

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

That the sum of £50,032 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision or enhancement of children's play and youth / adult recreation facilities in Anstey is paid to Anstey Parish Council for the following projects :

- £29,932 – Millfield Play Field - provision of upgraded play area
- £20,100 – Jubilee Recreation Ground - enhancement of youth play equipment

Reason

To enable section 106 monies that have been received for the provision or enhancement of children's play and youth / adult recreation facilities in Anstey 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 10 on page 3 – 36)

(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

Julie Robinson 3/4/13

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.

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 Anstey, with a number of section 106 agreements having been negotiated, with contributions for Children's Play facilities, Youth and Adult Recreation provision and for provision of and contribution to enhancement of open space within the area.

Officers have been working in partnership with Anstey Parish Council to identify projects that the identified section 106 monies could be used towards. A number of projects have been identified as detailed below:

Millfield Playing Field

One of the projects identified is the upgrade of the existing play area at Millfield Playing Field, Anstey.

The Parish Council has been out for quotes and designs for a scheme at the site. A local consultation event was undertaken during December 2012, with local advertising and leaflet drops being undertaken. Following the consultation the preferred scheme was chosen. Revised quotes were then received.

Millfield Playing Area is leased from Charnwood Borough Council, the current lease runs until 2015. A new Heads of Terms and lease have just been agreed for a period of a further 20 years.

The cost of the overall scheme is £29,932 plus VAT, which is being funded from Section 106 Monies.

Officers are satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for the use of the section 106 monies. The money will not be released to the Parish Council 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.

Anstey Parish Council has provided information in relation to this project, including confirmation that they will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Jubilee Recreation Ground – upgrade of play equipment for youth / older children

The Parish Council have been working on a scheme to improve the older children / youth play provision at Jubilee Recreation Ground. The proposal is to install a Discovery Activity Climbing Unit and a basket swing for older children.

The Parish Council has been out for quotes and designs for a scheme at the site. A local consultation event was undertaken during December 2012, with local advertising and leaflet drops being undertaken. Following the consultation the preferred scheme was chosen. Revised quotes were then received.

The cost of the scheme is £20,100, which is being funded by section 106 monies.

Jubilee Recreation Ground is managed by the Anstey Jubilee Hall and Grounds Charity. All the members of Anstey Parish Council are the trustees of the charity.

Officers are satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for the use of the section 106 monies. The money will not be released to the Parish Council 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.

Anstey Parish Council has provided information in relation to this project, including confirmation that they will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Section 106 Monies

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

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/03/2712/2	Bridge Works	£4887 – Offsite Recreation contribution – using the balance.
P/05/3781/2	Hancock & Roberts, Stadon Road	£3,603.95 – Childrens Play £7535.53 – Youth / Adult Recreation
P/06/1122/2	Land at Roseberry Road	£17,858.33 – Children’s Play £10,000.66 – Youth / Adult Recreation
P/07/3345/2	Land at Stadon Road	£6146.53 – Childrens Play (£11,087.15 received so balance of £4940.62)
		Total - £50,032

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Anstey Parish Council and the monies have been received from the developers listed above.

Payments will be paid on receipt of invoices and confirmation that the scheme is completed.

The scheme is already included in the Capital Plan, this Delegated Decision just provides the detail.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
All funding not in place	Low	High	Confirmation received that all funding in place
Scheme is over budget	Low	Medium	Quotes received, Resources already received

Key Decision:

Background Papers

No

Anstey Parish Council, Scheme details

Design and Quotations

Letter & e-mails from Anstey Parish Council

Copies of Quotes

Site Plans