

**TO: THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE, RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION  
21ST JANUARY 2019**

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**S106 CONTRIBUTIONS BULLBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Director of Organisational Development, Transformation & Human Resources**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That approval is given for expenditure of £20,144 of S106 social and community facilities contributions on improvements to the Bullbrook Community Centre.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Bullbrook Community Association would like to install a new soundproof fire door between two rooms so that both can be hired out at the same time.
- 3.2 They would like to install air conditioning in the main hall so that more groups can make use of the space and no groups have to stop their activities in the summer months because it is too hot.
- 3.3 They would like to install new flooring in the lobby area so that in the winter months they do not have to close the centre for half a day each month as a result of cleaning the carpet.
- 3.4 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 fire door, main hall or lobby floor will mean that it is not able to accommodate the extra demand created by the housing development in the area.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 To decide that this was the best way to spend these contributions, the Bullbrook Community Association was consulted.

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- 5.2 The Centre Manager advised that the Community Association get many new enquiries for the small hall from groups, however, they cannot accept them because it is too noisy to hire it out when the adjacent room is being used and vice versa.
- 5.3 Previous work has taken place to soundproof the wall, however, there is a fire door between the two spaces and this is still letting through noise. The Council's Health & Safety Advisor has been consulted and the fire door cannot be removed, so the only option is to replace it with a specialist soundproof one.
- 5.4 The main hall gets very hot in the summer months, especially when being used for exercise and dance classes and as the number of people attending these activities grows. Some of these groups have to stop using the centre in the summer because it gets too hot and for the same reason, it cannot be hired out to new groups.
- 5.5 The community association have tried using floor standing cooling fans to reduce the temperature in the hall, however, they only really help those people standing next to them and they become a health and safety issue for the exercise and dance groups.
- 5.6 The carpet in the lobby area gets very dirty, particularly when it is wet and in the winter months. The Centre Manager has to clean the carpet at least once a month and as a result, has to close the centre for half a day in order to let the carpet dry. As the centre becomes busier, the carpet gets dirtier and will have to be cleaned more often, resulting in more time that the centre will be closed to hirers.
- 5.7 By installing more suitable flooring in the lobby area, the Centre Manager will be able to clean it and dry it in a much shorter time and avoid the need to shut the centre for hours at a time.
- 5.8 The S106 contributions to fund this improvement project come from social and community facilities contributions in the Bullbrook ward, namely Jctn Bay Drive/London Rd (10/00780) contribution of £20,144.

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

### Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The LA has the powers to make this allocation of funds out of S106 contributions that it holds.

### Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The financial implications are set out in the 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

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- 7.1 Bullbrook Community Association Centre Manager, Management Committee and Bracknell Forest Council building surveyors and Health & Safety Advisor. The ward members for the Bullbrook ward have been consulted by the Executive Member for Culture, Resources and Public Protection.

### Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Through meetings and email

### Representations Received

- 7.3 Incorporated into this paper

### Background Papers

### Contact for further information

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