Flitch Trials	£850.00	Towards deposit for marquees for event
Cllr S Barker	High Roding Cricket Club	£345.00	Shed, equipment and wheels for sight screen
Cllr S Barker	High Roding Allotment Association	£500.00	Purchase of Bee Keeping equipment
Cllr S Barker	Rodings Friendship Club	£1,150.00	Trips and talks
Cllr Cant	Lindsell Village Hall	£400.00	New village sign
Cllr Cant	Lindsell News	£50.00	Towards running costs of the magazine
Cllr Cant	Stebbing over 60's	£200.00	Costs towards members outings
Cllr Cant	Stebbing Community Shop.	£200.00	Towards electrical works in the shop
Cllr Cant	Stebbing Village Hall	£250.00	Purchase new china
Cllr Cant	Stebbing Scene	£100.00	Assistance towards running costs of the magazine
Cllr Cant	Old Friends Meeting House	£250.00	Assistance towards updating heating system
Cllr Cant	St Mary's Church	£250.00	Drainage works in churchyard
Cllr Cant	Stebbing Guides	£100.00	Towards activities
Cllr Cant	Stebbing History Society	£100.00	Towards digital projector
Cllr Cant	Stebbing Cubs, Beavers and Scouts	£100.00	Towards activities
Cllr Chambers	Elmdon & Wenden Lofts Parish Council	£500.00	Church Wall Restoration
Cllr Chambers	Chrishall Parish Council	£1,000.00	Modernisation of pavilion
Cllr Chambers	Duddenhoe End Village Hall	£500.00	Hall costs
Cllr Cheetham	Great Canfield Community Trust	£500.00	Towards new kitchen
Cllr Cheetham	Takeley Cricket Club	£1,000.00	Purchase new scarifier
Cllr Cheetham	Little Canfield Village Hall	£500.00	Towards equipment store
Cllr Davey	Dunmow Day Centre	£2,000.00	Towards replacing kitchen equipment
Cllr Davies	Dunmow United Football Club	£450.00	Kit and equipment
Cllr Davies	Dunmow Cricket Club	£400.00	Repair bowling machine, purchase bats and balls for junior players
Cllr Dean	Stansted Mountfitchet Day and Community Centre	£200.00	Dyson vacuum cleaner
Cllr Dean	Stansted Parish Council	£300.00	Goal posts
Cllr Dean	Stansted Free Church	£100.00	Towards food bank and fuel

<b>Member</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Cllr Dean	Stansted Parish Council	£805.00	Support work of parish council programme to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Stansted, targeted at a master plan for Cambridge Road area
Cllr Dean	Residents of Churchfields	£595.00	Installation of bench and table for residents of Stansted
Cllr Eastham	Essex County Council	£2,000.00	Highways study for Ashdon Road
Cllr Eden	Saffron Walden Town Council	£1,000.00	St John's Ambulance – Mayor's appeal
Cllr Eden	Saffron Screen	£500.00	Equipment for pop-up Saffron Screen
Cllr Evans	Stansted Parish Council	£1,000.00	Marketing and publicity for Christmas Fayre
Cllr Evans	Stansted Parish Council	£500.00	Contribution towards new goal posts and reinforcing ground
Cllr Felton	Felsted Parish Council	£250.00	War memorial works
Cllr Felton	Felsted Parish Council	£300.00	Church clock face repairs
Cllr Felton	Felsted Parish Council	£50.00	Felsted Brownies
Cllr Felton	Little Dunmow Parish Council	£750.00	Magna Carta project
Cllr Felton	Felsted Friendship Club	£450.00	Hire of coach for outings
Cllr Felton	Fritch Green Youth Club	£189.00	Television
Cllr Foley	Thaxted Society	£1,000.00	Towards publication and printing of Thaxted Bulletin
Cllr Foley	Thaxted Centre for the Disabled	£350.00	Running costs
Cllr Foley	Great Easton Parish Council	£350.00	Towards Youth Summer Olympics in Duton Hill
Cllr Foley	Thaxted Youth Club	£300.00	Replacement pool table
Cllr Freeman	The Thaxted Society	£600.00	New computer
Cllr Freeman	Uttlesford CAB	£400.00	Towards outreach service in Thaxted
Cllr Freeman	Friends of Thaxted Primary School	£450.00	Planter and garden renovation
Cllr Freeman	Thaxted Parish Council	£200.00	Alterations to handwashing facilities in Bolford Street Hall for Windmill Playgroup
Cllr Freeman	Thaxted Parish Council	£200.00	Painting sails of Thaxted Windmill
Cllr Freeman	Thaxted Cricket Club	£150.00	Purchase of mobile cricket nets
Cllr Godwin	Birchanger Bowls Club	£2,000.00	Towards new pavilion
Cllr Harris			
Cllr Hicks	Barnston Parish Council	£1,000.00	Installation of accessible swing
Cllr Hicks	High Easter Parish Council	£541.20	Goalposts and nets
Cllr Howell	Sampfords Village Hall	£666.66	Refurbishment
Cllr Howell	Hempstead Parish Council	£666.66	Duck pond restoration
Cllr Howell	Radwinter Parochial Church Council	£666.66	Repair of church clock
Cllr Jones	Takeley Cricket Club	£500.00	Purchase new scarifier
Cllr Jones	Takeley Primary School	£1,000.00	Towards bee Keeping project

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Cllr Jones	Great Canfield Parish Council	£500.00	Towards installation of information boards
Cllr A Ketteridge			
Cllr J Ketteridge		£2,000.00	Clear-up and maintenance of The Plantation (Hilly Bumps)
Cllr Knight	Tang Ting Twinning Association	£500.00	Towards costs
Cllr Knight	Debden Local History Group	£300.00	Towards costs
Cllr Knight	Wimbish Village Choir	£100.00	Towards costs
Cllr Knight	Debden Village Shop	£400.00	Towards costs
Cllr Knight	Wimbish Military Wives Choir	£300.00	Towards costs
Cllr Knight	Wimbish Parish Council	£200.00	Box for defibrillator
Cllr Knight	Uttlesford Community Travel	£200.00	Towards trip for Debden and Wimbish community group
Cllr Lemon	Buffy Bus	£500.00	Towards running costs
Cllr Lemon	Hatfield Heath United Reformed Church	£650.00	Church organ repairs
Cllr Lemon	Hatfield Heath School	£650.00	To create an outdoor learning area
Cllr Lemon	Hatfield Heath Leisure Hour	£200.00	Payment for meetings and booking guest speakers
Cllr Loughlin	Manuden Parish Council	£666.66	Notice board
Cllr Loughlin	Farnham Parish Council	£666.66	
Cllr Loughlin	Berden Parish Council	£666.66	
Cllr Mackman	Uttlesford Villager	£500.00	Publication costs
Cllr Mackman	Uttlesford Community Travel	£500.00	Running costs
Cllr Mackman	Great Dunmow Town Council	£500.00	Towards skatepark costs
Cllr Mackman	The Dunmow Society	£500.00	Costs
Cllr Menell	Wendens Ambo Parish Council	£200.00	Equipment for maintenance of church yard
Cllr Menell	Friends of Strethall Church	£200.00	Toward community events
Cllr Menell	Home-Start Uttlesford	£200.00	Training volunteers living in Littlebury
Cllr Menell	St Peter's Church	£200.00	Furniture for community events
Cllr Menell	Littlebury Parish Council	£200.00	To treat wood and iron work of the bell cote and to re-glide the weather vane
Cllr Menell	Wendens Ambo Parish Council	£200.00	Defibrillator
Cllr Menell	Arkesden Parish Council	£200.00	Defibrillator
Cllr Menell	Little Berries play group	£200.00	Equipment and toys
Cllr Menell	Littlebury Village Hall	£100.00	Elderly residents Christmas lunch
Cllr Menell	Littlebury Parish Council	£100.00	Catmere End fireworks display
Cllr Menell	Littlebury Parish Council	£200.00	Installation of new Balance Beam
Cllr Morson	Henham Village Shop	£2,000.00	Towards running costs
Cllr Oliver	Clavering & District Over 60's Club	£350.00	Coach hire for club outings

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Cllr Oliver	Clavering Jubilee Field	£280.00	Works to playground
Cllr Oliver	1 <sup>st</sup> Clavering Brownies	£150.00	Transport costs to Brownies 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations
Cllr Oliver	Wicken Bonhunt Parish Council	£500.00	Indoor carpet bowls set for community centre
Cllr Oliver	Clavering Care	£220.00	Cost of DBS checks for drivers
Cllr Oliver	Clavering Baby and Toddler Group	£500.00	Sensory equipment and modular balance kit for children with disabilities
Cllr Parr	Elsenham Community Association	£850.00	Hire of marquee for village fete
Cllr Parry	Friends of Newport Primary School	£250.00	PTA funds
Cllr Parry	Newport Parish Council	£500.00	War memorial
Cllr Parry	Newport Youth Club	£800.00	Towards funds
Cllr Parry	Hedgehogs Playgroup Widdington	£100.00	Towards equipment
Cllr Parry	Friends of Rickling School	£250.00	PTA funds
Cllr Parry	Newport Mother and Toddlers Group	£100.00	Playgroup funds
Cllr Perry	Stanley Wilson Lodge	£500.00	Summer event for all residents
Cllr Perry	Saffron Walden Town Council	£500.00	Sandbags
Cllr Perry	Saffron Walden Town Council	£500.00	Installation of post at Parkside and Hanover Place
Cllr Perry	Saffron Walden First Responders	£500.00	Update equipment and expand service
Cllr Ranger	Dunmow Rifle and Pistol Club	£300.00	Towards junior members and equipment
Cllr Ranger	Dunmow Pantomime Group	£500.00	Scenery and props for Beauty and the Beast
Cllr Ranger	Wren Pre-School	£450.00	Printers, computer and copiers
Cllr Ranger	Dunmow Wind band	£500.00	Music stands
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£100.00	Youth Club
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£100.00	Chesterfords Pre-School
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£100.00	Chesterford School Orchestra
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£100.00	Chesterfords Youth Football Club
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£100.00	Chestertots Toddler Group
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£300.00	Chesterford Bowls Club Mower Appeal
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£400.00	Chesterford WI 'Picnic in the Park'
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£100.00	Year 6 Leavers Event
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£90.00	Over 60's Christmas Lunch Turkey
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£300.00	Church Clock Appeal
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£310.00	To be allocated
Cllr Rich			
Cllr Rolfe		£2,000.00	Clear-up and maintenance of The Plantation (Hilly Bumps)
Cllr Rose	Widdington Parish Council	£500.00	Defibrillator

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Cllr Rose	Lettice Martin Charity	£1,000.00	Assistance with helping elderly people in Newport
Cllr Rose	Newport Village Tennis Club	£500.00	Towards benches, noticeboard, site repairs and maintenance
Cllr Sadler	Essex County Council	£2,000.00	Highways study for Ashdon Road
Cllr Salmon	Stansted Parish Council	£885.00	IT equipment for the Day Centre
Cllr Salmon	Stansted Parish Council	£1,115.00	Goal posts and Christmas lights
Cllr Smith	Great Easton Playground	£320.00	Community event for children in Great Easton
Cllr Smith	Little Easton Parish Council	£560.00	
Cllr Smith	Broxted Parish Council	£560.00	
Cllr Smith	Great Easton Parish Council	£560.00	
Cllr Walters	Saffron Walden Town Council	£500.00	Installation of post at Parkside and Hanover Place
Cllr Walters	Accuro	£1,500.00	Gardening project and a further project TBC
Cllr Watson	Saffron Walden Town Council	£500.00	Heritage Lottery Fund - towards Town Hall
Cllr Watson	Saffron Walden Town Council	£500.00	Bridge End Garden Education and Visitor Centre Appeal
Cllr Wells			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£71,825.20</b>	