

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

That an additional sum of £3921.86 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards recreation provision in Syston is paid to Syston Town Council to assist in the provision of floodlighting to extend the hours that the skatepark can be used.

Reason


To enable section 106 monies that has been received for the provision of recreation in Syston to be spent.

Authority for Decision

Authority to pay over Section 106 monies in respect of non-housing items received by the Borough Council as the responsible authority, but which will not result in expenditure by the Council and where the Head of Service has been determined to be the relevant Head of Service by the Head of Finance and Property Services. (item 8 of the delegations to Heads of Service in section 8.3 of the Constitution)

(For the Head of Service to approve the release of funds they must be satisfied that the works to be carried out fulfil the requirements set out in the S 106 agreement and have written confirmation from the relevant body that the monies will be used for their intended purpose).

Decision and Date



19.04.2022

Background

Under the provisions of the Corporate Plan to 2016 - 20, there is a commitment to ensure that a growth in homes and infrastructure benefits residents through improved community facilities.

Planning agreements negotiated with developers and land owners under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

provide a vehicle for the delivery of contributions towards infrastructure, facilities and amenities which should be:

- Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms
- Directly related to the development
- Fairly and reasonable related in scale and kind to the development

Detail

Within Syston there are a number of section 106 agreements that have been negotiated, with contributions for Children's Play, Youth and Adult Recreation, community facility provision and Public Art.

Syston Town Council have been working on enhancing their play provision within the area, with one of those projects being the installation of floodlights at the skatepark to enhance the hours of use in the winter months.

Syston Town Council have been out for quotes for the floodlights, along with undertaking local consultation. The costs of the works was £9500, to be funded through section 106 monies. DD171 2019 committed this sum to fund this project. There have been a number of issues with the appointed contractor and the project has been delayed as a consequence of Covid-19. The Town Council have been back out for quotes and the revised price is now £13,421.86 + VAT, so an additional sum of £3921.86 is required.

Planning permission has been granted for the scheme and copies of the proposed plans have also been provided.

Officers are satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for the use of the section 106 monies. The money will not be released to the Syston Town Council until invoices have been received to ensure verification that the money has been spent.

Syston Town Council have provided information in relation to this project including design drawings, evidence of security of tenure, confirmation of the management arrangements for the facility.

Section 106 Monies

The following section 106 monies will be utilised towards the schemes:

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/13/0925/2	Land at Barkby Rd	£3921.86 – recreation provision (leaves balance of £57,818.67)
		Total - £3921.86

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Syston Town Council.

Payment will be made on receipt of invoices and confirmation that the scheme is progressing.

The monies will be paid from revenue, as they are below the £10,000 threshold.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
All funding not in place	Low	High	Monies will not be released until all funding in place and scheme is affordable
Scheme is over budget	Low	Medium	Quotes have been received

Key Decision: No
Background Papers Section 106 proforma, designs and copies of information provided
Copies of Planning permissions
Evidence re Security of Tenure
DD171 2019