



CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

That approval is granted to contribute £36,300.40 of Section 106 funds to Stamford Town Council towards the total costs of the following projects to improve play facilities at Stamford Recreation Ground:

- 1 - Fencing around the grass tennis courts and bowling green;
- 2 - Extension to the Shack building;
- 3 - Outdoor play equipment for all abilities.

This is subject to Stamford Town Council providing written confirmation that the additional £33,384.60 match funding that they will provide towards the total project costs is in place.

(1) Details of Decision

To seek approval to contribute Section 106 funds to Stamford Town Council towards projects to improve play facilities at Stamford Recreation Ground.

(2) Considerations/Evidence

The Section 106 funding towards these projects was secured from two developments at Belvoir Close, Stamford.

S13/0150 was a development for 15 dwellings that was conditionally approved on 5 September 2013. The Section 106 Agreement for this development included a contribution of £30,521.00 (index linked) towards "the cost of the provision of informal/ natural open space or the provision or enhancement or upgrade of existing play facilities in Stamford".

S13/2586 was a development for 7 dwellings that was conditionally approved on 17 January 2014. The Section 106 Agreement for this development included a contribution of £14,715.00 (index linked) towards "the cost of the provision of informal/ natural open space or the provision or enhancement or upgrade of existing play facilities in Stamford".

(3) Reasons for Decision:

When index linked £31,335.70 and £14,964.70 respectively was paid by Linden Homes on 28 November 2014. £10,000 of these funds has been allocated to the play facilities as part of the SKDC development off Lincoln

Road, Stamford.

These Section 106 funds are time limited and these are subject to expiration on 28 November 2019. All of the funds to be expended comply with the section 106 agreements or have the agreement for expenditure from the developer.

Stamford Town Council has requested that the remaining £36,300.40 of these funds be allocated as match funding towards the following projects to improve play facilities at the Stamford Recreation Ground:

- 1 - Fencing around the grass tennis courts and bowling green;
- 2- Extension to the Shack building (a Youth Centre on the Recreation Ground owned by Stamford Town Council);
- 3- Outdoor play equipment for all abilities.

Stamford Town Council has had quotations to carry out the above projects as follows:

- 1 - Fencing around the grass tennis courts and bowling green (£14,150.00);
- 2 - Extension to the Shack building (£10,440.00);
- 3 - Outdoor play equipment for all abilities (£45,095.00).

Stamford Town Council have indicated that their priority is to fund the first two projects (fencing and Shack building extension) with the match funding for the total project costs (£33,384.60) coming from grant funding and allocated budget resources.

The use of this Section 106 funding towards these improvements on Stamford Recreation Ground will provide new and enhance existing facilities for "play" within Stamford and is therefore appropriate to the wording in the legal agreements.

Comments from Venues and Facilities - Whilst we have several play areas that could also benefit from the 106 funding it is sensible that on this occasion the funding is directed towards the Recreation Ground as there is match funding and significant overall Community benefit which fits with our own ambitions.

Conflicts of Interest

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded).

NONE

Dispensations

(Any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted).

NONE

Decision taken by:

Name: Councillor Dr Peter Moseley
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date of Decision: 14 September 2017

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 15 September 2017

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 days after the date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Chairman of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any 5 members of the Council from any political groups):

23 September 2017