

## CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES (Release of S106 Contributions)

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**Wards Affected:** All  
**Key Decision:** No

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### Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to

1. Present request for the release of S106 Contributions for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel in respect of the Assessment Report attached (Appendix A) and a variation to the previous grant awarded to Haywards Heath Tennis Club.

### Summary

2. Details of the applications to be considered and the recommendation from the Grants Assessment Group on the level of financial assistance to be awarded is detailed as follows:

### Release of S106 contributions

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Total Project Cost	Award Suggested
Ashenground Community Centre	Audio-Visual System for Community Cinema	11,736	10,863
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 11,736</b>	<b>£ 10,863</b>	<b>£ 10,863</b>

### Recommendations

*Members of the Panel are requested to consider and decide upon:*

- a) the recommendation for the above application, a summary of which is attached in Appendix A.*
- b) the recommendation regarding a grant increase to the Haywards Heath Tennis Club (para 12)*

### Background

3. 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.

### Assessment Process

4. 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.

5. Information is shared with representatives of the Grants Assessment Group and with the relevant Town and Parish Councils as appropriate.
6. 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.

### **Haywards Heath Tennis Club**

7. On 21 February 2022, the Cabinet Grants Panel awarded Haywards Heath Tennis Club £106,598 toward the refurbishment of the clubhouse in Victoria Park.
8. The total project cost was estimated at £122,865 and the grant was awarded subject to:
  - project completion by 31 March 2023 (on target),
  - submission of the new constitution (received),
  - copy of planning approval (received),
  - suitable lease/license agreement with MSDC (drafted for signing).
9. Due to inflationary pressures, the overall project cost has increased to £137,546 and the club has requested an additional £10,000 in grant funding to enable them to deliver the project. The work is scheduled to commence in late October.
10. The most significant price increase is in respect of the new electrical supply which is over £7,000 more since the grant offer was approved in February 2022. The contractor has also flagged an additional £6,000 in price increases to raw material and labour costs, and some extra works are required to strengthen the timber frame and supply new vinyl flooring. Savings have been made in other areas to offset some of these costs (i.e. prelims, fencing, furniture and fixings) but there is an overall price hike of £14,681.
11. Summary of revised project costs and funding package:

	Feb-22	Oct-22
Total project cost	122,865	137,546
Grant request	106,598	116,598
Match funding contribution (Tennis Club Reserves)	16,267	20,948

12. **Recommendation:** that the Cabinet Grants Panel increase the Release S106 contributions up to a maximum of £116,598.42 to enable the Haywards Heath Tennis Club to refurbish the existing clubhouse which is made up of the following s106 contributions – £43,342.32 (P35/768 Land South Side of Rocky Lane), £7,072 (PL13-000162 Mayflower PH), £11,094 (PL13-000539 17-21 Boltro Road), £10,387 (PL12-000709 Oldfield, 55 Lewes Road), £1,365.31 (PL13-003312 2-6 The Broadway), £707 (DM/21/1881 90-92 South Road), £27,630.69.10 (PL13-001439 Land at Penland Farm) Formal Sport monies and £15,000 (PL13-000841 1-3 Church Road) Community Buildings monies.

### **Financial Implications**

13. 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**

14. 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 so grant offers are time limited.
15. 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.
16. It is considered that these measures mitigate the main risks 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**

17. 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.

### **Legal Implications**

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

### **Sustainability Implications**

20. The provision of the Facility Grants programme supports the council's community leadership role in the delivery of local and UK sustainable development goals. Specifically, this service contributes towards:
  - SDG 3: (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages)
  - SDG 10: (Reduce inequality within and among countries)
  - SDG 11: (Sustainable Cities and Communities)

### **Background Papers**

- Applications and associated documentation for the Release of S106 Contributions are held in Planning Policy.