

APPENDIX A PROGRESS ON 2017/18 NEW HOMES BONUS ALLOCATIONS

Ref	Bid Title	Portfolio Lead	Funding 2017/18 allocation	Projected 2017/18	Spend 2018/19	Under/over spend	Leader Officer Commentary
NHB 1	Enhancing Life Chances (Child poverty support, for vulnerable families in Stevenage)	Children, Young People and Leisure	£40,000	£20,500	£14,500	5,000	<p>Bespoke Financial Information and Advice Service through Stevenage Children's Centres. Funds allocated £14,500. CAB have been commissioned to provide this service from 1.1.18 to 31.8.18. Outreach surgery sessions are being delivered. The first project report from CAB is due 31.4.18.</p> <p>Bespoke Financial Advice for Families with Disabled Children. Funds allocated £20,000. Herts Money Advice Unit (MAU) was commissioned to deliver this project from June 2017 until June 2018. Reports indicate that up to November 2017, 75 cases had been processed, with predicted annualised additional benefit income of £142,000 being acquired for these families.</p> <p>Baby Box Project: Allocated funding £5,000. This project was not progressed following issues in developing the scheme to its full potential. This has been reallocated to NHB 10 in agreement with the Leader.</p>
NHB 2	Festival of Cycling (Cycle Fest – First and Best)	Children, Young People and Leisure	£90,000	£74,000	£0	16,000	The first Stevenage Cycling Festival Stevenage Festival of Cycling hosted a wide range of events from Easter until October, activities included led rides, Breeze, junior and family skills training, women only rides (Breeze), come and try events, family fun days. Undoubtedly the highlight of the festival was the final round of the televised Tour Series, on bank holiday Monday may 28 which started with a range of community cycling and activities a followed by the first round of the Hertfordshire Tarmac Tour Series. The final rounds of the Women's and Men's Tour series met all of our expectations in terms of the on the street and TV spectators. The event was supported by live music, trick cyclists, themed characters a community and promotional zone with free competitions and give always. (Underspend of £16,000 returned to NHB balances).
NHB 3	Acknowledging the end of World War One	Children, Young People and Leisure	£3,000	£0	£3,000	0	During 2017 the Council will worked with key partners the Royal British Legion(RBL) and the Parks and open spaces team to plant poppies at key locations in the town which will flower for the first time during 2018. We have continued to meet with RBL to provide commemorative events on 11 November 2018 and to acknowledge the end of WW1, we will be placing poppies in the trees on the Bowling Green and union flags on lamp posts around the bowling green area from October 2018.
NHB 4	The No More Service	Children, Young People and Leisure	£80,000	£80,000	£0	0	During 2017/18 The No More Service has worked with 69 clients, 45 males and 14 females. We have produced a service review report, an action plan and are working on a strategy. Work has commenced on the selling of services provided by No More which includes drug testing and a project we have designed for County, which we should hear about in the next few months. Work continues regarding the savings made to SBC and partners and we have been able to predict that £129,861 has been saved jointly by SBC, police and Herts Fire & Rescue for intensive support during April 2016 to March 2017. (reported 3rd quarter monitoring report to March Executive)
NHB 5	Homelessness Prevention Initiative 'Next Steps'	Housing	£0	£0	£0	0	This option was removed as central homeless grant was available to fund the initiative
NHB 5B	Credit Union new software	Housing	£45,000	£19,070	£25,930	0	replaces initiative NHB5. The supplier has been commissioned and the work is in progress currently. The Council will be monitoring the KPI's after the software becomes operational. This should help the credit union expand its offer, an alternative to high interest loans and meet the minimum criteria set our for such organisations in terms of loan book and investments.
NHB 6	Woodland Burials	Environment & Regeneration	£20,000	£13,500	£6,500	0	Works have commenced to establish the natural burial site. Boundary fencing has been installed and trees and hedging has been purchased for planting. Architects were commissioned and have drawn up detailed designs for the entrance to the site and pathway through the ground that will be considered by members in due course. The remaining budget will be spent in 2018/19.
NHB 8	Neighbourhood warden	Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council	£36,200	£0	£36,200	0	Three Wardens were appointed in February 2017, and have worked with various teams and communities with some significant successes with a focus on supporting communities to improve their neighbourhoods, through a range of campaigns and promotions. This allocation together with the 2018/19 allocation ensure that all wardens plus a new post are funded up to the 31 March 2019. After this mainstream funding has been found for three wardens as at 31/3/2018.
NHB 9	Memorial for Cllr Batson	The Leader	£5,000	£0	£5,000	0	This budget will be spent in 2018/19 and will be done in conjunction with the family to ensure a fitting tribute.
NHB 10	Funding for residents groups	Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council	£4,500	£0	£9,500	-5,000	The funding has been used to strengthen existing residents' groups, promoting them in local areas and at events such as Stevenage Day. A project led by Peartree Spring Primary School (see box below) includes plans for the school to create a parent volunteer group to maintain the improved alleyway on behalf of the school and the council. The success of this project is resulting in Shephalbury Park Primary School approaching us to do something similar. (See NHB 1)

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Additional information regarding CNM programme							
CNM	CNM programme	Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council	£550,000	£422,000	£128,000		As part of a programme to improve public spaces across the town, we have invested in 9 new play areas that were designed by the children who use them. Following issues with fly-tipping and vandalism to litterbins, we have replaced and installed new facilities in Pin Green and Shephall, displaying our council's logo to help residents understand that any issues they spot with them should be reported to us. Signage and noticeboards in these wards' green spaces have been replaced, and some of the unsightly shrubs and hedges have been removed or pruned to improve the look and feel of local areas. We are working on a project with Peartree Spring Primary School who approached us on behalf of their school community to tidy and brighten up an alleyway that is a popular route to school for the children and their families. Our improvements include installing a new litterbin - sponsored by Arriva - replacing the dilapidated fencing, removing overgrown trees and shrubs and improving the footpath for wheelchair and buggy users. We are delighted to work with them and look forward to the children designing and creating a more inspiring journey to start their school day. 2018/19 relates to revenue spend (green space signage , public realm works).