

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	COUNCIL	12 OCTOBER 2022	11
PUBLIC TRANSPORT 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 bus service improvements on application 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 fund service improvements to service 78.

During the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the decision had been taken to cancel all formal meetings of committees of the council involving the participation of members and officers. This report was scheduled to go before the Planning Committee that was subsequently cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approve a fully funded revenue budget increase in the sum of £48,000 in 2022/23 to be met by Section 106 monies held by the Council, towards the service improvement of bus service 78, to provide improved links to a greater area for the residents of the development.
2. That conditional upon receiving approval as above, that the sum of £48,000 be paid to Lancashire County Council, for the continued enhancement of local bus service 78 in order to provide improved access to sustainable means of transport for the future occupants of this development.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Part of a general service improvement scheme around Fylde, which includes improvements to service frequency following contributions from Mill Farm Sport Village, Wesham 13/0655 – Report to Operational Management Committee 22 May 2018.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
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 in order to improve the no. 78 bus service.
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. Whilst the agreement specifically refers to the number 68 service, it allows monies to be used for "improvements to the take up of alternative transport modes". Lancashire CC advise that service 68 still passes the site, is run commercially and operates regularly and through the weekend and so there is no requirement for any additional subsidy. However, they have requested the funding is put towards service 78 which also runs past the site and since July 2020 has been running enhanced services with a local bus operator, with extended services running from Wesham to Great Eccleston, partially replacing service 76. This revised service operates between St Annes and Great Eccleston via Lytham, Warton, Freckleton, Kirkham, Wesham and Elswick. The enhanced service now operates every hour Monday to Saturday daytime, an improvement on the previous two hourly service. The cost of operating this enhanced service is greater than the contribution from this development and is also supported by contributions from the development at Mill Farm Sports Village. The enhanced service is contracted to run until March 2025.
5. The contribution has been with Fylde for a number of years and is due to be repaid if not spent (July 2023). As LCC have now put in place a service that delivers the intended benefit for residents of this development identified in the Sn 106 agreement, it is considered that the use of the funds to support this service will be in line with the provisions of the agreement to improve the take up of alternative transport modes.
6. A further report regarding the £12,000 travel plan will be presented to committee for consideration once the details for the use of this money have been agreed with LCC.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	To recommend to Council for approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase in the sum of £48,000 in 2022/23 to be met by Section 106 monies held by the Council. Subject to this approval the report requests authorisation for the transfer of £48,000 to LCC to deliver the required subsidy of bus service 78.
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
Planning application 12/0550	08/07/2013	www.fylde.gov.uk