

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

That the sum of £49,830.69 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 Shepshed is paid to Shepshed Town Council for the following projects :

- £9013.60 - redevelopment of BMX track facilities at Oakley Road
- £26,576.74 – redevelopment of toddler play area and installation of basket swing at Glenmore Park
- £11,440.60 – installation of goal end at Oakley Road
- £2799.75 - installation of basketball hoop at Kings Road

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 Shepshed 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 Shepshed, 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 Shepshed Town Council to identify projects that the identified section 106 monies could be used towards. A number of projects have been identified as detailed below:

Redevelopment of BMX Track at Oakley Road

One of the projects identified is the upgrade of the existing BMX track at Oakley Road, Shepshed. Shepshed Town Council have been working with Groundwork to develop the project and received quotes for the project. The cost of the overall scheme is £54,926.10 plus VAT, which is being funded by £45,912.50 from the Community Spaces Fund and £9013.60 of 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 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.

Shepshed Town Council have provided information in relation to this project, including confirmation that they will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Installation of Toddler Play Area and Basket Swing at Glenmore Park

The Town Council have been working on a scheme to improve the toddler play provision and provision for youth at Glenmore Park. The proposal is to install a fenced toddler play area with a range of equipment and provide a separate basket swing for older children.

The Town Council has received a number of quotes from various companies, these have been assessed by the Town Council. The cost of the scheme is £26,576.74, which is being funded by 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 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.

Shepshed Town Council have provided information in relation to this project, including confirmation that they will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Installation of Goal End at Oakley Road

In addition, alongside the BMX track at this site, it has been identified through local consultation that there is a need for additional youth play facilities at this site. The proposal is to install a goal end with a hard play area to facilitate both social and active play, including a kick about area and basketball.

The Town Council has received a number of quotes from various companies, these have been assessed by the Town Council. The cost of the scheme is £11,440.60, which is being funded by 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 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.

Shepshed Town Council have provided information in relation to this project, including confirmation that they will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Installation of Basketball Hoop at Kings Road Play Area

Through local consultation the need for additional youth play facilities was identified at this site. The proposal is to install a basketball hoop with associated hard play area at this site.

The Town Council has received a number of quotes from various companies, these have been assessed by the Town Council. The cost of the scheme is £2799.75, which is being funded by 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 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.

Shepshed Town Council have 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/02/2310/2	Land off Charnwood Road	£15,828.76 – Youth / Adult Recreation contribution – using the balance.
P/05/1835/2	63/69 Brook St	£7,539.88 – Childrens Play £7539.88 – Youth / Adult Recreation
P/2010/0994/02	Foresters Arms, Charnwood Road	£11,780.04 – Children’s Play £7142.13 – Youth / Adult Recreation (leaves balance of £659.66)
		Total - £49,830.69

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Borough Council, the monies will be paid directly to Shepshed Town 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 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 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
Shepshed Town Council, BMX Track scheme details
BMX Track Design and Quotation
Letter & e-mails from Shepshed Town Council
Copies of Quotes
Site Plans