

REPORT TO: STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: 1 July 2019

TOPIC: APPROVAL & RELEASE OF S106 OPEN SPACE FUNDS – BICKINGTON, ILFRACOMBE & NORTH MOLTON

REPORT BY: PROJECT, PROCUREMENT & OPEN SPACE OFFICER

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report seeks to allocate S106 public open space funds towards four schemes across the district.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Strategy & Resources allocates:

2.1.1 £20,449.70 to Tomlin Hall Committee towards improvements of the hall.

2.1.2 £1,774.91 towards a Shelter at Marlborough Road Cemetery (NDC).

2.1.3 £5,000 to North Devon Homes towards Oakford Villas Play Area, North Molton.

2.1.4 £3,519 to Victory Hall Committee, towards hall improvements at Victory Hall, North Molton.

2.2 Subject to approval of 2.1 above, that Strategy and Resources Committee recommends Council vary the capital programme by £30,743.61 and that funds be released, subject to a Funding Agreement upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed Head of Corporate and Community Services 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, including land and buildings.

4 REPORT

4.1 Tomlin Hall, Bickington

Tomlin Hall is Bickington's Village Hall. A survey completed by Fremington Parish Council identified the hall's facilities being outdated and in need of modernisation. This is the first phase of a number of proposed improvements.

A number of community groups use the hall, but with the proposed improvements, it is hoped the usage will increase. Current users groups include: Brownies, the WI, karate club, dog training and a church group.

The proposed works will provide improvement to this built recreation facility, to benefit community use by remodelling part of the hall to enlarge the storage area; a new more functional kitchen; new tiling, decoration, plumbing and heating.

Architectural drawings have been prepared and quotation secured. They anticipate works being carried out during the autumn of 2019 into spring 2020.

4.2 Shelter, Ilfracombe Cemetery

Parks, Leisure and Culture will purchase and install a shelter for Ilfracombe Cemetery. For many, the cemetery is used for a place of remembrance, however, it still has recreational use. A shelter will provide members of the public a place to shelter from inclement weather whilst still being able to view the cemetery.

4.3 Oakford Villas Play Area, North Molton.

North Devon Homes (NDH) own and maintain Oakford Villas Play Area, North Molton. It is situated in a residential area with high local use. Consultation with residents was carried out about how the play area could be improved. The proposed scheme will bring forward a more user friendly park through installing a single basketball post with a backboard and hoop, a single youth goal with steel socket heavyweight model, 1 meter of bow top fencing and Agri-Flex surfacing. These works will improve the standard of the play area for the local community. North Devon Homes have provided a quotation for the works.

4.4 North Molton Victory Hall

North Molton Victory Hall is in need of electric works, which will include wiring and installation of two smoke detector alarms in the main hall and one in the hall outside the toilets. The replacement of all faulty emergency lighting, a broken wall socket and the submain with the correct cable. Upgrading one consumer unit to bring up to standard and install a multi heat and smoke sensor alarm in the kitchen. The works are essential for Health and Safety. A quotation has been provided.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Tomlin Hall, Bickington

The total project cost is £36,035

That £20,449.70 be funded from the S106 capital budget from the following source:

Development Description	Application Number	Amount
Woolmers Farm, Bickington	52836	£20,449.70
	Total	£20,449.70

The remaining funding of £15,585.30 will be secured through funding bids and the halls own funding. Any overspend will be met by the Hall committee.

5.2 Shelter at Marlborough Road Cemetery

The total project cost is: £1,774.91.

That £1,774.91 be funded from the S106 capital budget from the following source:

Development Description	Application Number	Amount
The Marlborough Club, Ilfracombe	60271	£1,774.91
	Total	£1,774.91

Any overspend will be met by the existing Parks budget.

5.3 Oakford Villas Play Area, North Molton

The total project cost is: £5,386

That £5,000 be funded from the S106 capital budget from the following source

Development Description	Application Number	Amount
Lower Poole Barns, North Molton	63543	£5,000
	Total	£5,000

North Devon Homes will fund the remaining balance of £386. Any overspend will be met by North Devon Homes.

5.4 Victory Hall, North Molton

The Total project cost is: £3,519

That £3,519 be funded from the S106 capital budget from the following source

Development Description	Application Number	Amount
Lower Poole Barns, North Molton	63543	£3,519
	Total	£3,519

Any overspend will be met by Victory Hall committee.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
Part 3. Annexe 1. 1 (d)	Delegated

7 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

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

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

9 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

9.1 The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers.

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Reference: I:\Projects\Open Space & S106\Reports\010719 S & R Report - Tomlin Hall.docx