

Committee: Cabinet & Full Council

Agenda Item

Date: 10 & 15 May 2012

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Title: New Homes Bonus – progress update

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Robert Chambers

Item for information

Summary

1. In April 2011 the Council received £714,365 under the Government's New Homes Bonus scheme for 2011/12.
2. On 8 September 2011 the Cabinet decide to allocate £500,000 of this funding to community projects. £456,000 was allocated to nine town and parish council and £44,000 was allocated to district councillors, £1,000 each, for each councillor to spend in their ward.
3. This report summarises the progress made in the use of the allocated funds. As at 30 April 2012:
 - Town/parish council funding bids totalling £353,020 have been approved, comprising 98 individual projects
 - Town/parish council funding bids totalling £5,000 have been received, relating to one project, upon which further clarification has been sought
 - Town/parish council funding bids to the value of £97,980 are still awaited, of which £82,958 relates to Flitch Green
 - Ward Members have spent £42,599, comprising 88 individual projects, which means that £1,402 of the original £44,000 is still to be spent.

Recommendations

4. To note the report.

Financial Implications

5. There are no implications for the District Council's budget. Allocated monies will remain earmarked until called upon.

Background Papers

6. 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.
 - New Homes Bonus report to Cabinet 8 September 2011
 - Funding bids from Town/Parish councils

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	All wards have received some funding with nine towns/villages receiving larger allocations
Workforce/Workplace	No specific implications

Town & Parish councils

7. Below is a summary of the progress as at 30 April:

Town/Parish	Allocation	Value of bids approved	Value of bids under query	Balance for which bids are awaited	Value of payments made
Stansted	£97,033	£92,033	£5,000	£0	£29,533
Flitch Green	£82,958	£0	£0	£82,958	£0
Great Dunmow	£69,967	£54,945	£0	£15,022	£46,900
Takeley	£68,014	£68,014	£0	£0	£0
Little Canfield	£59,424	£59,424	£0	£0	£689
Saffron Walden	£43,185	£43,185	£0	£0	£30,215
Newport	£16,733	£16,733	£0	£0	£6,343
Thaxted	£12,591	£12,591	£0	£0	£4,096
Quendon & Rickling	£6,095	£6,095	£0	£0	£0
Total	£456,000	£353,020	£5,000	£97,980	£117,776

8. Bids received were considered by the members of the Cabinet. Relevant Ward Members were consulted and their comments taken into account. Bids were approved by the Leader with the exception of bids from Saffron Walden Town Council which were approved by the Deputy Leader acting under delegated authority. A schedule of the approved bids is attached to this report (Appendix A).
9. Where bids are awaited, the town/parish councils concerned have been requested to expedite matters.

Member allocations

10. Below is a summary of the progress as at 30 April:

Members who have fully spent their allocation	Members who have partially spent their allocation	Members who have not yet started to spend their allocation
40	4	0
Amount spent: £40,000	Amount spent: £2,599 Amount still to spend: £1,401	Amount still to spend: Nil

11. The total amount spent by Members so far is £42,599. A list of the 88 projects funded is attached to this report (Appendix B). There is £1,401 not yet spent.

12. Members have each been allocated £2,000 to spend in 2012/13, from the Council's 2012/13 New Homes Bonus allocation, a total of £88,000.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Funds are not used for the intended purpose	1 (town & parish councils are trusted partners)	3 (reputational damage)	Monies are not advanced up front; town/parish councils are reimbursed for expenditure incurred. Donations to third parties are sent direct.
Allocated monies are not spent in a timely way	2 (progress to date is not as rapid as had been anticipated)	1 (the funds are not time limited and remain available until they need to be called upon)	Encouragement given and reminders sent.

APPENDIX A

TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS – SCHEDULE OF APPROVED BIDS

Town/Parish	Amount	Purpose	Payment by 30 April?
Great Dunmow	£10,000	Carnival Events Committee – cost of carnival for one year	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,250	Wren Pre-School – development of outdoor area	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,500	Dunmow Majorettes – new tracksuits	Yes
Great Dunmow	£500	Dunmow Flich Friendship Group – Jubilee celebrations	Yes
Great Dunmow	£5,000	Dunmow Players Musical Theatre Company – youth group	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,000	Home Start Uttlesford – development of family groups	Yes
Great Dunmow	£5,000	Alzheimers Society – for Memory Café	Yes
Great Dunmow	£2,000	Gt Dunmow Maltings Preservation Trust – garden improvements	Yes
Great Dunmow	£4,045	Dunmow & District Historical & Literary Society – Jubilee Book	No
Great Dunmow	£1,000	Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club – training equipment	Yes
Great Dunmow	£2,000	The Arts Centre – Studio Theatre Project Lighting	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,000	Uttlesford Community Travel – donation	Yes
Great Dunmow	£750	Dunmow Pantomime Group – donation	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,000	United Reform Church – update of audio/projection equipment	Yes
Great Dunmow	£5,000	Dunmow Flich Trials Committee – marquee hire & donation	Yes
Great Dunmow	£500	Dunmow Christian Care – donation for car expenses	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,500	Council for Voluntary Services Uttlesford – information point	Yes
Great Dunmow	£400	Dunmow Women's Institute – Digital projector	Yes
Great Dunmow	£3,000	Dunmow Scout Group – Scout Hut refurbishment	Yes
Great Dunmow	£2,000	Dunmow United Football Club – Mini goals & 9-a-side goals	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,000	Support 4 Sight – Drop in sessions	Yes
Great Dunmow	£1,000	Signage for Jubilee Wood	No
Great Dunmow	£2,000	Jubilee medal for children at Jubilee picnic	No
Great Dunmow	£500	Great Dunmow Netball Club – new kit	Yes
Great Dunmow	£500	Great Dunmow & District Grey Matters Club – outings & party	No
Great Dunmow	£1,500	Dunmow Blind & Housebound Social Club - donation	Yes
Little Canfield	£43,924	Village Hall refurbishment	No
Little Canfield	£11,000	Allotment site infrastructure	No
Little Canfield	£1,500	Map of footpath network	No
Little Canfield	£3,000	Allotments water connection	Partly
Newport	£6,000	Traffic management (vehicle activated sign)	No
Newport	£5,000	Village enhancement – street furniture, Torch Relay expenses	Partly

Town/Parish	Amount	Purpose	Payment by 30 April?
Newport	£700	Newport Church – roofing & staircase works	Yes
Newport	£700	Jikes Youth Centre – contribution to loan repayment	Yes
Newport	£1,000	Newport Business Association – Station Café refurbishment	Yes
Newport	£200	Newport Business Association – Village map to promote walks	Yes
Newport	£500	Newport Amateur Theatrical Society – to replace stage flats	Yes
Newport	£200	Pond Common Trust – for church clock maintenance & repairs	Yes
Newport	£600	Lettice Martin Charity – for distribution to widows & widowers	Yes
Newport	£200	Saffron Community First Responders – for front line responder backpack & collecting tins	Yes
Newport	£1,250	Newport Primary School – for refurbishment of ICT/Library suite	Yes
Newport	£383	Friends of Newport Primary School – equipment for IT suite	Yes
Quendon & Rickling	£2,000	Community Heartbeat - Defibrillator	No
Quendon & Rickling	£2,095	Street lights replacement	No
Quendon & Rickling	£2,000	B1383 speed reduction device	No
Saffron Walden	£8,000	Slide on the Common	Yes
Saffron Walden	£3,500	Repairs to St Mary's Church clock	Yes
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Cleaning of the War Memorial	No
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Replacement bus shelter in High St	No
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Market place fountain refurbishment	No
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Bridge End Gardens footpath improvements	No
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Skatepark improvements	Yes
Saffron Walden	£900	High School Farm Club – donation	Partly
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Blue Plaque Scheme	No
Saffron Walden	£1,000	Dorset House Garden artwork	Yes
Saffron Walden	£875	Saffron Walden Swords – donation	Yes
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Bridge End Gardens further footpaths work	No
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Walden Ladies Football Club – donation	Yes
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Accuro – Summer break for handicapped children	Yes
Saffron Walden	£1,000	Buffy Bus – donation	Yes
Saffron Walden	£1,000	Saffron Screen – community project promotion	Yes
Saffron Walden	£2,000	Youth Outreach Project – instructors & facilities	Yes
Saffron Walden	£323	Saffron Walden Library Society – digital projector	No
Saffron Walden	£900	Saffron Walden Rugby Club – canopies	Yes
Saffron Walden	£1,900	Saffron Seals – swimming courses for coaches	Yes
Saffron Walden	£1,152	Support 4 Sight – establishing a new group	Yes
Saffron Walden	£1,295	Dig It Gardens – compostable loo	Yes

Town/Parish	Amount	Purpose	Payment by 30 April?
Saffron Walden	£1,000	Home Start – help with transport	Yes
Saffron Walden	£340	Alzheimers Society - donation	Yes
Stansted	£15,000	Skatepark fencing	No
Stansted	£7,000	Fountain refurbishment	No
Stansted	£10,000	Tree planting	No
Stansted	£3,000	Jubilee fireworks	No
Stansted	£10,000	Allotments works	No
Stansted	£2,000	Day Centre audio visual equipment	No
Stansted	£10,000	Stansted Cricket Club	Yes
Stansted	£3,000	Stansted Hall Cricket Club	Yes
Stansted	£2,500	Stansted Bowling Club	Yes
Stansted	£1,000	Stansted Tennis Club	Yes
Stansted	£1,000	Stansted Football Club	Yes
Stansted	£3,000	Rainbow Pre-School	Yes
Stansted	£3,000	Buffy Bus	Yes
Stansted	£15,000	Youth Services	No
Stansted	£350	U3A	Yes
Stansted	£143	Free Church Pilots	Yes
Stansted	£500	Foresthall Residents Association	No
Stansted	£3,540	Stansted Cricket Club	Yes
Stansted	£2,000	Stansted Millers	Yes
Takeley	£35,000	Recreation Ground refurbishment	No
Takeley	£20,000	Sports Fields drainage & resurfacing	No
Takeley	£5,014	Sports Fields car park resurfacing	No
Takeley	£8,000	Little Canfield allotments toilet facility	No
Thaxted	£1,896	Recreation Ground perimeter fence	Yes
Thaxted	£2,850	Recreation Ground tarmac access & safety barrier	Partly
Thaxted	£4,900	Fingerposts to aid visitors find their way around the town	No
Thaxted	£1,953	Notice board	No
Thaxted	£992	Wildflower meadow	No
Total	£353,020		

APPENDIX B

WARD MEMBERS – PAYMENTS MADE UP TO 27 APRIL 2012

All figures rounded to nearest £1

Member	Recipient	Amount	Purpose
Cllr Artus & Cllr Wells	Little Hallingbury Parish Council	£667	Information Board
Cllr Artus & Cllr Wells	Great Hallingbury Parish Council	£667	Bench and chairs
Cllr Artus & Cllr Wells	Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council	£517	Donation to Hatfield Broad Oak Youth Group
Cllr Artus & Cllr Wells	Great Hallingbury Friendship Club	£150	Trips
Cllr Asker	Open Door Counselling Service	£350	Donation
Cllr Asker	Saffron Walden Arts Trust	£650	Donation
Cllr G Barker	Dunmow Day Centre	£450	To purchase new fridge
Cllr S Barker	The Rodings U3A	£400	Computer courses & lapel microphone
Cllr S Barker	Rodings Friendship Club	£200	Christmas lunch for senior citizens
Cllr S Barker	Rodings & Easter Pre-School	£200	Book storage & educational items
Cllr S Barker	High Roding Parent & Toddler Group	£200	Mats, beakers, toys
Cllr Cant	Old Friends Meeting House	£250	Gas heater
Cllr Cant	Stebbing Village Hall	£250	Electrical works
Cllr Cant	Stebbing Parish Council	£250	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Cant	Lindsell Diamond Jubilee Fund.	£250	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Chambers	Elmdon & Wenden Lofts Parish Council	£407	For Duddenhoe End and Elmdon Village Halls
Cllr Chambers	Langley Parish Council	£246	Donation
Cllr Chambers	Chrishall Parish Council	£347	Play area perimeter fencing
Cllr Cheetham & Cllr Jones	Great Canfield Parish Council	£1,000	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Cheetham & Cllr Jones	Little Canfield Parish Council	£500	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Cheetham & Cllr Jones	Takeley Parish Council	£500	Jubilee celebrations

Member	Recipient	Amount	Purpose
Cllr Crome & Cllr Favell	Felsted Parish Council	£1,000	Jubilee mugs
Cllr Crome & Cllr Favell	Little Dunmow Parish Council	£1,000	Community meeting room and recreation ground improvements
Cllr Davey	Dunmow & District Community Fund	£500	Outings & group lunches for the elderly
Cllr Davey	Dunmow Day Centre	£500	Equipment & one off expenses
Cllr Davies	1 st Dunmow Scouts	£500	Scout Hut refurbishment
Cllr Davies	Dunmow & District Community Fund	£250	Coach outings and running costs
Cllr Davies	Dunmow & District Stroke Support Group	£250	Physiotherapy and running costs
Cllr Dean	Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council	£100	For continuation of garden waste skips
Cllr Dean	Stansted Day Centre	£100	To support activities of elderly people
Cllr Dean	East Herts YMCA	£400	To support young adults in Stansted / Bishops Stortford area
Cllr Dean	Stansted Youth Centre	£400	Belfast exchange visit
Cllr Eastham	Saffron Walden Community Hospital	£1,000	Reception chairs and table
Cllr Eden	Saffron Walden Youth Outreach Project	£1,000	Goldie Youth Club sessions
Cllr Evans	Stansted Parish Council	£856	Radar gun for speedwatch campaign
Cllr Evans	Grove Cottage Bishops Stortford MENCAP	£144	Donation
Cllr Foley & Cllr Freeman	Thaxted Centre for the Disabled	£300	Carpet cleaning
Cllr Foley & Cllr Freeman	Duton Hill Community Association	£400	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Foley & Cllr Freeman	Thaxted Parish Council	£700	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Foley & Cllr Freeman	Thaxted Youth Club	£300	Contribution to new skate park
Cllr Foley & Cllr Freeman	Little Bardfield Parish Council	£300	Tree replacement
Cllr Godwin	Birchanger Sports & Social Club	£1,000	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Hicks	High Easter Parish Council	£500	Pre school seating; Jubilee; noticeboard
Cllr Hicks	Barnston Mission	£500	Kitchen modernisation
Cllr Howell	Sampfords Parish Council	£333	Jubilee celebrations

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Cllr Howell	Hempstead Parish Council	£333	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Howell	Radwinter Parish Council	£333	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr A Ketteridge	Hadstock Parish Council	£1,000	To secure QEII fields status for recreation ground
Cllr J Ketteridge	Saffron Walden	£896	Salt bins
Cllr Knight	Wimbish Parish Council	£500	First Aider training
Cllr Knight	Debden Parish Council	£500	First Aider training
Cllr Lemon	Hatfield Heath Primary School	£400	Jubilee mugs
Cllr Lemon	Hatfield Heath Parish Council	£600	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Loughlin	Manuden Parish Council	£333	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Loughlin	Farnham Parish Council	£333	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Loughlin	Berden Parish Council	£333	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Mackman	Council for Voluntary Services Uttlesford	£500	Donation
Cllr Mackman & Cllr Ranger	Wrens Pre School	£1,200	Play Centre
Cllr Menell	Littlebury Parish Council	£325	Dog waste bin; allotments; phone box refurbishment to create book store
Cllr Menell	Friends of Strethall Church	£100	Church repairs
Cllr Menell	Arkesden Parish Council	£250	Noticeboard
Cllr Menell	Wendens Ambo Play Park	£325	Play equipment
Cllr Morson & Cllr Parr	Elsenham Parish Council	£800	Flower beds and lych gate improvement
Cllr Morson & Cllr Parr	Henham Post Office	£1,000	Donation
Cllr Morson & Cllr Parr	Elsenham Brownies	£200	Badges and London trip
Cllr Oliver	Clavering & District Over 60s Club	£250	Outings to celebrate 50 th anniversary
Cllr Oliver	Clavering Jubilee Field Committee	£250	Nature Trail
Cllr Oliver	St Margaret's Parish Church	£250	Crockery for community centre
Cllr Oliver	Royal British Legion Clavering	£150	Sports Day & Jubilee celebrations

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Cllr Oliver	Clavering Jubilee Field Committee	£100	Nature Trail
Cllr Perry	Accuro	£1,000	Donation
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford	£196	Trees
Cllr Redfern	Great Chesterford Parish Council	£278	Salt spreader
Cllr Redfern	The Chesterfords	£80	Jubilee bunting
Cllr Rich	Stansted Parochial & Church Council	£1,000	St John's Hall refurbishment works
Cllr Rolfe	Saffron Walden Town Council	£1,000	Golden Acre Community Centre disabled access points
Cllr Rose	Jikes Youth Centre	£120	Contribution towards outstanding loan
Cllr Rose	Lettice Martin Charity	£500	Welfare payments to widows and widowers
Cllr Rose	Newport Business Assoc.	£130	Landscaping & bush planting at Newport station
Cllr Rose	Newport Amateur Theatrical Society	£250	Equipment
Cllr Sadler	Accuro	£1,000	Donation
Cllr Salmon	Ugley Parish Council	£1,000	Salt bins and dog bin
Cllr Smith	Great Easton Playground Fund	£250	Events & equipment
Cllr Smith	Great Easton C of E Primary School	£250	Large play toy
Cllr Smith	Broxted Parish Council	£150	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Smith	Little Easton Parish Council	£250	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Smith	The Swan	£100	Jubilee celebrations
Cllr Walters	Accuro	£1,000	Donation
Cllr Watson	Saffron Walden Riding for the Disabled	£1,000	Donation
Cllr Wilcock	Jikes Youth Centre	£500	Contribution towards outstanding loan
Cllr Wilcock	1 st Widdington Guides	£500	Essex International Jamboree
	TOTAL	£42,599	