

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
11 June 2013

Subject: ALLOCATION OF SECTION 106 FUNDS

**Easingwold Ward
Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health: Councillor Mrs S Shepherd**

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Council's policy is to endorse Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans to provide a more strategic and efficient process for allocating future Section 106 either from LDF allocations or windfall sites.
- 1.2 The Easingwold Action Plan was approved by Cabinet on 11 September 2012. Since the plan was approved two significant Section 106 contributions towards public open space, sport and recreation have been agreed as follows:-
- York Road - £79,132.70;
 - Ward Trailers - £147,478.00.

There are also a number of Unilateral Undertakings in place for windfall sites in Easingwold totalling £18,088.00 to date, which will only increase over time.

- 1.3 The Council has previously granted planning permission for a site which includes a £650,000 contribution for a sports hall for Easingwold Secondary School. The School continues to fundraise towards the sports hall, but the lack of availability of other funding sources and the financial gap of over £1m means the delivery of the sports all could be some years away. The new Headteacher, supported by the School's Governing Body, has reprioritised and wishes to deliver a full size synthetic turf floodlit pitch at a cost of approximately £600,000. Funding applications to Sport England, the Football Foundation and the MoD Community Covenant Fund have been made and the School has requested that this Council agrees to release £100,000 of the £650,000 sports hall S106 funding for this new purpose. This new facility will be managed joint by the School and the community.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to:-
- 1) agree a schedule (detailed at Annex A) of how these funds are matched to projects in the Easingwold Action Plan so that they will be timely and appropriate to maximise the effectiveness and use of the funds; and
 - 2) agree this approach for other towns where significant S106 allocations are agreed.
- 1.6 The funding schedule has taken into account the following:-
- Community need and impact the project will have in meeting this;
 - Strategic fit;
 - Project readiness;

- Match funding timescales;
- Value for money.

1.7 A copy of the Action Plan is available at Annex B.

2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

2.1 This links primarily to the Health priority of the Council.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

3.1 The main method of delivery of S106 allocations is to passport external funding from developers to community groups. Funds will not be committed or released to organisations until the Council has received the monies from the developer.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

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

5.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

5.1 There are no significant risks to the Council.

6.0 SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998:

6.1 Some of these projects have the potential to reduce crime and disorder through providing diversionary activity for young people.

7.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:

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

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

8.1 It is recommended that:-

- 1) the Section 106 funding schedule at Annex A is agreed;
- 2) this approach is replicated for other towns where significant S106 allocations are agreed; and
- 3) the Council agrees to release £100,000 of the Easingwold School Sports Hall funding to the new full size floodlit pitch.

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Background papers: Hambleton Local Development Framework – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Supplementary Planning Document
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Section 106 funding schedule for Easingwold

Priority	Project	Organisation	Project detail	Cost	S106 allocation
1	Skate Park	Easingwold Town Council	A new project to install a concrete skate park to replace existing skatepark	£125,000.00	£70,000.00 (Ward Trailers) Shortfall £55,000 to be secured from external sources
2	The Galtres Centre#1	The Galtres Centre	Provide more single storey storage to cater for more gymnastics equipment/spinning bikes etc; add single storey studio/spinning room adjacent to new storage area above; extend Fitness Centre to allow for more equipment – all to meet increasing membership base and demand	£120,000.00	£60,000.00 (Ward Trailers) Shortfall £60,000 to be funded by own organisation or other external grants
3	Football facilities	Easingwold Town Football Club	Grass pitch drainage scheme	£15,000.00 (£5,000 shortfall)	£5,000.00 (Unilateral Undertakings)
4	Football facilities	Easingwold Town Football Club	Improvement to winter training facilities by building a 61m x 43m 3G artificial grass pitch to FA technical standards to allow 350 people to train on a regular basis and playing the clubs mini soccer fixtures	£100,000.00	£79,132.70 (York Road) Shortfall £20,867.30 to be secured from external sources
5	Millfields Open Space	Easingwold Town Council	Trim trail, located around the existing track – installation of 10 natural timber stations	£20,000.00	£17,478.00 (Ward Trailers) Shortfall £2,522 to be secured from external sources
6	Memorial Park	Easingwold Town Council	New path from the Memorial Park archway entrance to the bandstand and continuing on to the entrance of the gated play area to preserve grassed area	£10,000.00	£10,000.00 (Unilateral Undertakings)

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7	Cricket and tennis facilities	Easingwold Cricket Club	Relocation of tennis court to improve health and safety. The works will include removing & replacing all the fencing, remove & relaying top soil, reseed all grassed areas and all drainage works where required	£40,000.00	£40,000.00 (Unilateral Undertakings)
8	Millfields Open Space	Easingwold Town Council	Creation of mud based BMX bike ramps	£5,000.00	£5,000.00 (Unilateral Undertakings)
9	Bowls Club	Easingwold Bowls Club	Improve accessibility for current members. This will also encourage new membership	£10,000.00	£10,000.00 (Unilateral Undertakings)
10	Football facilities	Easingwold Town Football Club	Invest to save schemes – installation of solar panels to our south facing roof in order to provide free electricity, development of a permanent pitch perimeter barrier to better comply with league regulations and to generate income for club from advertising	£18,000.00	£18,000.00 (Unilateral Undertakings)
11	Easingwold Outdoor Centre	Easingwold Outdoor Centre	Development of a meeting room, kitchen / toilet / shower facilities for use by pre-schools and extensive term-time bookings from local primary schools in addition to camps from youth groups from N & W Yorkshire	£100,000.00	Could potentially be funded with CIL monies in the future
				£548,000.00	£244,698.70

#1 – project only eligible for funds from the Ward Trailers development

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION ACTION PLAN - EASINGWOLD

What POS / Sport / Recreation facilities do you have already?	Managing organisation and contact details	Future actions	How do you know there is a need for this project?	Estimated cost (£)	Community Priority (1 = highest priority)
Millfields Open Space	Easingwold Town Council	Football nets & rugby posts – to be situated on the recreational area at Millfields – rugby and football post combination to best utilise space	Residents and children who live near the area who regularly take children to the play area have requested nets and posts.	£3,500.00	Complete
Chase Garth Open Space	Easingwold Town Council	Provision of 3 new seats in the Open Space	Members of the public wish to have a place to rest and enjoy the surroundings in this location	£3,100.00	Complete
Skate Park	Easingwold Town Council	A new project to install a concrete skate park to replace existing skatepark (drainage included). Concrete skate parks require little maintenance and reduce the noise made. Provide more single storey storage to cater for more gymnastics equipment/spinning bikes etc; and add single storey studio/spinning room adjacent to new storage area above to accommodate increasing demand	Direct request from group of young people	£125,000.00 (£1,461 S106 allocated to date)	1
The Galtres Centre	The Galtres Centre		Usage is continuing to increase across all demographics incl. schools	£80,000.00	2
Football facilities	Easingwold Town Football Club	Grass pitch drainage scheme	The club has grown within the last 10 years from 2 adult teams to 18 teams for boys, girls, men and women's teams. This is a priority for the Easingwold & Villages Forum	£15,000.00 (£10,000 S106 allocated to date)	3

What POS / Sport / Recreation facilities do you have already?	Managing organisation and contact details	Future actions	How do you know there is a need for this project?	Estimated cost (£)	Community Priority (1 = highest priority)
Easingwold Outdoor Centre	Easingwold Outdoor Centre	Development of a new meeting room, kitchen and toilet/shower facilities for use by local pre-schools and extensive term-time bookings from local primary schools in addition to camps from youth groups from North and West Yorkshire	Public consultation exercise conducted in 2011. This is a priority for the Easingwold & Villages Forum	£100,000.00	4
Bowls Club	Easingwold Bowls Club	Improve accessibility for current members. This will also encourage new membership	Club Members. This is a priority for the Easingwold & Villages Forum	£10,000.00	5
The Galtres Centre	The Galtres Centre	Extend the Fitness Centre to allow for more equipment and build on the increasing membership base	Usage is continuing to increase across all demographics incl. schools	£40,000.00	6
Football facilities	Easingwold Town Football Club	Invest to save schemes – installation of solar panels to our south facing roof in order to provide free electricity, development of a permanent pitch perimeter barrier to better comply with league regulations and to generate income for club from advertising	Facility development plan for Easingwold Town Football Club. This is a priority for the Easingwold & Villages Forum	£18,000.00	7
The Galtres Centre	The Galtres Centre	Renovate men's changing area and showers	Usage is continuing to increase across all demographics incl. schools	£15,000.00 (£6,539 S106 allocated, shortfall covered by own funds)	Complete
Millfields Open Space	Easingwold Town Council	Trim trail, located around the existing track – installation of 10 natural timber stations	Members of the public are very keen to have innovative ways of exercising without paying a membership. This should be suitable for adults and youths, but not children	£20,000.00	8
Memorial Park	Easingwold Town Council	New path from the Memorial Park archway entrance to the bandstand and continuing on to the entrance of the gated play area to preserve grassed area	Worn grassed area	£10,000.00	9

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Millfields Open Space	Easingwold Town Council	Creation of mud based BMX bike ramps	Letters received from Secondary School pupils who use the park and residents who wish to see more for teenagers in the area	£5,000.00	10
Football facilities	Easingwold Town Football Club	Improvement to the winter training facilities by building a 61m x 43m 3G artificial grass pitch to FA technical standards to allow 350 people to train on a regular basis as well as playing the clubs mini soccer fixtures on the surface Explore relocation of a tennis court to improve health and safety. If a viable project the scope of works will include removing & replacing all the fencing, remove & relaying top soil, reseed all grassed areas and all drainage works where required	Survey of parents, players, managers and club officials	£100,000.00	11
Crickets and tennis facilities	Easingwold Cricket Club		Consultation with users of both the cricket and tennis clubs. This is a priority for the Easingwold & Villages Forum	£40,000.00	12