

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 £5,955.83 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of adding additional GP and nursing accommodation at Outwoods Medical Practice, Loughborough be paid to Leicestershire and Rutland CCG as a contribution towards medical equipment to increase capacity and free up nursing appointments at the practice.

Reason

The release of this funding is in accordance with the relevant clauses in the section 106 agreement attached to planning permission P/12/2640/2 which states contribution “for the purpose of providing additional GP and nursing accommodation at Outwoods Medical Practice, Beaumont Road, Loughborough”. The purchase of the equipment will increase the capacity, enabling more patients to access primary care and allow staff extra time to deal with patient enquiries, appointments, and treatments.

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

21 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.

When considering the proposal in relation to application P/12/2640/2 (Land West of Allendale Road, Loughborough) NHS England stated that the development 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 a self monitoring blood pressure machine and self measuring height and weight machine to enable patients to access these facilities independently; freeing nursing capacity and easing congestion on clinical appointments, easing demand on the healthcare service. The machines will be installed within the surgery waiting area along with a privacy curtain to aid easy access.

The practice also intends to purchase a HISpas- Patient Arrival System a quick and easy self-check-in device which allows patients to automatically check-in for appointments quickly and effectively, and an online consultation tablet, which triages patients using an online consultation system. The devices will help avoid a build-up of queues at the reception areas and save staff valuable time checking and triaging patients for appointments.

The full cost of the project is £5,995.83 (including VAT).
With a breakdown as outlined below:

Description	Amount
HISpas- Patient Arrival System	£1,620.00
Online consultation tablet	£427.88
Self monitoring blood pressure machine	£1,995.00
Self monitoring height and weight machine	£1,378.95
Privacy curtain	£534.00
Total	£5,955.83

Having reviewed the costs associated with the equipment required by the Outwoods Medical Practice, Officers are content that the request would support the provision of adding 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.

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	£5,955.83	25/02/2024
	Total	£5,955.83	

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 2023/24

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