



## **North Devon Council**

Report Date: Monday, 6 November 2023

Topic: Approval and Release of S106 Public Open Space Funds - Chittlehamholt

Report by: Richard Slaney, Parks, Leisure and Public Open Space Officer

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1. This report seeks to allocate S106 public open space funds for solar panels with battery storage, air source heat pump and installation of toilets including new disabled toilet suite at Chittlehamholt Village Hall.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1. That Strategy and Resources Committee allocates £34,000 to Chittlehamholt, Warkleigh & Satterleigh Village Hall towards the cost of installing solar panels with battery storage, air source heat pump and toilets including new disabled toilet suite.

2.2. Subject to approval of 2.1, that Strategy and Resources Committee recommends Council vary the capital programme by £34,000 and the funds be released subject to a funding agreement upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed by the Senior Solicitor for external projects.

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1. To allocate funds in line with the requirement of S106 agreements.

3.2. To protect and enhance public open space.

### **4. REPORT**

4.1. The organisation registered as "Chittlehampton, Warkleigh & Satterleigh Village Hall" have developed two projects to improve the village hall located in Chittlehamholt.

4.2. The first project is to install solar panels with battery storage and an air source heat pump to make the building more environmentally friendly and more viable by reducing reliance on traditional utilities – costs of which have been difficult to sustain.

4.3. The second project is to install water efficient urinals and a new toilet suite including a disabled provision with radar access that can be accessed 24/7, including by those using the adjacent Launds Playing Fields and adjacent community shop.

4.4. Match funding of £7,803.91 has been achieved for the projects via the ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund.

## 5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Total costs of delivering both projects is £41,366.83 including contingency. It is proposed that £34,000 is funded from the S106 capital budget from the following source:

| <b>Development Description</b>    | <b>Application No</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| High Bullen Hotel, Chittlehamholt | 58603                 | £34,000       |

5.2. £7,803.91 will be funded via the ACREA Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund with the remaining shortfall and any overspend paid for by Chittlehamholt, Warkleigh & Salterleigh Village Hall.

## 6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1. There are not any equalities implications as a result of the solar panel and air heat source pump installations.

6.2. The toilet project has been designed to meet all disability regulations and will provide a positive outcome in comparison to the current provision.

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1. Both projects provide positive outcomes for improving the environmental impact of the building through installation of sustainable heat and electric source and reduced water usage.

## 8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

8.1. What impact, positive or negative, does the subject of this report have on:

8.1.1. The commercialisation agenda: No Impact.

8.1.2. Improving customer focus: The allocation of the S106 Public Open Space funds to these projects benefits the local community by enhancing the facility provision and the sustainability of the asset.

8.1.3. Regeneration or economic development: The projects will use local suppliers where possible and provide investment in local public assets.

## 9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

9.1. Part 3 Annexe 1 paragraph 1, Delegated.

9.2. Article 4, referred.

## 10. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.



## 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- S106 Public Open Space Expression of Interest Form – August 2023  
CWS Village Hall – Solar.
- S106 Public Open Space Expression of Interest Form – August 2023  
CWS Village Hall – Toilets.

## 12. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers: Richard Slaney: Parks, Leisure and Public Open Space Officer.