

**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 arising from development at Land at Standgrove Field (Ref: DM/15/1511 – PL12 000981).	
Cabinet Member: Councillor John Belsey	
Has the Cabinet Member received a report prior to making the decision?	Yes
In the case of a key decision where the Cabinet Member has received a report, please state the date a copy of the report was made available to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and placed in the public domain:	N/A
Record of decision taken: Authorise the release of £16,682 Formal Sport S106 Contributions to Ardingly Parish Council to resurface the tennis courts at Ardingly Recreation Ground to create two new multi-sports courts; arising from development at Land at Standgrove Field (Ref: DM/15/1511 – PL12 000981).	
Date of decision: 6 October 2021	
Statement of reasons for making the decision: To provide funds to Ardingly Parish Council to resurface the tennis courts at Ardingly Recreation Ground to create two new multi-sports courts.	
Alternative options considered and rejected: None	
Code of Conduct Interest of Cabinet Members? If yes, please advise on the nature and whether dispensation in place	
Is the decision to be protected from call-in? (<i>i.e</i> if any delay would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest) - see Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 (M)	No
If so, please state:	



Signed:.....
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 Service Bulletin	6/10/21
Date of decision can be implemented (on the Thursday after publication of the Member Information Service Bulletin, unless already protected from call-in)	14/10/21

RELEASE OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS

REPORT OF: HEAD OF CORPORATE RESOURCES
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Wards Affected: Ardingly and Balcombe
Key Decision: No
Report to: Cabinet Member for Environment & Service Delivery

Purpose of Report

1. Authority is sought for the Release of S106 contributions to Ardingly Parish Council to resurface the tennis courts at Ardingly Recreation Ground to create two new multi-sports courts.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that £16,682 is released to Ardingly Parish Council from S106 contributions arising from the Land at Standgrove Field development (Ref: DM/15/1511 – PL12 000981).
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Background

3. Ardingly Parish Council owns and manages the facilities at Ardingly Recreation Ground which include two community tennis courts. The project is to replace the current traditional surface with a new multi-sport surface. This will improve the playing quality for existing and future tennis players and enable the facility to be used for basketball, netball and 5-a-side football.
4. Tennis activity is largely managed by the Ardingly Tennis Club which provides a court booking system, coaching and group activities to its 130 members. Membership fees are kept low (currently £30 per year for family membership) to encourage new members and avoid excluding any sections of the community. The courts are also available for booking by non-members.
5. St Peters Primary School, which is a short walk from the courts, is actively encouraged to use the facilities and local coaches have been providing beginners lessons. The new surface will support this objective, as specific tennis footwear is not needed, so it will not put an additional financial pressure on parents.
6. It is anticipated a greater variety of sports will be played on the courts encouraging greater participation by children and young people. When the project is completed local external sport providers will be invited to offer clubs/coaching at the site, which will lead to an additional increase in the number of residents benefiting directly from the project. The multi-sport surface will also be safe for wheelchair use.
7. The Parish Council has obtained competitive quotes to ensure good value for money and the selected supplier will charge £22,435 plus VAT for the work. The Parish Council is proposing that £10,000 set aside for remedial work is used as match funding for the project.
8. The new surface will increase the usable life of the courts (approx. 15 years) and maintenance costs will be greatly reduced during that time. This will help the Tennis club to maintain low membership fees, encouraging broad community participation

9. Tennis experienced a surge of interest when outdoor sport was permitted post lockdown. Research suggests approximately 20% increase in participation, which is borne out by an increase in tennis club membership.

Financial Implications

10. This project is considered to represent an appropriate expenditure of s106 Formal Sport contributions from the agreement below:

		£
Land at Standgrove Field	DM/15/1511 – PL12 000981	16,682

Legal Implications

11. Planning permission for residential development at Land at Standgrove Field (Ref: DM/15/1511 – PL12 000981) secured financial contributions toward Formal Sport facilities at Ardingly Recreation Ground. This scheme conforms to the requirements of the s106 agreements and is therefore considered appropriate expenditure.
12. Decisions regarding the distribution of Section 106 monies up to £50,000.00 are delegated to individual Cabinet Members in the Council's Constitution.