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DISTRICT
COUNCIL




Officer Delegated Decision

30 January 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and Section 151 Officer

Distribution of S106 monies in relation to Education at Lincolnshire County Council

Phil Jordan, Development Management & Enforcement Manager

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
Decision:	To approve the expenditure of section 106 funds totalling £346,816.37 for the purpose of the construction of a new primary school on the Poplar Farm estate.
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	N/A
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	Paragraph 20 (Management of Services) of the Council's scheme of officer delegation (Part 3c – Responsibility for Functions) provides the officer highlighted above with the necessary authority to take this decision

1 Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance; and legal and governance, the following implications have been identified:

Finance

- 1.1 The financial implications are set out within the report, the decision required is to passport funds collected by the Council on to the County Council. There is no financial impact to the SKDC.

Completed by: Paul Sutton Interim Head of Finance (Deputy s151)

Governance

- 1.2 This decision is made in accordance with provisions of the Council's Constitution and the conditions associated with the Section 106 Agreement referenced in this notice.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer

2 The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 Lincolnshire County Council have requested funds totalling £346,816.37 to be used towards the construction of a new primary school within Grantham on the Poplar Farm estate.
- 2.2 The new build project of a Primary School in Grantham was completed in the summer of 2018 for a total cost to Lincolnshire County Council of £8,370,898.00.
- 2.3 Lincolnshire County Council have already drawn down £508,263.00 and £1,337,225.41 of S106 funds from S08/1231, which has left a balance of £6,495,409.59 of costs incurred on the project that have not already been covered by S106 funds.
- 2.4 Lincolnshire County Council has provided a financial breakdown of how the money has been spent, now that the work on Poplar Farm school has been completed.
- 2.5 SKDC is in receipt of £122,992.36 received 28 March 2024 and £223,824.01 received 1 July 2024 from further Section 106 contributions associated with planning permission ref: S08/1231. The total sum is requested (£346,816.37) as part payment towards the remaining balance of costs of £6,495,409.59 for Poplar Farm Primary School.

- 2.6 The combined balance requested for S08/1231 totals £346,816.37 leaving the remaining balance of £6,148,593.22 to be funded by Lincolnshire County Council.
- 2.7 The relevant clauses within the S106 agreement specify the money is for the following purpose:
- 2.8 S08/1231 – The clause states on page 39 point 2: The County Council shall not use the primary school site for any purpose other than as a Primary School which expression includes the construction of a Primary School and potential for an early year's school facility to be part of the development.
- 2.9 South Kesteven District Council will not be acquiring any additional assets which are subject to liabilities or insurances from this project.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 Poplar Farm Primary School works were completed in 2018 and Lincolnshire County Council followed appropriate procurement processes for its construction.
- 3.2 No other projects or bids for the funds have currently been received.

4. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 4.1 The proposed project meets the requirements of the S106 funding specified within the agreement S08/1231. Funds were received by South Kesteven District Council specifically for Lincolnshire County Council to contribute towards the construction costs of Poplar Farm School. No other competing projects or schemes have been submitted.

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **30 January 2025**