Dear Sir/Madam,

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Civic Affairs (Councillor D. Harvey) is to consider the following report and make a decision on Thursday, 30th August, 2012 at 6.00 p.m. in Interview Room A, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN FRANKS
Managing Director

AGENDA

PART 1
PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial interests in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

   **Note:** Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

   Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

   Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

   **Note:** Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

   Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council’s Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

4. **GHURKHA RESETTLEMENT FUNDING** - report of the Communities Manager attached. *(Page 3)*
1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To approve the allocation of the £50,000 funding granted to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council from the Department of Communities and Local Government to assist with Ghurkha Settlements.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 To approve the funding allocation outlined in item 4.0 below.

3.0 Background

3.1 This report draws attention to the Ghurkha Settlement Fund payment that the Council received from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in July 2012.

3.2 The funding has been allocated to the Council to support programmes for integrating Ghurkhas and their dependents within the wider community.

3.3 The payment consists of £50,000 which is non-ringfenced and can be carried forward into subsequent financial years (which has been confirmed by the DCLG). The funding is to assist in the co-ordination of a regional cluster which covers the Midlands area (Please see appendix A for details of the areas), with the aim to deal with current and future growth in Ghurkha numbers.

3.4 It is expected that we liaise with community leads to develop a responsive local program for Ghurkha settlements in the Borough and also distribute funding to the other Local Authority area with a relevant notable Ghurkha community (Nottinghamshire).

3.5 We will be working closely with our local Ghurkha representatives in Nuneaton and Bedworth to develop a program that meets their requirements, along with fulfilling the expectations of the DCLG.
3.6 The Portfolio holder’s support is being sought to approve the proposed funding formula below. This has also been shared with the DCLG who endorsed this approach on the 30th July 2012.

4.0 Funding allocation

4.1 It is suggested that the £50,000 be distributed as follows:

- £10,000 contingency to be held back until February 2013 to accommodate any emerging community needs from other Local Authority areas
- £5,000 allocated to Nottinghamshire
- £35,000 allocated to Nuneaton and Bedworth

4.2 The above is based on a formula which considers the number of heads of families within respective areas e.g.

- 21 Heads of families in Nottinghamshire
- 150 Heads of families in Nuneaton and Bedworth
- 171 Total Heads of families
- £40,000 divided by 171 = £234 per Head of family

Based on this Nottinghamshire is eligible for £4912.28 and Nuneaton and Bedworth, £35,087. However for ease of allocation it is suggested that the figure is ‘rounded up’ as highlighted above

4.3 If no further communities or Local Authorities express an interest in the unallocated £10,000, it is proposed that the contingency funding is proportionately shared across Nuneaton and Bedworth and Nottinghamshire as per the formula shown in 4.1 above

4.4 Should Nottinghamshire not wish to take advantage of the funding opportunity, we will seek further agreement from the DCLG to spend their equivalent amount within the Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Rachel Jackson

Communities Manager
Total: 10,056 (approx only).
We believe there may be about 10-11 thousand retired Gurkhas living in the UK.