Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Planning and Regeneration Services

Recommendation

- 1. That the sum of £17,116.29 of section 106 monies that have been received as a contribution towards the provision of Vehicles, CCTV and equipment is paid to Leicestershire Police towards the provision of Drone Equipment and associated support vehicle.
- 2. That the sum of £41,514.33 of section 106 monies that have been received as a contribution towards Premises, equipment and CCTV is paid to Leicestershire Police towards the provision of the Forensic Hub.

Reason

To enable section 106 monies that has 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 Section106 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

25 March 2021

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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 number of schemes to draw down relevant s106 monies.sc

Drone Equipment and Associated Support Vehicle

The project establishes and enhances the Police's drone capability, including the support vehicle. The support vehicle allows more equipment to be carried and most importantly allow the team to be properly self-sufficient. The capabilities of the vehicle will allow the drones to be better utilised in discreet tasking and increase the efficiency of the team due to the office in the rear of the vehicle. The Vehicle and equipment includes the capability to capture thermal imagery and relay this back to Police Commanders in real time.

The provision of this specialist equipment and vehicle allows for such things as locating high-risk missing persons, stolen vehicles and suspects involved in crime, across the whole of Leicestershire including Charnwood.

The total cost of the project is £73,498.49, with s106 monies from schemes in Charnwood contributing £17,116.29. The vehicle was ordered in July 2019 and delivered in the summer of 2020.

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.

Forensic Hub Upgrade

The project will improve, modernise and update the entire Leicester Police forensic estate at Police Headquarters, Enderby. This includes a total refit of the Force Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) hub including structural work and the removal/erection of internal walls, plus the provision of CCTV and all associated equipment that is required.

The project enables the creation of a 'one stop shop' with all forensic services being housed in one unified UKAS accredited area, serving the whole of the Police force area including Charnwood.

The total cost of the project is £146,399.65, with s106 monies from schemes in Charnwood contributing £41,514.33. The scheme was completed in July 2019.

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.

Section 106 Monies

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

PA No	Location	Contribution			
Drone Equipment and Associated Support Vehicle					
P/12/1709/2	Land at Melton Rd,	£9,654.99 – towards cctv/			
	East Goscote	equipment / communications			
		equipment / Vehicles)			
P/15/1814/2	Land at Iveshead	£7,461.30 – towards vehicles /			
	Rd, Shepshed	cctv / equipment			
		Total £17,116.29			
Forensic Hub Upgrade					
P/12/1709/2	Land at Melton Rd,	£1241 – towards cctv and			
	East Goscote	associated equipment			
		C17 010 towards provision of			
		£17,010 - towards provision of police premises			
P/13/1023/2	Nottingham Road,	£23,263.33 - towards provision of			
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		Loughborough or Enderby			
		Total - £41,514.33			
		Overall Total - £58,630.62			

Financial Implications

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 / completed.

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: No

Background Papers Section 106 template