

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Wards Affected</b>	All Wards	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	
<b>Title</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FUNDING</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Forum with information on funding and support available to communities preparing Neighbourhood Plans.

### 2. INFORMATION

2.1 Funding support for Neighbourhood Plans is administered by Locality. The current program of funding is for the 2015-2018 period.

#### **Locality**

2.2 Locality provides support to Neighbourhood Plan groups in the form of grants, technical support and providing guidance documents.

#### **Grants**

2.3 Grants are available from Locality for up to £9,000 over the three year period from 2015-2018. This is the final year of the programme. All groups are eligible to apply.

2.4 Example of what the grants can be used for include:

- Developing a website
- Training sessions for members of the steering group
- Help with putting together a project plan
- Undertaking a household survey
- Help with developing the evidence base
- Engaging a planning expert
- Venue hire, publicity materials, printing and other costs associated with consultation.

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- 2.5 The level of grant is increased for priority groups who can claim up to £15,000. Priority groups include groups who are allocating sites for housing or mixed development or those assessing housing sites with a view to site allocation.
- 2.6 Groups dealing with complex issues can also apply for additional support in addition to the basic £9,000 grant; they can apply for an additional £6,000.
- 2.7 In addition to grants, Locality can also provide technical support for groups dealing with complex issues.
- 2.8 In addition to grants and technical support there are also a number of documents which have been produced by Locality to assist groups preparing Neighbourhood Plans. Examples of these include:
- Neighbourhood Plan Roadmap Guide
  - The Power of Neighbourhood Planning
  - Writing Planning Policies
  - Neighbourhood Planning: Local Green Spaces
- 2.9 Details of the support available are provided on the locality website: [www.mycommunity.org.uk](http://www.mycommunity.org.uk) .

### **Planning Aid**

- 2.10 In addition to the support provided by locality, Planning Aid also offers web based guidance and templates which can be used by local communities developing Neighbourhood Plans. Further detail of the information provided by Planning Aid is available at: [www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/).

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

That Members note the contents of this report.

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Background Papers:

Previous Reports/Minutes:

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