

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

That the sum of up to £146,837.48, plus any interest received at the time, of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards recreational facilities in Quorn is paid to Rawlins Academy for the Fit for Life Project, a multi-use community sport, health and physical activity space . 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 children's play / youth / adult recreational facilities in Quorn 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

Julie Robinson 15/1/14

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 Quorn, 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 Rawlins Academy on a Fit for Life Project 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.

Rawlins Fit for Life Project

The Project is to adapt and improve the use of the old pool hall into a multi-use community sport, health and physical activity space. The project will provide a flexible activity space, refurbished changing area and social facilities forming a hub for all the community spaces and activity across the site. Rawlins Academy already has significant sports participation in the 14-25 age-group in the existing sports hall, fitness suite and pitches and in classroom facilities, which are not 'fit-for-purpose.' Adaptation and improvement of the pool hall will provide a significantly improved sporting experience, creating a hub for the community provision on site.

The project will enable Rawlins to build on its successful track record of community health and fitness provision. The four key areas for the project are: Fitness and Health, Club Development, Disability Sport and Sports Leadership / Coach Education. The project will seek to achieve increased activity across these four key areas, particularly in terms of delivering: A growth in participation in the 14-25 age range; A growth in participation across the adult population ; A growth in participation by people with disabilities, including those with talent and an excellent sporting experience for existing participants to keep them playing sport. An analysis of the sports participation profile in the catchment shows there is significant latent demand in the target age-groups (14-25 and adults) who would benefit from the improved facilities, particularly in terms of woman and girls. The new facility will therefore build on and expand the existing classes, fitness and health activity offered at Rawlins. The school is already used extensively by clubs

including Quorn Juniors, Quorn Rugby Club, Loughborough All Sorts Netball Club, judo and karate clubs. The new development will provide storage and a social hub for the outdoor clubs via the small kitchen and social area, which will establish these clubs permanently on the Rawlins site. The indoor space will also provide a home for local clubs who have been looking for a base. The new facility will be the home for Barrow Nomads Table-tennis club and working with the County Sports Partnership (CSP) will be a venue for Sportivate Satellite Club development. Linked with the National Governing Bodies of Sport the current partnerships proposed for the site include Loughborough Dodgeball Club, Loughborough Boxing Club and Vale Judo Club. The school already host several disability groups. In partnership with the CSP the new provision will become a permanent home for the local Boccia club. Extensive holiday programmes and activity already operate across the site.

The scheme has been costed and is currently due to go out to tender. The cost estimate for the scheme is £695,300, which includes for all professional fees, consultation costs, provision and installation of equipment and allocation of a contingency budget.

Rawlins Academy have made a successful bid to the Sport England Improvement Fund and secured £435,300 towards the scheme. The remaining balance of £260,000 will be funded from £25,000 Rawlins Academy, £90,000 Education s106 monies and £145,000 from S106 Recreation contribution.

Rawlins Academy have a lease from the Thomas Rawlins Educational Foundation Trust for the site and have approval from the Trust for the proposed scheme (evidence provided).

Approval is therefore sought for £146,837.48, plus any interest received, of section 106 monies to be allocated and paid to the Rawlins Academy for 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 Rawlins Academy until the scheme has been completed (although phased payments maybe agreed) and appropriate invoices have been received to ensure verification that the money has been spent on the intended purpose.

The scheme above utilises £146,837.48, plus any interest received at the time, of section 106 monies and meets the requirements of the section 106 agreements and a written statement has been obtained from the school that the money will be used for this purpose as stated in the authority and that they will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the facility. The school have also confirmed that a community use agreement is in place which is also a requirement of Sport England.

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

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/11/0836/2	Land at Fenny Copse Farm	£146,837.48 Provision or enhancement of recreational facilities
		Total - £146,837.48 received

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Rawlins Academy and the monies have been received from the developers listed above. The scheme will need to be added to the Capital Plan and will be included in the next Capital Amendment Plan.

Risk Management

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

Key Decision:

Background Papers

Yes

Rawlins Academy Fit for Life Project Proposals and Proforma

Sport England Improvement Fund Bid and offer letter

Fit for Life Design and Cost Estimates

Confirmation of Funding Letter

Thomas Rawlins Educational Foundation Trust Minutes

Copy of Planning Advise letter