

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	
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1. **TITLE:** Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces (SANGs) Capital Spending (External Funding)

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek approval to increase annual spending limit for Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces (SANGs) projects during 2015/16.

There is currently £150,000 previously approved for spending in this financial year. This report seeks approval to spend an additional £95,000 of developer contributions this financial year.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

That the Executive recommend to Full Council that they approve the spending of a further £95,000 of developer contribution on SANGs for this financial year.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The current approved allowance of £150,000 will not be sufficient to accommodate the number of SANGs improvement projects already committed and planned for this financial year.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not increasing expenditure on SANGS provision and enhancement in this financial year would risk developments being stalled and delay to the occupation of those that have been completed. As developers pay commuted sums to the Council for enhancements, facilitation, and maintenance, the Council has a legal obligation to provide these facilities. Developers pay a commuted sum (s) on commencement of development works on the understanding that SANGs enhancements will have been carried out in time for residents to move in.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Consultees as described in Thames Basin Heath SPA Avoidance and Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Statement.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
15 December 2015	23 December 2015