

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
24 January 2012

Subject: **USE OF LEISURE RELATED S106 FUNDS**

**Thirsk Wards
Scrutiny Committees
Cabinet Member for Leisure and Health: Councillor Wilkinson**

1.0 PURPOSE:

- 1.1 The Council's policy is to secure sustainable appropriate open space and children's play provision within the site of a development. Occasionally this is not possible and so negotiations with developers secure funds for community recreational projects off site where they can be related to the development.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to allocate £7,000 of Section 106 funding, that is already secured for public open space, sport and recreation in Thirsk, to complete changing facilities at the Pavillion on Thirsk Flatts. The money will be allocated from S106 funds secured and received by the council from the Norby site.

2.0 BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The Flatts Trust own a sports Pavilion that is largely used by Thirsk Falcons Football Club which operates 3 teams playing on two pitches. They play in the Harrogate and District League.

The existing Changing rooms are substandard in terms of both their condition and size. A project costing in the region of £50,000 will improve both quality and create an extension of sufficient size to serve both pitches.

The Club and Flatts Trust have covered £43,000 of this cost. The £7,000 is needed to complete the project.

- 2.2 The project meets the following criteria for receipt of Section 106 funding:

- Meeting the obligations of the S106 Agreement;
- The Corporate priority afforded to the project;
- Strategic fit

3.0 DECISIONS SOUGHT:

- 3.1 The decision sought relates to the allocation of £7,000 Section 106 funding to Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Trust to complete the Pavilion changing rooms.

4.0 LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES:

- 4.1 This decision links primarily to the Health priority of the Council to improve opportunities for young people and increase participation in physical activity.

5.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

5.1 The overall risk to the Council associated with this decision is low.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND EFFICIENCIES:

6.1 The main method of delivery of S106 allocations is to passport external funding from developers to community groups. Funds are not committed or released to organisations until the Council is in receipt of the monies from the developer.

6.2 Funding offers are subject to 12 monthly reviews to determine progress. Following a review, if a project is unlikely to proceed, the offer of funding will be withdrawn and re-allocated. There are no revenue implications for this Council.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

7.1 There is a legal responsibility upon the Council to ensure this funding is used in a way consistent with the individual S106 Agreements.

8.0 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998:

8.1 The project has the potential to reduce crime and disorder through providing a diversionary activities.

9.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:

9.1 All projects in receipt of this funding have equal access and be available for the general public to use.

10.0 RECOMMENDATION:

10.1 It is recommended that an allocation of £7,000 Section 106 funding is allocated to the Thirsk Flatts Trust in respect of changing room extension work.

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