

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	24 JUNE 2019	9
FULLY FUNDED ADDITION TO CAPITAL PROGRAMME – STAINING BUS SERVICE			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The report addresses the matter of payment of a developer contribution (generated from the development at Baines Farm, Staining in relation to application 09/0505) in the total sum of £13,200 to Staining Parish Council, to provide a once weekly return service from Staining to Poulton on market day (Monday) for two years.

Approval for this will be required from the Finance and Democracy Committee following consideration by the Operational Management Committee at the meeting to be held on 20th June 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Finance and Democracy committee is requested to:

1. Approve a fully-funded addition to the Capital Programme in 2019/20 in the sum of £13,200, to be met from section 106 monies received from the development at Baines Farm, the monies to be paid to Staining Parish Council to fund a bus service between Staining and Poulton-le-Fylde.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

16 December 2009 – 09/0505 Planning permission for the erection of 11 bungalows.
 20 June 2019 - Operational Management Committee

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	

REPORT

1. Permission was granted for the development of 11 dwellings at Baines Farm, Staining in 2010 under application 09/0505. This was the subject of a section 106 agreement, which included a contribution towards public transport. The agreement for £13,200 (extract below) states:

Sums payable under this part of the schedule are intended to be used by the Council to provide or to facilitate the improvement of public transport or the development and implementation of sustainable transport initiatives in the vicinity of the site.

2. This S106 contribution must be spent appropriately or repaid by 18/04/2021.
3. Lancashire County Council have recently confirmed that this money is not enough to improve or implement a transport initiative. The opinion of Staining Parish Council was sought on a suitable scheme. The Parish Council have developed a proposal to utilise the funding by April 2021 which would meet the requirements of the S106 agreement.
4. The Parish Council propose to initiate a new bus service for residents of Staining. It will operate between Staining and Poulton-le-Fylde once a week on Mondays (market day in Poulton) with the outward journey in the morning collecting from two bus stops (outside The Plough and at Normoss) and a return journey in the afternoon. It is hoped this new service will help to counter the isolation experienced by some residents as a result of cuts to other bus services.
5. Coastal Coaches will be contracted by the Parish Council to operate the service which is similar to another service they deliver on behalf of another Parish Council.
6. It is intended that this S106 funding will enable the service to operate for almost two years to establish whether the route is viable to be funded long-term. Should this be the case then Staining Parish Council will look to fund the continuation of the service by allocating restricted reserves.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The report requests the Finance and Democracy Committee approval for an addition to the approved Capital Programme in 2019/20 in the sum of £13,200. The funding will provide for a bus service between Staining and Poulton-le-Fylde as described within this report and is to be met in full from S106 monies held by the Council for this purpose.
Legal	The Council is obliged to use the contributions
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Operational Management	20/6/19	Operational Management Committee