

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE, CORPORATE SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
4 SEPTEMBER 2017

S106 CONTRIBUTIONS EASTHAMPSTEAD & WILDRIDINGS COMMUNITY CENTRE
Director of Corporate Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for S106 funds for community facilities to be used to improve the Easthampstead & Wildridings Community Centre.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That approval is given for expenditure of £10,870 of S106 social and community facilities contributions on improvements to the Easthampstead & Wildridings Community Centre**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To install an area of play grass (artificial grass) in the garden area, replacing a soft play area, so that more groups can use the outside area.
- 3.2 This project will directly support three of the Councils strategic objectives,
- People live active and healthy lifestyles
Numbers of adults and young people participating in leisure and sport has increased
 - A clean, green, growing and sustainable place
Appropriate infrastructure development is completed to support housing growth including; Warfield Link Road, Coral Reef Junction, Jennetts Park, town centre
 - Strong, safe, supportive and self-reliant communities
High levels of community cohesion are maintained

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None. To not make improvements to the outside area will mean that it is not able to accommodate the extra demand created by the housing developments in the area.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The soft play area in the garden is currently only suitable for use by the nursery group that hire the centre. The Community Association would like to replace it with some artificial grass so that other groups can use the garden area; it is a more durable surface, but is still suitable as a playground safety surface.
- 5.2 The S106 contributions to fund this improvement project come from social and community facilities contributions in the Old Bracknell ward, namely Land at Brakenhale School (07/01259) £8,390.38 and the Wildridings and Central ward, namely Land adj Woodridge House (08/00624) £630 and Land at 2a Woodridge Close (10/00033) Wildridings and Central £1,850

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The allocation of funding proposed in this report complies with the requirements of the s106 agreements.

The approval of the recommendation in the report falls within the decision making remit of officers in consultation with the Executive member pursuant to the Bracknell Forest Council Constitution November 2016 Part 2, section 6 paragraph 6.2 (a)(vi).

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Details of the developer financial contributions that will be used to finance the works are set out in the main body of the report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not applicable

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Not applicable

Other Officers

- 6.5 Not applicable

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Old Bracknell and Wildridings & Central Councillors

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Telephone and email

Representations Received

- 7.3 Incorporated into this paper.

Background Papers

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