

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING

RELEASE OF S.106 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CONTRIBUTIONS.

REPORT OF Divisional Leader for Planning and Economy
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Wards affected
Key decision No

Purpose of Report

1. West Sussex County Council is requesting the retrospective release of S106 Sustainable Transport contributions for the Ardingly Traffic Management Scheme.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that £32,838.68 be released to West Sussex County Council from Sustainable Transport contributions arising from the development at Standgrove Field (PL12-00981) to fund this completed project.
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Background

3. This is a request for S106 contributions for the funding of the Ardingly Traffic Management Scheme. The request is retrospective as the scheme was completed in 2017. There is further funding available for additional traffic calming work however, a second phase of works has not yet been programmed for delivery.
4. The Council will not usually release funds retrospectively for any S106 request. However, it would appear West Sussex County Council programmed/approved the scheme in 2014 prior to new governance procedures they now have in place to ensure funds are requested/approved by Mid Sussex District Council prior to the commencement of projects.
5. The S106 contributions were secured to implement the Ardingly Traffic Management Scheme. Therefore, on this occasion, it is considered sufficient justification to warrant the retrospective release of S106 contributions.
6. The completed Ardingly Traffic Management Scheme comprises of:-
 - Cob Lane - Gateway sign, speed limit signs, coloured surfacing and speed limit markings.
 - B2028 – Crossing point, installation of 40mph signs at three locations, bollards, coloured surfacing and speed limit markings
 - College Road – Gateway sign, coloured surfacing and speed limit markings
 - Balcombe Lane – New gateway sign
 - Hett Close – Crossing Point

7. This scheme was delivered by Balfour Beatty, with whom West Sussex County Council has a Term Maintenance Contract.

Financial Implications

8. This project is considered to represent an appropriate retrospective expenditure of the Sustainable Transport contributions from the agreement below.

S106 Agreement		
PL12-000981	Land at Standgrove Field	£32,838.68
Total		£32,838.68

Legal Implications

9. The planning permission for the development at land at Standgrove Field secured financial contributions to be used towards the Ardingly Traffic Management Scheme as per policy 4.51 of the Ardingly Neighbourhood Plan.
10. The project is considered to represent appropriate retrospective expenditure of the contributions from the above agreement.
11. The project is considered to have provided a benefit to the local community.
12. It is proposed the decision be signed off by the Cabinet Member for Planning.
13. Decisions on the distribution of Section 106 monies up to £50,000.00 are delegated to individual Cabinet Members in the Council's Constitution.

TO: THE MONITORING OFFICER (TOM CLARK, SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL)

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject: Release of S106 Total Access Demand (Sustainable Transport) contributions.

Cabinet Member: Cllr Andrew MacNaughton

Has the Cabinet Member received a report prior to taking the decision?

Yes

In the case of a key decision and where the Cabinet Member has received a report.

This is not a key decision.

Alternative options considered and rejected.

None – contributions were collected for the Ardingly Traffic Management Scheme.

Record of decision taken.

Authorise release of £32,838.68 from the Total Access Demand (sustainable transport) fund.

Statement of reasons for making the decision.

Contributions were secured for the Ardingly Traffic Management Scheme. Although retrospective payments are not normally made, on this occasion, it is considered there is sufficient justification to warrant the release of S106 contributions for a completed project that has benefited the local community

Officers consider this an appropriate expenditure of Local Community Infrastructure contributions.

Date of decision:- 18-9 - 2018

Is the decision to be protected from call-in? (i.e. if any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest) - see Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 (M)

N/A

Signed: 

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Cabinet Member

This record must be forwarded immediately to the Monitoring Officer (TC) and copied to the relevant Cabinet Member.

For Monitoring Officer

Date of publication of Member Information Services

Date of decision can be implemented (on the Thursday after publication of the Member Information Service unless already protected from call-in)