

## Decision under Delegated Powers

### Officer Making the Decision

Head of Contracts (Leisure, Waste and Environment)

### Recommendation

That the sum of £16,511.25 of Section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of Sports Facilities in Shepshed be paid to Shepshed Cricket Club to improve ancillary facilities at Morley Lane Cricket Ground, Shepshed.

### Reason

To enable Section 106 monies that have been received for the provision of sports facilities in Shepshed 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 S106 agreement and have written confirmation from the relevant body that the monies will be used for their intended purpose).

### Decision and Date



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Head of Contracts (Leisure, Waste and Environment)  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Background

Under the provisions of the Corporate Plan to 2020 - 24, there is a commitment to ensure that a growth in homes and infrastructure benefits residents through improved services and facilities.

Planning agreements negotiated with developers and landowners 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 Shepshed there are a number of Section 106 agreements that have been negotiated, with contributions for outdoor sport, young people's facilities and allotment provision.

Shepshed Cricket Club was formed in 2015 following the merger of Shepshed Town Cricket Club (established 1869) and Shepshed Messengers Cricket Club (established 1948). The Club has worked hard to progress women's, girls' and junior cricket, developing sporting opportunities for all. The merger has been a great success and has seen the club grow and go from strength to strength. The Club now has approximately 350 social and playing members and is one of the largest cricket clubs in Leicestershire.

Shepshed Cricket Club's purpose is to foster and promote participation in the amateur sport of cricket within the community, providing facilities for playing cricket, opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition. In the past 2 years they have also had a focus on opening facilities to the community, working closely with schools, growing women's and girls' cricket, and a renewed focus on inclusivity. Their clubhouse is suitable for functions of up to 80 people and is hired out to the community.

Shepshed CC is run entirely by volunteers. The club has a committee of 22, and a number of other volunteers responsible for events, grounds, facilities, and cricket coaching etc. The Club is affiliated to both the local cricket board and the ECB.

The Club propose to improve their clubhouse by providing additional toilets and social facilities. New ladies and unisex toilets will be created and the social space modernised to make facilities accessible to all. The improvements will benefit the club and increase the capacity for women's and accessible cricket. Facilities will be available to hire, benefitting the wider community, other local clubs, women and girls, people with disabilities, older people and people with accessible needs.

Charnwood's Playing Pitch Strategy (2018) recommends the improvement of Shepshed Cricket Club's ancillary facilities/clubhouse. Shepshed ward councillors have been consulted and have given their support for the project.

The club has obtained three quotes from local building suppliers and the cost of works is estimated to be £25,000. The Club is seeking £16,511.25 of Section 106 monies. The project balance will be met by £8,250 match funding from a Charnwood Community Facilities Grant and the Club's own reserves.

Shepshed Cricket Club has provided information in relation to this project including Section 106 Proforma, lease, funding and management arrangements for facilities.

### Section 106 Monies

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

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/20/1347/2	Rear of 62 Iveshead Road, Shepshed	£16,511.25 – Outdoor Sports contribution
		<b>Total - £16,511.25</b>

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Shepshed Cricket Club.

Payment will be made on receipt of invoices and confirmation that works have been completed.

The scheme will be added to the Capital Plan in 2023/24.

### Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
All funding not in place	Low	Medium	All s106 monies received. Confirmation of match funding.
Scheme is over budget	Low	Medium	Fixed price contract.

Key Decision: No  
Background Papers Section 106 proforma