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 £57,790.45 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision of providing, extending or adapting premises to support policing purposes. The contribution will be paid to Leicestershire Police as a contribution towards reimbursing the costs of an extension and refurbishments to the Dog Section located at Leicestershire Police Headquarters, Enderby.

Reason

To enable section 106 monies that have been received for the provision of providing, extending or adapting premises to support policing purposes in Charnwood to be spent.

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

24 July 2023

Background

It has been identified that Leicestershire Police were led to believe that retrospective projects could not be considered for s106 funding, under CIL regulation this is not the case. Leicestershire Police completed an extension and refurbishments works to the Dog Section at Leicestershire Police Headquarters located at St Johns, Enderby in January 2022.

Operational dogs and handlers are based from the central hub at St Johns, Enderby. Handlers and dogs respond to incidents across the entire Leicestershire force. A review identified that the kennels were not fit for purpose and required improvements and extensions. Improvements that have being funded include kennel heating, new insulation, flooring, food storage facility and an extension to the secure exercise area, and an isolation area with extra shelter and warmth for ill and injured dogs and puppies.

The improvements mean the police can offer a more effective response with the Dog Units to communities across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Improved living conditions mean that the dogs' rate of sickness has decreased, and injured or sick animals recover more swiftly.

The full cost of the project was £258,685.00, work started in July 2021 and was completed in January 2022. The force is asking Charnwood Borough Council to pay a contribution totalling £57,790.45 for the project, the full cost has been split across Boroughs of Leicestershire.

Application	Purpose	Amount	Expiry date
P/13/2340/2 – Land at Cropston Road, Anstey.	Police Contribution for the purpose of capital expenditure for accommodation and equipment in Leicestershire the need for which arises from the development.	£61.77	15/07/2024
P/14/0058/2 – Land at West Cross Lane, Mountsorrel.	Police premises contribution towards the costs of extending and/or adapting police premises.	£31,189.05	22/12/2023
P/14/1604/2 – Land at the north side of Tickow Lane, Shepshed.	Police premises contribution payable by the owners to the Borough Council for onward transmission to Leicestershire Constabulary Police Authority towards the costs of extending and/or adapting police premises at Enderby and/or Loughborough.	£425.05	12/09/2023
P/14/1604/2 – Land at the north side of Tickow Lane, Shepshed.	Police premises contribution payable by the owners to the Borough Council for onward transmission to Leicestershire Constabulary Police Authority towards the costs of extending and/pr adapting police premises at Enderby and/or Loughborough.	£19.87	12/09/2023
P/14/1604/2 – Land at the north side of Tickow Lane, Shepshed.	Police premises contribution payable by the owners to the Borough Council for onward transmission to Leicestershire Constabulary Police Authority towards the costs of extending and/pr adapting police premises at Enderby and/or Loughborough.		11/11/2026
	Total	£57,790.45	

Financial Implications

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

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall	Risk Management
			Risk	Actions Planned
			Very Low	
			(1 - 2)	

Key Decision

No

Background Papers

All contained on planning files P/13/2340/2, P/14/0058/2 and P/14/1604/2