

**Decision under Delegated Powers****Officer Requesting Decision**

Developer Contributions Monitoring Officer

**Officer Making the Decision**

Head of Planning and Growth

**Recommendation**

That the sum of £41,698.32 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of providing, extending, or adapting premises to support policing purposes. The contribution will be paid to Leicestershire Police as a contribution towards reimbursing the costs of an extension and refurbishments to the Firearms Building located at Leicestershire Police Headquarters, Enderby.

**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**

There is a delegation in the Constitution to all Heads of Service “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 by the Head of Finance and Property Services” (Item 8 on Page 8-15)

For all Heads of Service to approve the release of funds they must be satisfied that the works to be carried out fulfil the requirement as set out in the section 106 agreement and have written confirmation for the relevant body that the monies are used for their intended purpose. Any unspent monies after 5 years of receipt by the Borough Council shall be returned to the developer as per the relevant clause within the section 106 agreement.

**Decision and Date**

30 January 2024

**Background**

Planning permission was granted for the erection of up to 70 dwellings at land off Cropston Road, Anstey (P/13/2340/2) including a Section 106 agreement that made provision for a Police Authority Contribution totalling £28,910.00 +

indexation towards the provision of capital expenditure for accommodate and equipment in Leicestershire, the need for which arises from the development.

When considering proposals forming P/13/2340/2 (Land at Cropston Road, Anstey) Leicestershire Police stated that the development would result in an increased demand for their services, identifying several areas where the proposal is likely to result in the need for additional policing services. At the time of the decision, the Planning Officer commented that it is reasonable to consider that development would have an impact on policing and would result in the need to expand existing stations to meet with the identified need arising from this development and that capital expenditure would, in principle, be CIL compliant.

Planning permission was also granted for the erection of 57 dwellings at land adjacent to Gynsill Court, Gynsill Lane, Anstey (P/13/2510/2) including a Section 106 agreement that made provision for a police contribution of £23,651.00 + indexation for the improvement of facilities and equipment within the vicinity of the development to be paid by the Council to Leicestershire Police to ensure the additional costs of policing the development does not reduce current policing resources. It is acknowledged that future growth of settlements in Charnwood are likely to put pressure on requirements for an increase in Policing facilities in the future and previous appeal inspectors have concluded that the introduction of additional population must have an impact on policing.

Subsequent to the above planning permissions, Leicestershire Police have undertaken works to extend and refurbish the Firearms Building at Leicestershire Police Headquarters in Enderby. The extensions are to provide additional capacity to meet current policing needs for a growing population. In particular, the Firearms Building provides the operational and training elements of the forces armed response unit which is critical to the 24/7 response function. The building also houses the welfare facilities which are currently not sufficient to manage the number of staff currently employed and extension is necessary to accommodate additional policing requirements. Senior Trained Officers, Training management and administration have expanded to reflect the increase in trained staff and force demand. Staff involved in these functions are based within the armed policing building which cannot meet the current capacity demand and the extension and refurbishment is necessary to provide the nationally required standard of policing to support the development of these sites.

Phase 1 of the extension and refurbishment will include an extension to form a new office, which is being created by enclosing an existing covered area between the Firearms and Training Building. The new office will be used by the managers within the firearms section as the current office is no longer large enough for the number of officers.

The full tendered cost of the project is £278,000 and the force is asking Charnwood Borough Council to pay a contribution totalling £122,918.99, with the first instalment against the completion of phase 1 which totals £41,698.32 on invoice 16173 dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Having reviewed the costs associated with extensions and refurbishments to the Firearms building at Enderby, Officers are content that the request would support the provision of additional policing capacity to address the population growth arising from these developments and that the proposed works are in keeping with the provisions of the respective S106s.

Application	Purpose	Amount	Expiry date
P/13/2340/2 – Land at Cropston Road, Anstey	Police contribution- for the purpose of capital expenditure for accomodation and equipment in Leicestershire the need for which arises from the department.	£17,901.70	25/02/2026
P/13/2510/2 – Gynsill Lane, Anstey	Police Contribution – improvement of the facilities and equipment within the vicinity of the development.	£23,796.62	09/09/2026
	Total	£41,698.32	

### Financial Implications

The money has been received and there are no financial implications for Charnwood Borough Council.

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

### Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
			Very Low (1 - 2)	

### Key Decision

No

### Background Papers

All contained on planning files P/13/2340/2 and P/13/2510/2