

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 Formal Sport contributions to install a vertical drainage system at Fairfield Recreation Ground, Hurstpierpoint.

Cabinet Member: Cllr Gary Marsh

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 –

Record of decision taken.

Authorise release of £23.630.00 from the Formal Sport fund.

Statement of reasons for making the decision.

The current drainage system was installed approximately 25 years ago and is in need of an upgrade due to a blockage. The installation of a new drainage system will enable local clubs and residents to maximise the use of the pitch in all weather conditions.

Officers consider this an appropriate expenditure of Formal Sport contributions.

Date of decision:- 28th September 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)

No

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)

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

RELEASE OF S.106 contributions for Fairfield recreation ground, Hurstpierpoint, football pitch drainage.

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Wards affected	
Key decision	No

Purpose of Report

1. Approval is sought to release S106 Formal Sport contributions to provide vertical drainage on a section of the football pitch and a section of the cricket square at the Fairfield (Hurstpierpoint) recreation ground.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that £23,630.00 be released from formal sport contributions arising from the development at land at Chalkers Lane (PL12-000366) to fund this project.
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Background

3. Fairfield Recreation Ground in Hurstpierpoint is a very popular Recreation Ground used by local residents, Football clubs and Cricket clubs.
4. Hurstpierpoint FC Colts has been running for over 25 years and aims to provide football for the young people of Hurstpierpoint and its surrounding areas.
5. The club offers recreational and competitive football for age groups from 5 to 16.
6. The current drainage system on the football pitch was installed approximately 25 years ago. The system is blocked and the lower part of the football pitch is suffering during winter. On a number of occasions over recent years training has had to be cancelled as the pitch was flooded. Generally the east side of these football pitches are wetter than the remainder of the site and the clubs raise concerns on a regular basis about the unplayable pitch condition.
7. In addition the north side of the cricket square gets flooded when heavy rain occurs and so this area also needs drainage improvements.
8. The proposal is to use an innovative drainage solution offered by "Groundwater Dynamics" that will allow the clubs to use the pitch immediately after installation.
9. Replacing the old drainage system (lateral drains) like for like would be very disruptive and would not allow the clubs to use the pitch for a year.
10. The main benefits of good drainage are:
 - Improvement to the quality, firmness and durability of the turf
 - Quick drying of the soil for extending playing time
 - Improved air movement in the soil

- Improved root development
 - Better soil structure
 - Higher soil temperature and longer growing season
11. "Groundwater Dynamics" was used previously on Whitemans Green Recreation grounds and proved to be very successful. This is a proprietary solution, and we are not aware of any other company that would be able to install this type of drainage system.
 12. This drainage system requires zero outflow as it deals with the storm water at source, needs no external energy source and is self-cleaning so no ongoing maintenance is required for the system once it has been installed.
 13. The equipment being used for this operation is relatively new and enables installation during the playing season without loss of play.

Financial Implications

14. This project is considered to represent an appropriate expenditure for formal sport contributions from the agreement below.

S106 Agreement		
PL12-000366	£23,630.00	Land at Chalkers Lane
Total	£23,630.00	

Legal Implications

15. The planning permission for the development on land at Chalkers Lane secured financial contributions to be used towards formal sport in the Parish of Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common.
16. The project therefore conforms to the requirements of the S106 agreement and is considered appropriate expenditure.
17. The project is considered to be beneficial to improve the playability of the pitches on this facility for the community football team and local residents that regularly hire the grounds for matches, training and other activities.
18. It is proposed the decision be signed off by the Cabinet Member for Service Delivery.
19. Decisions on the distribution of Section 106 monies up to £25,000 are delegated to individual Cabinet Members in the Council's Constitution.