

Draft Terms of Reference – Management of section 106 funding for the development of community projects

The aim of the inquiry is to provide Members with the opportunity to explore and consider how Section 106 funding can be used to fund the development of community projects. This will include reviewing:

- The definition of Section 106 funding – to include the constituent parts of this funding mechanism;
- The value of Section 106 funding received by the Council each year – to include financial payments and contributions received in lieu for provision of community facilities;
- The resources used by the Council in managing the Section 106 funding process;
- The mechanisms used for recording Section 106 funding contributions and ensuring that the terms of these developer contributions are met, for example, they are not returned due to failure to meet deadlines;
- How Section 106 funding is currently calculated and then allocated to fund identified projects;
- The current consultation and engagement which takes place between, councillors, officers and the public;
- Future changes which might impact on the Section 106 funding process;
- The impact of the Community Infrastructure Levy on the Section 106 funding process;
- The geographical criteria and range of community projects which can be developed through the Section 106 funding process;
- How community projects are currently identified through the Section 106 funding process and potential improvements which could be introduced;
- The weaknesses of gathering Section 106 funding for the development of community projects;
- The developer view of the Section 106 funding process;
- Examples of good practice in using Section 106 funding to develop community projects.