

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE, RESOURCES & PUBLIC PROTECTION  
02 JULY 2018**

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**S106 CONTRIBUTIONS THE PARKS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Director of Resources**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for a grant of £10,481.71 to be given to The Parks Community Association.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That approval is given for expenditure of £10,481.71 from the Resources Capital budget to be given as a grant to The Parks Community Association.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To enable The Parks Community Association to have in their reserves a budget for repairs to the MUGA and/or tennis courts to help enable them to take on the management of the facilities, as part of the transformation of Parks & Open Spaces.
- 3.2 This project will directly support three of the Councils strategic objectives,
- Value for money  
*Community involvement and the use of volunteers in the delivery of council services has increased*
  - 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, the money was originally identified to spend on the MUGA.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The contributions to fund this grant come from the Resources capital budget.
- 5.2 £24,000 was transferred across from Parks & Countryside into this budget to pay the developer to install a special surface on the MUGA. However, it was agreed with the developer that we could keep our contribution to cover the cost of snagging and defect works on the community centre/sports pavilion, as their contractor didn't carry these out.
- 5.3 £10,481.71 of this money still remains in the budget.
- 5.4 As part of the transformation of Parks & Open Spaces, discussions are on-going with The Parks Community Association, who currently manages the community centre and sports pavilion, about taking on the management of the MUGA and tennis courts. The community association has stated they would like to do this; however, they do

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have some concerns about the future maintenance costs. Giving the CA a grant to help towards these costs will make this transfer easier.

5.5 A grant agreement would be set up with the Community Association to ensure that the money was reserved for maintenance works to the MUGA and/or tennis courts.

5.6 The Parks & Countryside department have agreed to this proposal.

### **6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

#### Borough Solicitor

6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

#### Borough Treasurer

6.2

#### 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 Parks & Countryside Department

#### Method of Consultation

7.2 Email inviting comments on the proposed contributions.

#### Representations Received

7.3 Approved the expenditure on this project

#### Background Papers

#### Contact for further information

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