

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Planning and Regeneration Services

Recommendation

That the sum of £300,187.44 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of providing, extending or adapting premises to support policing purposes is paid to Leicestershire Police to provide a front enquiry desk at Loughborough Police Station Centre.

Reason

To enable section 106 monies that have been received for the provision of providing, extending or adapting premises to support policing purposes in Charnwood 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



14 January 2021

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 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 Charnwood there are a number of section 106 agreements that have been negotiated, with contributions for the provision of providing, extending or adapting premises to support policing purposes, along with provisions for a range of other elements.

Leicestershire Police have been working on a scheme to extend Loughborough Police Station to provide a front enquiry desk. When Loughborough Police Station was redeveloped the front office function was relocated to the Charnwood Borough Council Southfields Offices. The front office is in a multi-agency setting which has presented a number of challenges to how Police deliver business. With changes to the operating model from March 2020, the plan is that the front office function will return to Loughborough Police Station to allow Charnwood Police to fully gain the benefits this offers to locally focused service delivery.

The new Front Enquiry Office located at Loughborough Police Station will allow Officers to more effectively engage with members of the public, including vulnerable groups such as the elderly or those with English as a second language, who are more comfortable with face to face contact. The facility will be accessible by members of public from across the Charnwood area. It will provide enhanced facilities to interview victims, witnesses and suspects in a more secure and confidential environment. The purpose built front enquiry office will significantly enhance the local customer service experience, increase confidence and satisfaction not only in the Police but also the partnership in which the Police operates.

The total cost of the project to build the new Charnwood Front Enquiry Office is estimated to be in the region of just over £300,000.

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

Section 106 Monies

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

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/14/0058/2	Land at West Cross Lane	£10,895.24 - Towards costs arising from the works to extend and/or adapt police premises £16,082.04 - extending and/or adapting police premises
P/13/2340/2	Land at Cropston Rd Anstey	£17,175.29 - purposes of capital expenditure for accommodation and equipment
P/14/1604/2	Tickow Lane, Shepshed	£5,523.80 - Towards costs arising from the works to extend and/or adapt police premises £33,241.50 - extending and/or adapting police premises
P/14/1687/2	Hathern Road, Shepshed	£124,021.98 - towards obtaining or improving existing police infrastructure
P/14/0393/2	Land at Millstone Lane, Queniborough	£31,759.31 – towards premises and equipment
P/13/1826/2	North side Tickow Lane, Shepshed	£16,325.70 - extending and/or adapting police premises
P/14/0708/2	Land at Barkby Road, Queniborough	£45,162.58 – police contribution
		Total - £300,187.44

Financial Implications

For reference, some of the amounts listed above include associated sums received as a result of indexation and interest accrued.

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Leicestershire Police. Payment will be made on receipt of invoices and confirmation that the scheme is progressing.

The monies towards the scheme will need to be added to the Capital Plan and will be included in the next Capital Amendment Plan.

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	Tenders to be received, Value engineering to be undertaken

Key Decision: Yes
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