

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

That the sum of up to £5500 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the provision or enhancement of children's play / youth / adult recreational facilities in Syston is paid to Syston Town Council for the provision of outdoor fitness equipment at Central park, Syston. 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 Syston 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

 15/9/14

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 Syston, 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 Syston Town 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 in relation to the scheme and feedback incorporated where practical and reasonable.

Provision of Outdoor Fitness Equipment

The Town Council have put forward a project to provide outdoor fitness equipment in central park, to add to existing provision and to promote physical fitness. Consultation has been undertaken via Syston Town News.

A number of proposals and quotes for the provision of the outdoor fitness equipment have been received and Syston Town Council have selected a scheme.

The cost of the scheme is £5500 plus VAT, which is to be funded from Section 106 Monies as the scheme provides new and additional provision within Syston.

Approval is therefore sought for up to £5500 of section 106 monies to be allocated and paid to the Town Council 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 the Town 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.

The scheme above utilises up to £5500 of section 106 monies and meets the requirements of the section 106 agreements and a written statement has

been obtained from the Town Council that the money will be used for this purpose as stated in the authority and that the Town Council will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the play area.

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

PA No	Location	Contribution
P/03/1995/2	Land at Brook St	£5500 – Youth / Adult Recreation (leaves balance of £2900)
		Total - £5500 received

Financial Implications

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

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	Quotes received, Resources already received

Key Decision: No
Background Papers: Syston Town Council Outdoor Fitness Equipment Proposals, Quotes and Proforma

