

Cabinet

DATE OF MEETING: THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST 2022

TITLE OF REPORT: REQUEST THE RELEASE OF S106 FUNDING TOWARDS HOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SPORTS PAVILION

Report of: Head of Environmental & Technical Services

Cabinet Portfolio: Strategic Direction and Partnerships

Key Decision: N

Confidentiality: Open

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. For Cabinet to approve the release of £455,369 local S106 funding earmarked for the provision of improvements to the Community Centre at Ravenscroft, Hook.
2. For Cabinet to approve the release of £250,000 local S106 funding earmarked for use earmarked for the provision of a Sports Pavilion and Changing rooms at the development in North-East Hook.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That Cabinet approves the immediate release of £455,369 held in Parish S106 reserves for Hook Parish Council
4. That subject to the receipt of a successful planning application and the letting of an appropriate contract of works, Cabinet approves that delegated authority is given to the Head of Place (in consultation with Local Ward Members) to release £250,000 of earmarked S106 reserves to be used for the provision of the Sports Pavilion.

BACKGROUND

5. In 2013, Hook Parish Council submitted a request to Hart District Council to seek developer contributions towards the delivery of two specific projects in Hook.
 - a) Improvements to the Hook Community Centre
 - b) Sports Pavilion and Changing Rooms (on land at North-East Hook)

The request was considered by Cabinet at a meeting held in August 2013 and consequently Section 106 contributions were agreed for both projects in the sum of £382,751 for the Community Centre project and £250,000 for the pavilion project.

6. As the funding was subject to indexation and interest (where applicable), The total sum of funds being held in reserves for Hook Parish Council is £705,369.04.

MAIN ISSUES

7. The Parish Council completed the refurbishment of Hook Community Centre in May 2015 and since its completion it has proved to be a successful and popular facility. It provides a hall, space for a children's nursery, with additional meeting rooms and enhanced facilities for playing squash

8. The Parish Council had to secure a loan for the refurbishment in lieu of the S106 payments due from the development at North-East Hook and the provision of this funding will protect the parish from any issues that may arise with cash flow.
9. 14/00733/MAJOR states that “Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds (£250,000)” is made available for a “Community Building” and this is defined as “...a sports pavilion and changing rooms...” and “£382,751 towards improving the Community Centre at Ravenscroft Hook”.
10. The remaining funding is drawn from general parish leisure and open space for leisure projects held in reserves for use in the parish area.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

11. Not applicable – The funding is specifically earmarked for these purposes

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

12. The provision of these facilities meets the requirement in the 2040 Hart Vision to “enhance the environment to live in, work and enjoy”, by working with existing public sector sports providers in the district to create an improved/coordinated offer for our residents.
13. This will support the Corporate Plan objective “Healthy Communities and People” by providing facilities the keep Hart healthy and active.

Legal and Constitutional Issues

14. None identified

Financial and Resource Implications

15. The Financial Officer confirms that S106 receipts have been collected and held in reserves for these purposes.

Risk Management

16. None identified

ACTION

17. Subject to the decision of the Cabinet, that £455,369 local S106 funding is released to Hook Parish Council
18. That Hook Parish Council prepares and submits a planning application for the Sports Pavilion and Changing Rooms.

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Appendices - None

Background Papers – None