

REPORT TO: STRATEGY & RESOURCES

Date: 2 September 2019

TOPIC: APPROVAL & RELEASE OF S106 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FUNDS – CHULMLEIGH & ILFRACOMBE

REPORT BY: PROJECT, PROCUREMENT & OPEN SPACE OFFICER

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report seeks to allocate S106 public open space funds towards a project in Chulmleigh and one in Ilfracombe.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Strategy & Resources allocates:

2.1.1 £26,183 to Chulmleigh Parish Council towards Chulmleigh adventure play ground

2.1.2 £17,525 towards Southern Slopes open space illumination scheme (NDC led project).

2.1.3 Subject to approval of £2.1 above, that Strategy & Resources Committee recommends Council vary the capital programme by £43,708 and that 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, including land and buildings.

4 REPORT

4.1 Chulmleigh Parish Council – Adventure Play Ground

Chulmleigh Parish Council own the adventure play area, and work alongside Chulmleigh Playing Field Association to support and maintain the play provision in the town.

Pursuant to a report presented to the former Executive on 5 November 2018, the playing field equipment at the adventure playground was recently decommissioned owing to the age and deteriorating quality of the adventure playground.

When the initial request for S106 POS funding was presented the total project cost was £90,000. Since November 2018, additional funding of £19,710 has been secured by the parish council and playing field association. This brings the total secured project funding to £49,710, including the £30,000 of S106 funding previously allocated.

Since the previous award of open space funds, The Council has received a further S106 POS payment, which has led to a further request of funds for this scheme. The Parish Council and Playing field association have revisited the specification and quotation to secure an affordable scheme. The project costs and match funding are noted in 5.1 of this report.

This further request for £26,183 would enable the project to move forward with works being completed by December 2019.

4.2 Southern Slopes open space illuminations (NDC)

Southern slopes and the sea front in Ilfracombe is a popular location for residents and visitors to the area. The public realm in this area has been identified for improvement. As part of this regeneration the improvements to the illuminations will create a wider viewpoint of the illuminated gardens and surrounding features and open space.

The works will focus on key features within the southern Slopes and Seafront area, to include installation of new lamps and LED colour change lighting, wiring and anti-vandalism caging. The improvement will encourage more visitors to use the open space and be more attractive.

This will also improve efficiency of the illuminations and improve health and safety. The project will be delivered by property services.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Chulmleigh Parish Council – Adventure Play Area

The revised total project cost is £75,893, funded from the following sources:

Source	Amount
S106 Public Open Space funds approved at Executive on 5/11/18	£30,000
Big Lottery Funds Awards for all	£10,000
Councillor Grants	£5,100
Community donations appeal	£4,610
Total	£49,710

The shortfall be funded from the S106 POS source noted below.

Development Description	Application Number	Amount
Land off Leigh Road, Chulmleigh	56158	£26,183
	Total	£26,183

Any overspend will be met by the Parish Council.

5.2 Southern Slopes, Ilfracombe

The total project cost is £17,525. £5,255.18 will be funded from Ilfracombe Illuminations budget with the remainder being funded from the S106 contribution noted below.

Development Description	Application Number	Amount
Higher Lincombe Farm, Ilfracombe	62465	£2,583.12
Former Waterworks, Higher Slade, Ilfracombe	61085	£9,686.70
	Total	£12,269.82

Any overspend will be met within existing NDC budget.

6 EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1 This report is allocation of funds

7 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

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

8 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

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

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

10 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

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

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