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Dear Clerks and Councillors

### **Cost of Living – funding for Parishes**

As part of the Council's Cost of Living Winter Plan, which was approved by Cabinet on 1 November, £180,000 has been allocated for Parish and Town Councils to help you open 'warm places' and run pop up cafes and other informal social activities where people can meet up, as well as to be warm and enjoy a hot meal. We appreciate that many Parish and Town Councils are already organising support and this funding can be used to extend initiatives so that more people can benefit.

The funding has been allocated on a one-off basis so this will need to be a consideration when putting arrangements in place.

The funding has been allocated based on current deprivation indices and parishes have been grouped (see table over). Group 1 has 10 parishes which have areas within them that are the most deprived according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) sharing £120,000, Group 2 has 10 parishes which have areas in them which are the next most deprived according to the IMD sharing 40,000 and Group 3 has the remaining 28 parishes that may wish to draw from the remaining £15,000. Full details of the allocations are shown overleaf.

If you would like to access the funding, please contact [kay.pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:kay.pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk) to confirm as soon as possible. A grant agreement will be drawn up setting out the terms of the funding. We may ask for periodic updates on spend so that we can summarise for the Council how the money has been used. We are also keen to hear about the initiatives you are working on so that we can signpost them through Council communications channels for the benefit of local people.

If you have any queries about the funding, please do feel free to get in touch with Kay Pettit.

Kind regards,



**Sarah Gonsalves**

Director of Communities and Customer Services

		<b>Allocated funding</b>
<p><b>Group 1</b> The 10 parishes which have areas within them that are the most deprived according to the IMD</p> <p><b>Total Allocation</b> <b>£120,000</b></p>	<p>Bletchley and Fenny Stratford TC Bradwell PC Campbell Park PC Great Linford PC New Bradwell PC Stantonbury PC Stony Stratford TC West Bletchley Council Wolverton and Greenleys TC Woughton CC</p>	<p>£12,000 each</p>
<p><b>Group 2</b> The 10 parishes which have areas in them which are the next most deprived according to the IMD</p> <p><b>Total Allocation</b> <b>£40,000</b></p>	<p>Abbey Hill PC Broughton &amp; MK Village PC Central Milton Keynes TC Loughton and Great Holm PC Newport Pagnell TC Shenley Brook End &amp; Tattenhoe PC Shenley Church End TC Simpson &amp; Ashland PC Walton CC Wavendon PC</p>	<p>£4,000 each</p>
<p><b>Group 3</b> The remaining 28 parishes</p> <p><b>Total allocation</b> <b>£15,000</b></p>	<p>All other parishes</p>	<p>Circa £500 each</p>