

# Record of Cabinet portfolio member decision

## NEW HOMES BONUS FUNDING TO CHINNOR PARISH COUNCIL DATE OF PUBLICATION – 11 MARCH 2014

- NB: The Head of Legal and Democratic Services must receive a request to call-in this decision by 5.00pm on Tuesday 18 March 2014.
- Subject to the call-in mechanism (which permits call-in by the chairman or any five members of the scrutiny committee, or any ten councillors'), this decision will be implemented on expiry of the call-in period.
- The council's cabinet portfolio holder has taken the executive decision outlined below. This decision is published in accordance with the council's procedure rules.

DECISION TAKER	DETAILS OF DECISION
Mrs E A Ducker	To extend the new homes bonus award granted by Cabinet on 11 April 2013 to Chinnor Parish Council to 11 April 2015.
	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>On 11 April 2013 Cabinet approved an award to Chinnor Parish Council of £220,000 towards the costs of a £780,000 new pavilion in Chinnor. The award was offered for one year in line with the new homes bonus policy and is due to expire on 11 April 2014. At the time it was clear that the project would require substantial external funding from other sources such as Sport England and the Football Foundation.</p> <p>Chinnor Parish Council has now secured a grant of £237,000 from the Sport England Improvement Fund and is in the final stages of a grant application to the Football Foundation.</p> <p>Chinnor Parish Council has also increased its contribution to the project from £115,000 to £180,000 as well as securing £98,000 from section 106 developer contributions.</p> <p>The parish council is currently tendering the contract for the new building and hopes to start work in the summer.</p> <p>The parish council still needs the New Homes Bonus funding granted by Cabinet on 11 April 2013 to enable the project to go ahead therefore officers are recommending an extension of the grant until 11 April 2015.</p>
	<p><b>Alternative option considered</b></p> <p>The only other option would be to withdraw the funding but as this would jeopardise the grant from the Sport England Improvement Fund and the project altogether, officers rejected this option.</p>

If you have any queries regarding this decision please contact the decision taker above or Jayne Bolton, Grants Team Leader, Email: [Jayne.bolton@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:Jayne.bolton@southandvale.gov.uk) or telephone 01491 823136

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet member is available from Steve Culliford, Democratic Services Officer, Legal & Democratic Services, 01235 540307, [steve.culliford@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:steve.culliford@southandvale.gov.uk)

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<sup>i</sup> The procedures for call-in are set out in the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules and the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in part 4 of the council's Constitution. Democratic Services (contact details above) can provide further guidance.