

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

That the sum of £6630 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision or enhancement of children's play facilities in Hathern is paid to Hathern Recreation Association for the development of facilities for Hathern Youth Club. Payments will be paid on receipt of invoices and confirmation that the scheme is completed.

Reason

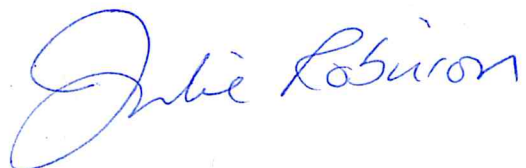
To enable section 106 monies that have been received for the provision or enhancement of children's play facilities in Hathern to be spent.

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

 13/6/13

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

A section 106 agreement has been negotiated, with contributions for Children's Play facilities in Hathern.

Officers have been working in partnership with Hathern Parish Council 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 .:

Hathern Young Persons Music Project

The scheme has been approved by Hathern Parish Council. The scheme has been costed and quotes have been received for £6,630 for this phase of the project.

Approval is therefore sought for £6,630 of section 106 monies to be transferred to Hathern Recreation Association for this scheme.

Hathern Youth Club provides a valuable and highly successful service to young people and children in Hathern village. Through its Young Persons Music Group it has developed a project to provide multi-purpose, sound, lighting, and recording facilities that will be used by children and young people to provide their own in-house entertainment for the Youth Club and be accessible by young people for events in the wider community. The project will reach out to a wide group in the community and deliver both play, recreational and learning opportunities. This initiative is supported by both Hathern Parish Council and by Hathern Recreation Association who host Hathern Youth Club via Hathern Village Hall . The first phase of the project has been initiated by Hathern Youth Club. A contribution of £6630 to cover the second phase of the project is sought by Hathern Recreation Association from the Section 106 Agreement fund with David Wilson Homes Ltd (ref Hathern development). The third phase of the project will be covered by other fund raising.

The HRA is a long standing village community organisation with charitable status. It owns and manages Hathern Village Hall. Its constitution commits the HRA to running the Village Hall for the benefit of local residents providing "amenities for social, athletic and academic pursuits". Both the Parish Council and the Youth Club have formal representation on its managing committee and these organisations work together in developing this facility for wider community use.

Over recent years in Hathern there has been an increasing level of interest from children and young people in music. The music making/live performance side of this

has been catered for through the Hathern Youth Band organisation and also increasingly through the Hathern Music Café that has developed successfully in the village in recent years. In response, and with the assistance from its young leaders, the Youth Club created a Young Persons Music Group (YPMG) to look at what children in the community wanted in terms of music facilities and resources that were not already accessible through other groups, and how to bring that all together. The group has developed an ambitious music based project that brings together the needs and aspirations of young people in the village. The YPMG approached the Parish Council for its views and support as part of this process. As a result the Parish Council has put its full support behind this project and this joint proposal is a direct outcome from that.

The YPMG project will deliver a multi-purpose sound, lighting, and recording facility that will be used by children and young people. It will provide permanently installed facilities.

The project has 3 distinct phases. The first is a preparatory phase that is now completed. In the second phase the essential audio and lighting infrastructure will be installed into building. This will be a permanent fixed installation. It will comprise the audio speaker system, the lights and lighting structures and the associated power and signal wiring. These elements will be fixed to the building structure and will not be portable. It is this part of the project that funding is sought for via this proposal.

Officers are satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for the use of the section 106 monies, the definition of play is very broad . The Children's Play Council in its 'New Charter for Children's Play' (1998) defines play in the following way ;-

"Play is an essential part of every child's life and vital to their development. It is the way children explore the world around them and develop and practise skills. It is essential for physical, emotional and spiritual growth, for intellectual and educational development and for acquiring social and behavioural skills. Play is a generic term applied to a wide range of activities. Children's play may or may not involve equipment or have an end product. Children play on their own and with others."

The money will not be released to Hathern Recreation Association 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 £6,630 of section 106 monies and meets the requirements of the section 106 agreements and a written statement has been obtained from the Parish Council and Hathern Recreation Association that the money will be used for this purpose as stated in the authority and that they will take on the ongoing maintenance responsibilities of the facility.

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

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/10/0415/2	Land off Loughborough Road, Hathern	£6,630 – Childrens Play contribution (Amount received is £63,529.69 – £13,332 used for skateprak, £6630 for this project - will leave a balance of £43,567.69)
		Total - £6,630

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Hathern Recreation Association and the monies have been received from the developers listed above. The monies will be paid from revenue, a below the £10,000 threshold..

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

Hathern Parish Council, Hathern Young Persons Music Group Project Proposals and Letter
Design information and Quotation
Letter from Hathern Recreation Association confirming security of tenure, charity status and ongoing maintenance.