

CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES (Release of S106 Contributions)

REPORT OF: HEAD OF CORPORATE RESOURCES
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Wards Affected: All
Key Decision No

Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to

1. Present three requests for the release of S106 Contributions for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel, Assessment Reports attached in Appendix A
2. Provide an update regarding the allocation of s106 receipts to community projects and a summary of project progress, attached in Appendix B.

Summary

3. A summary of the applications to be considered and the recommendations from the Grants Assessment Group on the level of financial assistance to be awarded to each organisation are detailed as follows:

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Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Total Project Cost	Award Suggested
Burgess Hill Bowls Club	Installation of bi-fold doors	8,250	8,250
Crawley Down Gatwick Football Club	New dugouts, floodlighting and ball stop fencing	110,028	100,029
Colwell Ground CIC	Three new sports pitches and a community centre at the St Francis Sports Ground	8,417,160	1,450,147
TOTAL		8,535,438	1,558,426

Recommendations

4. ***Members of the Panel are requested to consider and decide upon the following recommendations:***
 - a) ***for each of the above applications, summaries of which are attached in Appendix A;***
 - b) ***project extensions and variations (A-L), as detailed in Appendix B***

Background

5. Applications for the Release of S106 contributions are assessed

against a set of standard criteria, as detailed in the General Guidelines for Voluntary and Community Groups, to ensure a consistent approach.

6. A number of projects have been unable to meet the deadlines previously agreed by the Cabinet Grants Panel. This paper seeks approval to vary these dates and provide extensions of time and project to allow more time for fundraising and project delivery.
7. Haywards Heath Tennis Club was invited to submit a revised project proposal and details are provided in Appendix B for consideration by Members.

Assessment Process

8. Applications are assessed against four key criteria – Council priorities, evidence of need, finances, impact and benefits. The maximum possible score for excellent applications which fully meet all the criteria is 12.
9. Information is shared with representatives of the Grants Assessment Group and with the relevant Town and Parish Councils as appropriate.
10. All organisations have met the necessary criteria, i.e. are fully constituted voluntary and not for profit organisations and have provided relevant information to support their application.

Financial Implications

11. Release of S106 contributions is funded using financial receipts paid to the Council for the enhancement of capacity for sport, community buildings and other purposes as a result of residential development.

Risk Management Implications

12. The main risks to the successful implementation of the decisions arising from this report would be the inability of the funded organisations to deliver those projects for which the Release of s106 has been agreed.
13. A Contract is signed at the application stage by organisations seeking funding that details the terms and conditions under which the Release of S106 Contributions is given. In respect of the Release of S106 Contributions, the Council may also impose additional safeguards prior to payment. Funds are not released before evidence of project expenditure has been submitted.
14. It is considered that these measures mitigate the main risk from materialising and overall the risk of failure to deliver the outcomes arising from this report is considered low and well within tolerance levels.

Equality and customer service implications

15. As part of the assessment process all of the organisations applying for funding from the Council have complied with the required conditions of funding and have the requisite policies and procedures in place including any other relevant legislation.

Sustainability Implications

16. None.

Legal Implications

17. The Council is not obliged to provide funding, but by virtue of section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, it is able to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of its area. This includes the incurring of expenditure, giving financial assistance to any person (or organisation) and entering into arrangements or agreements with any person.

18. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet Grants Panel is authorized to deal with the allocation of Section 106 monies.

Background Papers

- Applications and associated documentation for the Release of S106 Contributions are held in the Community Services, Policy and Performance Section.