

District Councillor Report February 2016-

1 A reminder. Planning Enforcement Scrutiny Questionnaire- **This needs to be completed and returned by 5th February.** In February there will be another questionnaire being sent out residents/ any one who has contacted Enforcement over the last 6 months. The residents questionnaire will be available online also so I can forward this one around.

2. **New Homes Bonus update** -Wychavon have received a number of enquiries about what's happening with New Homes Bonus. In terms of Years 2 to 5 New Homes Bonus payments to parish and town councils, this means that during 2016/17 Wychavon will make the next tranche of Years 2 to 5 allocations available to parish councils. After 1 April, parishes can find out on Wychavon website here how much is available to them during 2016/17.

As previously mentioned, the Government is currently consulting on some changes to New Homes Bonus, including cutting the number of years payments are made from the current six to four. Wychavon will not be publishing any Year 6 figures or making any decisions about how they use Year 6 New Homes Bonus money, until the outcome of the Government's consultation is known.

Year 6 is New Homes Bonus money associated with homes completed and occupied between October 2014 and October 2015.