

Decision under Delegated Powers**Officer Requesting Decision**

Developer Contributions Monitoring Officer

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Planning and Growth

Recommendation

That the sum totalling £2,000 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of police vehicles be paid to Leicestershire Police to reimburse for the costs of purchase and conversion of a police specials van.

Reason

The release of the funding is in accordance with the relevant clauses in the section 106 agreement attached to planning permission P/10/1518/2 (land at Melton Road, Barrow upon Soar) which states “contribution to vehicles based on existing fleet and new households in the Development.”

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

27 March 2024

Background

Planning permission was granted for the residential development with associated access at land at Melton Road, Barrow upon Soar (P/10/1518/2). This approval including a section 106 agreement, incorporating a provision for a police authority contribution totalling £177,255.00. Notably, this sum encompasses a £10,793 specifically designated for police vehicles.

When considering the proposal in relation to application P/10/1518/2 (land at Melton Road, Barrow upon Soar) Leicestershire Police stated the development would be unacceptable without infrastructure including policing. The contribution would be directly relevant to the development and reasonably related. Using their own calculations, the proposed development should contribute £151,500 assuming 250 units based on Charnwood needing 8500 dwellings which generates 81.13 staff costing £5,1515. The money would be used to address the cumulative effects of housing and commercial development over a geographic area, provide new buildings to house resources, extend communication infrastructure, provide CCTV cameras, and increase efficiencies associated with patrol, detection, and prevention of crime. Or it could be used to extend Loughborough Station.

At present, Leicestershire Police boasts a complement of 15 special constables working in Charnwood overseen by 2 sergeants and an inspector. These special constables play a pivotal role in supporting local events and operations, including but not limited to local student operations, Loughborough Fair and conducting Fatal 4 Speed operations in the town and surrounding villages. Additionally, they frequently contribute to pre-planned operations and assist in addressing local policing priorities.

Leicestershire Police has requested £2,000 from Charnwood Borough Council to reimburse for the costs associated with the acquisition and conversion of the van, the specials van serves a multitude of purposes, ranging from facilitating public consultants to providing transport and rest facilities for officers and specials, enabling them to remain present at incidents or events for extended periods.

The full cost of the project is £2,000. Having reviewed the costs associated with the purchase and conversion of the specials van Officers are content that the request would support the provisions of the vehicle contribution to address the population growth arising from the development and that the proposed works are in keeping with the provisions of the respective s106 agreement.

Application	Purpose	Amount	Expiry date
P/10/1518/2 Land at Melton Road, Barrow upon Soar	Vehicles contribution	£2,000	08/09/2026
	Total	£2,000	

Financial Implications

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

The payment will be coded to A009 D0555

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/10/1518/2