

## Decision under Delegated Powers

### Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

### Recommendation

That the sum of £19,492 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision or enhancement of leisure facilities in Syston is paid to Wreake Valley Academy Trust for the provision of 3G Artificial Turf Pitch at Wreake Valley Academy, Syston. Payments will be paid on receipt of invoices and confirmation that the scheme is progressing and completed.

### Reason

To enable section 106 monies that have been received for the provision or enhancement of leisure facilities in Syston 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

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### Background

Under the provisions of the Corporate Plan to 2012 - 16, there is a commitment to promoting physical and economic growth and promote development across the Borough including new homes and supporting infrastructure. In addition the Corporate Plan makes a commitment to protect

and enhance green and open spaces and support the creation of play facilities / improved community 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 reasonably related in scale and kind to the development proposed and necessary to discharge fully the policy expectations of the Development Plan.

### **Detail**

During the past couple of years there have been several housing developments within Syston, with a number of section 106 agreements having been negotiated, with contributions for Children's Play facilities, Youth and Adult Recreation and leisure facilities provision and for provision of and contribution to enhancement of open space within the area.

Officers have been working in partnership with Syston Town Council to identify projects that the identified section 106 monies could be used towards.

The following project has been identified locally and local consultation has been undertaken in relation to the scheme and feedback incorporated where practical and reasonable.

### **Provision of 3G Artificial Turf Pitch at Wreake Valley Academy**

Wreake Valley Academy in partnership with the Town Council have put forward a project to provide a 3G Artificial Turf Pitch at Wreake Valley Academy. Dialogue has taken place with the FA and the Football Foundation regarding the provision of a Pitch at this location and potential support from the FA. Borough Council Officers have been involved in these discussions due to the strategic nature of the provision and from an operational perspective due to its proximity to South Charnwood Leisure Centre.

Local consultation has been undertaken with the local community and local sports clubs who would be the main users of the facility. Borough Council Ward Members have also been part of these ongoing discussions.

A local Football Development Partnership Plan has been developed which aims to create a high quality facility to assist in raising the standards in performance, aid the transition from junior to senior football and provide a safe environment in which football activities can be provided to participants irrespective of their ability, age, gender, disability or ethnicity.

A number of proposals and cost estimates for the provision of the 3G Artificial Turf Pitch have been received from the FA framework contractors. The pre tender cost estimate of the pitch with all associated on costs and professional fees is in the region of £510,000.

The cost of the scheme is £510,000 plus VAT, which is to be funded from £19,492 of Section 106 Monies, funding from Wreake Valley Academy, LCC

school funding, contribution from Syston Town Council and a grant from the Football Foundation.

Approval is therefore sought for £19,492 of section 106 monies to be allocated and paid to this scheme.

Officers are satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for the use of the section 106 monies. The money will not be released to Wreake Valley Academy until the scheme has been completed and appropriate invoices have been received to ensure verification that the money has been spent on the intended purpose.

The scheme above utilises up to £19,492 of section 106 monies and meets the requirements of the section 106 agreements and a written statement has been obtained from Wreake Valley Academy that the money will be used for this purpose as stated in the authority and that Wreake Valley Academy will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the play area.

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

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/09/1563/2	Land at rear 1381 Melton Road	£19,492 – Leisure Facilities Provision
		<b>Total - £19,492 received</b>

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Wreake Valley Academy and the monies have been received from the developers listed above. 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 external funding not in place	Low	High	Confirmation is received that all funding in place If bid unsuccessful the monies will be reallocated
Scheme is over budget	Low	Medium	Quotes received, Resources already received

Key Decision: No  
 Background Papers: Wreake Valley Academy 3G Artificial Turf Pitch Proposals, Quotes and Proforma plus lease information.

