

## Decision under Delegated Powers

### Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

### Recommendation

That the sum of £6,000 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision or enhancement of youth / adult recreation provision in Loughborough is paid to Woodbrook Vale School towards the provision of a new Sports Hall at the school that will be available for community use. 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 youth / adult recreation in Loughborough 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

 14/9/15

### 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 Loughborough, 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 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 a Sports Hall at Woodbrook Vale School**

Woodbrook Vale School have been in discussions with officers about the provision of a new sports hall at the school. The school have identified the need to for a sports hall to meet curriculum requirements but also the need for such provision to meet wider community needs. Borough Council Officers have been involved in these discussions due to the strategic nature of the provision and from the perspective of ensuring that the facility would be available to the wider community.

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

The school have a significant number of local sports clubs interested in using the facilities. The school is also looking to form satellite clubs in Cricket, Basketball and Golf. The school propose to make the Sports hall available to the community 6pm to 10pm Monday to Friday and at the weekends (times to be confirmed).

A number of proposals and cost estimates for the provision of the Sports Hall have been received. The cost with all associated on costs and professional fees is in the region of £1.1m.

The cost of the scheme is £1.1 million plus VAT, which is to be funded from £600,000 from the Academies Capital maintenance Fund, £500,000 from the school and £6,000 of Section 106 Monies.

Approval is therefore sought for £6,000 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 Woodbrook Vale School 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 £6,000 of section 106 monies and meets the requirements of the section 106 agreements and a written statement has been obtained from Woodbrook Vale School that the money will be used for this purpose as stated in the authority and that Woodbrook Vale School 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/02/2109/2	Land at corner of Valley Road & Woodbrook Road	£6,000 – Youth / Adult Recreation Provision
		<b>Total - £6,000 received</b>

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Woodbrook Vale School and the monies have been received from the developers listed above. The monies will be paid from revenue, as they are below the £10,000 threshold.

### 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:  
Background Papers

No  
Woodbrook Vale School Sports Hall Proposals,  
Quotes and Proforma plus lease information,  
planning application and confirmation of funding

