

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Council																																						
MEETING DATE AND TIME	18th September 2018	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall																																				
Update from	Chief Officer																																						
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	10 New Homes Bonus – Vale Juniors 3G facility																																						
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . New Homes Bonus (NHB) is provided to the Council based on the net increase in homes (plus a further bonus if they are affordable homes) • Introduced in April 2011 to be a '<i>permanent feature</i>' of the funding settlement (Link: NHB Final Scheme Design) • Aim of encouraging planning permissions for the building of new houses in return for additional revenue <p>The Council set aside a fund of £2m (to cover period 2018/19 & 2019/20) to allow local people to engage with how services are delivered at a local level. As new homes can impact on the services required in an area, the allocation of funding will reflect where new houses have been built, and where funding has subsequently been received through the New Homes Bonus.</p> <p>The Council can provide support to local communities, to develop and implement spending plans, but decisions will be made locally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual Fixed Allocation is £350,000, split evenly between the seven Fund Areas providing individual allocations of £50,000. • The annual Variable Allocation is £650,000. This to be split between each fund area based on net housing completions between 2011 and 2017. • <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Fund Area</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Fixed Allocation</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Variable Allocation</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Total Allocation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">Congleton</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£278,973</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£328,973</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crewe</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£120,985</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£170,985</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Knutsford</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,790</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£61,790</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Macclesfield</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£71,739</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£121,739</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nantwich</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£112,006</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£162,006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poynton</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£17,776</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£67,776</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilmslow</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£36,731</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£86,731</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£350,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£650,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="background-color: yellow; margin-top: 10px;">Congleton area includes Sandbach, Middlewich, Holmes Chapel and Alsager £657,946</p> <p>Award Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of elected members and a town and parish council representative • Terms of Reference to be agreed at first meeting of award groups • Will hold 4 meetings per year to agree priorities (Oct), make recommendations on funds (Jan), monitor progress (Jul) and produce interim report (Sep) 			Fund Area	Fixed Allocation	Variable Allocation	Total Allocation	Congleton	£50,000	£278,973	£328,973	Crewe	£50,000	£120,985	£170,985	Knutsford	£50,000	£11,790	£61,790	Macclesfield	£50,000	£71,739	£121,739	Nantwich	£50,000	£112,006	£162,006	Poynton	£50,000	£17,776	£67,776	Wilmslow	£50,000	£36,731	£86,731	Total	£350,000	£650,000	£1,000,000
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Next stage	As a town we need to feed into a Congleton area group what we consider to be our priorities which will have projects relatively advanced rather than an aspiration. These will not be specific named projects at this stage but will be overarching priorities.																																						

Strategy Working Group meeting 11th October 2018	<p>On the basis of presenting themes that have projects sufficiently advanced the Strategy Working Group considered and supported two main themes as priorities that would met the criteria set by Cheshire East Council which are as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in Sustainable Modes of Transport infrastructure –• Investment into improvements in health and wellbeing / sporting facilities <p>Both of these project themes matched over 50% of the criteria that would be eligible for support which was deemed to be a high level by members present</p>
Requirement	<p>For members to support the recommendation of the Strategy Working Group to propose that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in Sustainable Modes of Transport infrastructure –• Investment into improvements in health and wellbeing / sporting facilities <p>As the themes for projects bidding for financial support from the New Homes Bonus Scheme</p>