

## CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES (Release of S106 Contributions)

### REPORT OF: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

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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 two requests for the Release of S106 Contributions for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel in respect of the Assessment Reports attached (Appendix A).
2. Provide an update regarding the allocation of s106 receipts to community projects, a summary of project progress over the past year plus recommendations for any variations (Appendix B).

### Summary

3. 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
Clarion Futures	Quarry Café Community Garden	60,500	52,500
Haywards Heath Town Football Club	Refurbishment of Pilgrim Hut	136,950	12,239
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 197,450</b>	<b>£ 64,739</b>

### Recommendations

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

- a) the recommendations for the above applications, a summary of which are attached in Appendix A.***
- b) the recommendations regarding extensions to special conditions detailed in Appendix B (A-G)***

### Background

4. Applications for the Release of S106 contributions are assessed against a set of standard criteria, as detailed in the Community Grants Fund Revised Grant Criteria, to ensure a consistent approach.
5. Two applications met the funding criteria for consideration at this funding round and details are provided in Appendix A.

6. Over the past year, the Cabinet Grants Panel has committed £2,883,069 in S106 receipts to seventeen capital projects being led by voluntary sector organisations across the District. Appendix B provides an update on the progress of these projects.
7. A number have been unable to meet the deadlines previously agreed by the Cabinet Grants Panel. This paper seeks approval to vary these dates, in a number of cases, to allow the applicants further time for fundraising, project development and delivery.

### **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. 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**

10. The Release of S106 contribution awards are funded through the allocation of financial receipts paid to the Council as a result of residential development toward infrastructure improvements to enhance formal sports, community buildings and other facilities.

### **Risk Management Implications**

11. 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. If projects are not delivered within a set timeframe the funds can be allocated to alternative schemes.
12. 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 and all conditions must be met before the funds will be released. Payments are made on receipt of evidence of project expenditure.
13. 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**

14. As part of the assessment process all of the organisations applying for funding from the Council have to submit an Equal Opportunities Policy. They must comply with the conditions of funding and have the requisite policies and procedures in place.

### **Legal Implications**

15. 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.

16. All projects recommended for funding are considered to represent appropriate expenditure of S106 funds. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet Grants Panel is authorized to deal with the allocation of Section 106 monies.

### **Sustainability Implications**

17. 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.