

PAPER NO. 3

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 26th SEPTEMBER 2011

Status: Decision
Title: Section 106 Allocations
Originator: Matthew Bradford, Head of Environment and Leisure Services
Where from: Grants Panel
Where to next: Implementation

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit the Grants Panel recommendations in respect of Capital, Revenue and Section 106 applications. The Executive is asked to approve the recommendation of grants set out in Appendix A to this report.

2 **Recommendations:**

2.1 **It is recommended that the applications set out in Appendix A be approved.**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

3.1 The applications for funding have been considered by the Grants Panel and recommended for approval.

4 Impact on Communities

4.1 All of the supported projects have clear benefits for the local communities involved. The range of applications includes open space improvements, sporting facilities and community facilities.

5 Key Facts

5.1 Application forms are assessed against a set of criteria and these are based on the following:-

- **Policies and Strategies** – how far the proposal supports wider priorities such as sustainability, equal opportunities provision, health improvement targets and key target groups.

- **Evidence of Need** – how far the application has demonstrated that there is local support for a proposal through, for example, surveys and questionnaires, involvement of local groups in developing and designing

facilities and what efforts have been made to ensure under represented groups are included. It should also be shown how the need for the proposed facility relates to the relevant new development generating the S106 funding.

- **Usage** – higher priority is given to multi use facilities, those which have a high number of users, and which provide facilities that meet the needs of some or all of the Council’s target groups. These are children, youth, elderly, people with special needs, lone parents, disabled, and the travelling community.

- **Funding Issues** – with higher priority given to those applications which submit evidence of a complete funding package.

Those which can provide evidence that:

- they have attracted funding from other grant sources
- have submitted a comprehensive business plan
- have clearly demonstrated that provision has been made for the longer term funding needs of the project. (Applicants with a high level of unqualified resources in their accounts which could fund the project may receive a low priority).

- **Management and Track Record** - looking at how groups are set up and managed and whether they have the experience and skills to manage the project.

6 Legal Issues

6.1 Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 empowers planning authorities to seek contributions from developers towards the provision or improvement of facilities required as a result of their developments

7 Resource Issues

7.1 Under S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, contributions are sought from developers towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure, the need for which has arisen as a result of a new development taking place. Therefore, Section 106 Applications will continue to be allocated where appropriate.

8 Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes

8.1 None

9 Impact on the Organisation

9.1 None

10 Community Safety Implications

10.1 None

11. Carbon Management Implications

11.1 None

12. Risk Management Implications

12.1 None

13 Consultation

13.1 The recommendations for the applications attached at Appendix A were made by the relevant Parish/Town Council's, Market Harborough Councillors and the Grants Panel.

14 Options Considered

14.1 No other options were considered.

15 Background Papers

15.1 None.

Previous report(s): *text*

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: Y/N

Ward Members Notified: Y/N

Appendices: *list any appendices here including title and filename in brackets (e.g. Performance Data 2010 (perpdata.doc)).*

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APPENDIX A – SECTION 106 AWARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE GRANTS PANEL.

Name of Organisation	Description	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended by Grants Panel
Market Harborough			
HDC	New footpaths – Simborough Way	£13,500	£13,500
HDC	New Play Area – Coales Gardens	£35,000	£35,000 (subject to further consultation with local residents and ward members on the exact location and equipment to be provided)
Friends of Welland Park	Improved tennis facilities including floodlighting	£56,000	£56,000 (subject to planning permission for floodlighting)
Harborough Wheels Project	Floodlighting at Bellfield Skatepark	£25,000	£25,000 (subject to consultation with adjoining residents and an 8pm curfew being applied)
HYACT	Renovation of Bowls Pavilion to make a Youth Club	£90,000	£63,013 (this being the available balance of Community Facilities funding in Market Harborough)
Lutterworth			
Lutterworth Town Council	Leveling of Moorbarns Lane and the provision of goal posts	£40,200	£8,074 (limited by the balance available)
Lutterworth Town Council	Installation of new play equipment at Crescent Road and Coventry Road	£20,000	£3,909 (limited by the balance available)
Swinford			
Swinford 2000	Additional play equipment	£14,377	£14,377
Swinford 2000	Purchase of Mini Bus	£36,453.60	Not recommended
All Saints	Heating for the	£7,015	Not recommended

Parochial Church Council	Church		
Skeffington			
Skeffington Parish Meeting	Benches and street scene improvements	£1,700	£1,700
Skeffington Parish Meeting	Cemetery improvements	£6,600	£6,600
Skeffington Parish Meeting	Purchase of land for use as a play area	£60,000	£53,422 (subject to an acceptable accessibility audit being undertaken on the site)
Thurnby and Bushby			
Church Hall User Group	Improved access, lighting and facilities	£15,000	Deferred – further info on usage figures and matched funding required.
Stoughton			
Stoughton Parish Council	Installation of pathways and open space improvements	£40,042.62	£32,600 (amount requested minus sundries and architects fees)
Scraptoft			
Scraptoft Parish Council	Seats and litter bins at the Woodland Walk	£4,000	£4,000 (subject to bin emptying arrangements being in place)
Kibworth			
St. Wilfreds Church	Internal and external works	£83,582.89	Deferred. Information required on usage. Further consultation with the Parish Councils, ward members and residents required.