

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO		
DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DIRECTORATE	OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	22 MAY 2018	5		
PUBLIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENT FOR					
LAND AT MILL FARM SPORTS VILLAGE, WESHAM (13/0655)					

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 Mill Farm Sports Village, Wesham in relation to application 13/0655) in the total sum of £150,000 to Lancashire County Council to provide for the enhancement of local bus services in relation to the development. Funding will only be transferred to Lancashire Council for this purpose following its receipt from the developer by Fylde Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. To request that the Finance and Democracy Committee approve a fully-funded addition to the Capital Programme in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 in the sum of £150,000 (£30,000 per year), to be met in full by a receipt of Section 106 monies (generated from the development at Mill Farm Sports Village, Wesham in relation to application 13/0655) in the same amount; and
- 2. That conditional upon receiving the approval as outlined above, that the sum of £30,000 be paid each year to Lancashire County Council to provide for the enhancement of local bus services in relation to the development. Funding will only be transferred to Lancashire County Council for this purpose following its receipt from the developer by Fylde Council.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

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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 previously granted for the development of Mill Farm Sports Village, Wesham 13/0655. This was subject to a Section 106 agreement which has been entered into to enhance local bus services in relation to the development.
- 2. The agreement required a Bus Service Improvement payment of 5 annual contributions of £30,000 from the developer, the agreement wording is

'Bus Service Improvements: means the delivery of a Sunday service of limited frequency for Bus Service No. 76 (or other bus services serving the property), enhanced peak hour service frequency or improved evening service.'

- 3. Lancashire Council are proposing to use the money to enhance current peak bus journeys to restore to an hourly service. Although the planning obligation also mentions possibilities of providing an evening or Sunday service, LCC want to pursue the peak journey option. They hope to encourage residents along the route, to feel confident using the bus again for journeys to employment or education and hope this will have a better chance of being sustained going forward, when the 5 years of funding comes to an end.
- 4. Due to delays in the first payment being made and no meeting until September, to avoid any further delays in service provision, the report has been presented before payment has been made. Officers have received a commitment that the first payment will be paid by the 31st May 2018. If members agree to this report no money will be paid the LCC until Fylde have received this and each subsequent payment.

IMPLICATIONS				
Finance	The report requests approval for the transfer of s106 monies to LCC to deliver the required transport provision for the development at Mill Farm Sports Village, Wesham. This will necessitate an addition to the Capital Programme in the sum of £150,000 for which approval will be requested from the Finance and Democracy Committee following consideration of the issue by this Committee.			
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				
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection		