

**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 Local Community Infrastructure contributions for surface regeneration works to Hickmans Lane recreation ground cricket square**

**Cabinet Member:** Cllr Gary Marsh

<b>Has the Cabinet Member received a report prior to taking the decision?</b>	Yes
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**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.**

Considered our standard end of season renovation works but due to the state of the grass wicket this wouldn't deliver much improvement. This works will improve the square immediately and provide long term protection for the facility.

**Record of decision taken.**

Authorise release of £7000.00 from the Local Community Infrastructure fund.

**Statement of reasons for making the decision.**

Officers consider this an appropriate expenditure of Local Community Infrastructure contributions to improve the playability of the pitches.

Date of decision:-

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
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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	
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Date of decision can be implemented (on the Thursday after publication of the Member Information Service unless already protected from call-in)	
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## REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

### RELEASE OF S.106 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HICKMANS LANE RECREATION GROUND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE .

REPORT OF                      Divisional Leader for Commercial Services & Contracts  
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Wards affected  
Key decision                      No

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#### Purpose of Report

1. Approval is sought to release S106 Formal Sport contributions to provide-surface regeneration works to Hickmans Lane recreation ground cricket square.

#### Recommendation

2. It is recommended that £7,000 be released from formal sport contributions arising from the developments at land north at newton Road (P35/662).
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#### Background

3. Hickmans Lane recreation ground has been home to senior and junior teams of Lindfield Cricket Club for over a decade.
4. The club offers recreational and competitive cricket for all age groups. They have over 80 senior players plus an expanding youth academy which currently coaches over 200 boys & girls
5. Over the last few years the club have raised concerns about the deterioration of the grass cricket square, with numerous reports of cricket balls bouncing dangerously and unpredictably off the surface which is very detrimental to the senior teams but more importantly the junior teams and the clubs raise concerns on a regular basis about the unplayable pitch condition.
6. At the end of this current season they are looking at the possibility to ground share with another club on a non-MSDC site.
7. The proposal is to carry out surface regeneration works to the square which will ensure that the grass wicket is majorly improved and will be able to be used for a long time for future cricket fixtures.

#### Financial Implications

8. This project is considered to represent an appropriate expenditure for formal sport contributions from the agreements overleaf.

S106 Agreement		
P35/662	£7000.00	Land north at Newton Road

<b>Total</b>	<b>£7000.00</b>	
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### **Legal Implications**

9. The planning permission for dwellings on land north at Newton Road secured financial contributions towards off site formal sport provision.
10. The project therefore conforms to the requirements of the S106 agreement and is considered appropriate expenditure.
11. The project is considered to be beneficial to improve the playability of the grass cricket wickets on this facility for the community cricket team that regularly hire the grounds for matches and training.
12. It is proposed the decision be signed off by the Cabinet Member for Commercial Services & Contracts.
13. Decisions on the distribution of Section 106 monies up to £25,000 are delegated to individual Cabinet Members in the Council's Constitution.