

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 £39,052.00 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of adding additional GP and nursing accommodation at Outwood Medical Practice, Loughborough be paid to Leicestershire and Rutland CCG as a contribution towards three EK Health Kiosks.

Reason

The release of this funding is in accordance with the relevant clauses in the section 106 agreements attached to planning permission P/12/2640/2 and P/12/2641/2 which both state the contribution will be used “for the purpose of providing additional GP and nursing accommodation at Outwoods Medical Practice, Beaumont Road, Loughborough”. The practice intends to purchase 3 Healthcare Kiosks to increase the capacity of the nursing and GP staff by reducing clinical time and freeing up appointments.

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

19 February 2024

Background

Planning permission was granted for the erection of up to 130 dwellings with associated infrastructure (P/12/2640/2) including a Section 106 agreement that made provision for a healthcare contribution totalling £195.06 per dwelling + indexation towards additional GP and nursing accommodation at the Outwoods Medical Practice, Loughborough.

A second planning permission was also granted for the erection of up to 200 dwellings (P/12/2641/2) including a Section 106 agreement which again made provision for a healthcare contribution totalling £195.06 per dwelling + indexation towards additional GP and nursing accommodation at the Outwoods Medical Practice, Loughborough.

When considering the proposals in relation to application P/12/2640/2 (Land West of Allendale Road, Loughborough) and P/12/2641/2 (Land North of Ling Road, Loughborough) NHS England stated for both applications that the developments would be likely to add pressure to the service, the Outwoods medical practice would need to increase GP and nursing provision and there will also be a need for additional infrastructure to accommodate additional staff.

The Outwoods medical practice intend to purchase 3 EK Health Kiosks which will utilise space in the reception area with privacy screens. The kiosks are used by patients independently before their appointment with a clinician where they answer health questions from a library of 18 care pathways including a basic healthcheck, Asthma, COPD, Smoking, Postnatal reviews to name a few, vital measurements and signs are taken and irregular readings trigger a notification within the practice. Results are seamlessly integrated into the patients record using SNOMED coding. The kiosks would reduce the overall time that a patient is in front of a GP or nurse, reducing appointment time and creating additional clinical capacity.

The full cost of the project is £39,052.00 (including VAT).

Having reviewed the costs associated with the purchase of 3 EK Health Kiosks required by the Outwoods medical practice, Officers are content that the request would support the provision of creating additional nursing capacity to address the population growth arising from these developments and that the proposed works are in keeping with the provisions of the respective S106 agreements.

Application	Purpose	Amount	Expiry date
P/12/2640/2 Allendale Road, Loughborough	Health Facilities contribution - additional GP and nursing accommodation at the Outwoods medical practice, Beaumont Rd	£25,360.55	25/02/2024
P/12/2641/2	Health Facilities contribution -	£13,691.45	01/03/2024

	additional GP and nursing accommodation at the Outwoods medical practice, Beaumont Rd		
	Total	£39,052.00	

Financial Implications

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

The scheme will be added into the capital plan 2022/23

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/12/2640/2 and P/12/2641/2