

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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title: LANGHO S106
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority from Members to release Section 106 contributions for sports facilities in Langho.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When planning permission was secured to erect dwellings off Longsite Road at Northcote (ref: 3/2018/0844) the associated Section 106 Agreement secured a commuted sum of £28,066 towards off site sports facilities improvements in Langho.

Community Facilities Contribution: a contribution of £28,066 to be paid to the Council towards sports facility improvements in Langho.

- 2.2 The Council has now received the total sum of £28,066 from the developer and it is proposed this sum be allocated to the Langho Football Club for development at their Northcote site, where they are seeking to improve the changing accommodation, toilet provision and car park, a planning application has been submitted for the changing block.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Football Club received a grant of £10,000 from the Council's Culture and Recreation grants earlier this year to help them replace the changing accommodation, which currently consists of a shed in a very poor state.
- 3.2 The club are keen to improve the facilities at the site for players and visitors and are actively fund raising to be able to pay for the work.
- 3.3 The club want to improve the toilet facilities for users, resurface the car park, replace the entrance gates and carry out some drainage work to the pitches. They would also like to install a low-level fence around the pitches too. The cost of this work is yet to be determined as it is reliant on the amount of funding received however works have commenced on the changing room improvements following confirmation of the Culture and Recreation Grant.
- 3.4 It Members are minded to give the S106 contribution to the Football Club the club will be able to establish which improvements to the sports facility can be achieved and whether there are any other funding streams available.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – The full sum of £28,066 has been receipted and the football club would be asked for proof of spend before any of the commuted sum is paid.

- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Assurances that the improvements delivered would accord with the stipulations of the legal agreement would be required.
- Political - N/A
- Reputation - The provision of improved sports provision within the area will assist the club and the many young people who play football as a result, it accords with the purpose of securing such contributions as part of new residential developments.
- Equality and Diversity – the playing pitches are accessible to all.

5. RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development and Planning to agree the sport facility improvements with Langho Football Club prior to commencement to ensure that the works undertaken comply with the requirements of the legal agreement and accord with procurement procedures.
- 5.2 Agree to the allocation of the commuted sum of £28,066 to Langho Football Club for the agreed improvements works on completion of the works.

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