

New Homes Bonus budget 2016/17		1,282,000			
Uncommitted budget 2015/16		15,578			
Total budget available 2016/17		1,297,578			
Name of Town/ Parish Council applying	Project description	Total cost of project	Amount requested	Grant Panel's Recommendation	Reasons for recommendation
Wing Parish Council	Redevelopment of the Recreation Ground	208,000	208,000	208,000	The Panel was very supportive of this application to fund a new Portakabin pavilion and the resurfacing of the football pitch at the Wing Recreation Ground. The application included a clear demonstration of growth in Wing. The Panel recognised that the pavilion and resurfacing of the football pitch are key elements of a wider project to redevelop Wing Recreation Ground. Supporting the project would provide pump priming funding which is in line with the intentions of the NHB scheme. The pavilion will be used by a large number of local sports and leisure groups, benefitting the whole community and Wing's growing population. The Panel recommended funding the project up to the amount requested.
Winslow Town Council	Town Centre Park and Arboretum	175,000	150,000	75,000	The Panel awarded £200,000 in the 2013/14 round of funding for phase one of this project to purchase land in the centre of Winslow, known as The Paddock. The intention at phase two was to build a community centre on the land as well as provide a town park. Since then further consultation with residents has taken place. It is now considered that The Paddock is too valuable a resource upon which to build a new community centre and that it should be developed solely as a town park. The Panel was mindful that AVDC is currently holding over £736,000 of S106 money for Winslow, some of which could support this project. The Parish Council advises that the money is still being held for the building of a new community centre, although a suitable location has yet to be identified and further S106 contributions are likely to be forthcoming as Winslow continues to grow. The Panel recommended that funding be awarded up to £75,000. The shortfall to be met using £75,000 of S106 money and the £25,000 of reserves already committed to the project by the Town Council. The Panel also recommended that this should not prejudice a subsequent bid to the NHB for additional work.
Quainton Parish Council (on behalf of Quainton Sports Club - tennis section)	Refurbishment of tennis courts	52,486	44,678	0	In considering this application, the Panel discussed whether the project fitted with the original NHB criteria to award funding to help with the provision of community facilities associated with growth that have tangible benefits for the communities accepting growth. The tennis club is a members only club that does not currently offer any pay and play or community access options. The Panel recommended that funding be declined.
Marsworth and Pitstone Parish Councils	Marsworth to Pitstone footway along the B489	251,320	241,820	200,000	The Panel was very supportive of this application to provide a footway alongside the B489 between Marsworth and Pitstone, providing a safe walkway for residents. The Panel was surprised by the 40% contingency built into the costings provided by Transport for Bucks, believing this to be an unnecessarily large percentage. The Panel recommended funding the project up to £200,000, representing project costs but supporting only up to 10% of the contingency figure.
Haddenham Parish Council	Haddenham to Aylesbury cycleway	150,000	150,000	150,000	The Panel was sympathetic to the amount of housing growth that Haddenham has taken in recent years and the likelihood of significantly more housing growth to come. However, in considering the application the Panel agreed that there was insufficient information upon which to make a judgement as the application did not include a fully costed project delivery plan or timescales. The Panel was also concerned that costs could escalate at the detailed plans stage and noted that an alternative or additional source of funding could be S106 from BCC which funded the Haddenham to Thame cycleway. The Panel was also unconvinced of the benefit to the whole community. The Panel recommended that funds are ring fenced and that the parish council is invited to re-submit a fuller application with a clear project and delivery plan and costings for the consideration of the Panel and that this should be submitted no later than 31 March 2017.

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Haddenham Parish Council	Banks Path Paving (village hall complex)	24,000	24,000	0	The Panel appreciated that the village hall complex is well used by Haddenham's growing population. However, in addition to the village hall, the complex includes the library, Scout and Guide Centre, disused medical centre, dentist and the Banks Parade of shops and car park. There are grey areas around who is responsible for what from the repair and maintenance perspective and Haddenham Parish Council is in the process of obtaining clarification from a solicitor. The Panel agreed that the repair of the paving is a maintenance issue that does not bring anything new to the village community and that with so much uncertainty surrounding who is responsible for what recommended that funding be declined.
Aylesbury Town Council	Replacement of Aylesbury Town Cemetery paths and driveways	41,295	41,295	41,295	The Panel discussed whether this was a maintenance issue for the Town Council, but acknowledged that the replacement of the pathways and tarmac drive is part of a much larger improvement and refurbishment plan for Aylesbury Town Cemetery. The Town Council has recently enhanced the older part of the cemetery, including improved landscaping around the pond area and has created a park setting. It was agreed that the replacement of the paths and driveway will contribute to the overall enhancement of the cemetery and make it fit for purpose for future access for burials. The Panel recommended funding up to the amount requested.
Chearsley Parish Council	The rebuilding of the village hall	582,998	376,372	0	The Panel appreciated that Chearsley had submitted a very thorough application and that the village hall, constructed after the Second World War as a chicken shed, is no longer fit for purpose. The Panel was however divided, as whilst it appeared to be a high quality scheme, it was questioned whether the application was in keeping with the original NHB funding criteria because of the limited impact of growth in the village. The Panel discussed the original principles of the scheme, namely that applications need not necessarily be from the area directly taking the growth, but are affected by it. Also, that the funding scheme was designed not to be too prescriptive and that each application would be considered on its own merit. The Panel were unable to agree on whether or not to fund the project and went to a vote. Two voted in favour, two against and there was one abstention. The Panel recommended that Cabinet consider the application and make the decision on whether the project is in keeping with the criteria and worthy of NHB funding up to the requested amount.
		1,485,099	1,236,165	674,295	
Total budget available				1,297,578	
Uncommitted budget				623,283	

The Panel was also asked to consider an increase in the grant awarded to Turweston Parish Council in the 2013/14 round					
Turweston Parish Council	Traffic calming measures in village Conservation Area	77,224	10,000	10,000	In the 2014/15 round of funding, Panel members were unanimous in their support for the project to install traffic calming measures through the village. Although Turweston itself has not taken any housing growth, the village has been severely impacted by growth in surrounding areas, both within Aylesbury Vale and in South Northants, particularly in Brackley where large residential and commercial development has taken place. Turweston requested £100,000 of grant support and subsequently tried to downscale the project to work within the £60,000 NHB grant awarded. In order to meet the key objectives, the final cost is £77,224 including an unexpected 9.5% management fee imposed by the contractor Ringway Jacobs. Turweston has requested a £10,000 increase in the grant award to help cover these costs. In light of the parish council's modest reserves and financial commitment to cover the unexpected management fees, the Panel was unanimous in recommending an increase in the grant award up to the requested amount.
			1,246,165	684,295	
Total budget available				1,297,578	
Uncommitted budget				613,283	

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Budget figures should Cabinet approve funding to Chearsley:					
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Chearsley Parish Council	The rebuilding of the village hall	582,998	376,372	376,372	Chearsley is a small community with about 550 residents. 10 new homes have been built in the last five years with a further 8 to be built by a local developer. The village has doubled in size since the village hall was built in 1951. There are potentially 200 new homes to be built in Long Crendon, 2 miles away and huge development in Haddenham, 4 miles away. CHUFS (Chearsley and Haddenham Under Fives) use the building on a daily basis, the hall is in a poor state and storage space is minimal, limiting use of the hall by the community. The parish council want to provide a new, larger, modern accessible and flexible space for the village. Villagers would like to use the current hall more often, but tend to use halls further afield which have more modern facilities.
		1,485,099	1,246,165	1,060,667	
Total budget available				1,297,578	
Uncommitted budget				236,911	