

**COUNCIL
26 JUNE 2002**

**RELEASE OF SECTION 106 FUNDING
(Director of Corporate Services/Director of Leisure Services)**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

This report seeks approval to the release of Section 106 funding for the following projects.

- (i) Westmorland Park – Installation of basketball net – kick about area and new paths
- (ii) A grant to Bracknell Town Council to improve the open space in Calfridus Way.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- (i) Approval be given to the release of a total of £25,000 of money held under Section 106 for the provision of an open access unit facility at Westmorland Park, North Bracknell.
- (ii) Approval be given to the release of an amount of £40,000 of money held under Section 106 to Bracknell Town Council as a grant for improving drainage at Calfridus Way playing fields.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Authorisation from the full Council is necessary for the release of Section 106 funding in respect of two schemes.

- (i) To improve provision for young people at Westmorland Park.
- (ii) To improve standard of pitches at Calfridus Way playing fields.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None – both projects are considered to be appropriate uses of the available Section 106 funding.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Westmorland Park, North Bracknell

Subject to the release of Section 106 funding, a tarmacadam area with basketball net and nearby seating will be installed. The proposed location is on land north of the existing play area. Because this land is sloping a “cut and fill” operation is needed to create a flat area suitable for ball games. In addition a new section of footpath connecting the youth area to the entrance will be provided.

The site has existing provision for sport, walking and children’s play so this will extend the range of users of the site. This provision has been included in the management plan for the site.

Appropriate Section 106 funds are available from developments at Gough’s Lane (£22,350), Shoreland Oaks (£494) and Warfield YNOA7 (£22,156).

Calfridus Way Recreation Ground

A new housing development is to be completed at Broad Lane which will increase demand on the Calfridus Way recreation ground. Section 106 funding has been secured to improve recreation facilities within 1.5k of the site. Some of this money has already been allocated for Lily Hill Park but the remaining funding is available for use as a grant to Bracknell Town Council for improvement works at Calfridus Way recreation ground. Bracknell Town Council have requested that funds be made available to improve drainage at the site, the total cost of the scheme is estimated at £40,000. A study of recreation pitch provision in the Borough in 1999 concluded that there was a need to improve the standard of pitches in this borough so as to make better use of the existing resources.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

There are no specific legal implications arising in the case of Westmorland Park. In the case of Calfridus Way, the proposed grant is authorised by Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Borough Finance Officer

Section 106 funding is available in respect of both schemes as described.

Access Implications

The provision of a new tarmacadam footpath at Westmorland Park would facilitate easy access. There are no relevant access issues in relation to the project at Calfridus Way recreation ground.

7. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED

Westmorland Park User Forum

Youth & Community Service

8. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

The Youth & Community services actively support the proposed provision at Westmorland Park. At the user forum there were mixed views with the sports clubs expressing some reservations and the parish council being in favour. No consultation was carried in relation to the scheme at Calfridus Way.

Background Papers

Reports by Director of Leisure Services

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