

DECISION ITEM

| REPORT OF | MEETING | DATE | ITEM NO |
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| HEAD OF PLANNING | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | 25 MAY 2023 | 6 |
| TRAVEL PLAN IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENT FOR APPLICATION 12/0550 THE FORMER GEC MARCONI FACTORY, WARTON | | | |

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

This report requests the release of a Section 106 developer contribution made to provide travel plan support improvements as part of planning permission 12/0550, Land adjacent to Former GEC Marconi Factory, Warton, dated 8 July 2013. It is proposed that the contribution is transferred to Lancashire County Council to be applied towards the travel plan support on this site.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the committee approve a fully funded revenue budget increase in the sum of £12,000 in 2023/24 to be met by Section 106 monies held by the Council, towards the travel plan support work currently being undertaken by Lancashire County Council, to provide improved links to sustainable transportation and to minimise the impact of development on the environment.
2. That conditional upon receiving approval as above, that the sum of £12,000 be paid to Lancashire County Council, for the continued work to improve sustainable transport options to serve the development, businesses and the local community.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Report to relating to public transport improvements agreed at Council 12th October 2022.

| CORPORATE PRIORITIES | |
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| Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy | |
| Environment – To deliver services customers expect | √ |
| Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way | √ |
| Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit | |

REPORT

1. Planning permission was granted for a residential development on land adjacent to Former GEC Marconi Factory, Warton under reference 12/0550, subject to a section 106 agreement which included contributions to secure improvements in transport, travel and public realm.
2. Monies have been received by Fylde Council in accordance with the triggers set out in the agreement and Lancashire County Council (LCC) have requested that the funds held by Fylde Council be transferred to them to continue ongoing work creating the travel plan, to help reduce traffic congestion, improvements to air quality and to enhance public health.
3. The Sn 106 agreement required a transport and travel contribution to be paid before the occupation of the 100th dwelling on site. The agreement wording is

The sum of £60,000 payable to be spent over 5 years with £12,000 being applied towards the travel plan support and £48,000 being applied towards improvements to the take up of alternative transport modes and/or a subsidy of bus service number 68.

4. Lancashire County Council (LCC) have advised they play a crucial role in supporting developers in creating travel plans that benefit both the environment and local communities. Their work to support this development and BAE Systems with Travel Plans has been ongoing but LCC advise that they have limited ability to support this work due to not having the funding secured. The work that has been done to date has been done at cost to LCC, so this payment to LCC will help cover their costs. Discussions have been ongoing for the travel and monitoring team at LCC (even during covid) with the developers and BAE Systems and LCC would like to continue to provide support, particularly now that traffic has stabilised and the monitoring of Travel Plans is no longer negatively impacted by Covid as has been the case over recent years.
5. The contribution has been with Fylde Council for a number of years during which discussions have been ongoing with LCC to gain their acceptance of this money and provide detail to enable it to be transferred. The contribution is due to be repaid if not spent (July 2023). As LCC have now confirmed how the funds will be utilised and as the travel plans are essential for ensuring sustainable transportation and minimising the impact of development on the environment this seems acceptable to transfer this final 106 contribution to LCC.

| IMPLICATIONS | |
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| Finance | This report seeks approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase in the sum of £12,000 in 2023/24 to be met by Section 106 monies held by the Council. Subject to this approval the report requests authorisation for the transfer of £12,000 to LCC to deliver the required support by developing and implementing a Travel Plan. |
| Legal | The council is obliged to use the contributions for the purposes set out in the agreement, failing which they would fall to be repaid to the developer. |
| Community Safety | There are no implications |
| Human Rights and Equalities | There are no implications |
| Sustainability and Environmental Impact | The scheme of enhanced public transport improvements assists in making the site more sustainable in the short term |
| Health & Safety and Risk Management | There are no implications |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | | |
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| Name of document | Date | Where available for inspection |
| Planning application 12/0550 | 08/07/2013 | www.fylde.gov.uk |

