

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Delegated Decision by Cabinet Lead

**Decision By: Cabinet Lead for Economy,
Planning and Built Environment**

**Spending of S106 Funds collected for a specific purpose (under
Planning Application APP/12/00966)**

Report by: Louise Weaver

Key Decision: No

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 Councillor Turner has requested that we consider 'ring fencing' funds from APP/12/00966 which have been partly collected/are due to be paid in respect of the planning consent for Land North of Goldring Close. This report looks at the background to this request and seeks approval from the Cabinet Lead to permit the contributions collected/due in respect of play space to be used for this purpose.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Authority be given for the expenditure of funds totalling £39,530 to be spent on the refurbishment of the play equipment at Hayling Park through 'Play Parks for Hayling'. £19,765 available now with a further identical sum due in 2016/17 plus any interest accrued. In the event of there being a surplus when the project is complete then the funds be taken forward for the refurbishment of other play areas on the Island.

3.0 Summary

3.1 It is considered that 'Play Parks for Hayling' should be given authority to spend developer contributions collected specifically for Hayling Island Play Space. They are considered by officers to be a suitable body for this purpose and have had proven experience with the recent successful refurbishment of Mengham Park.

3.2 The refurbishment of Hayling Park would be in accordance with the priorities established in the Open Spaces Plan Review.

3.3 Richard Wood, Senior Leisure Officer, Community Team would assist with this project and retain overview.

3.4 Political assent to the ring fencing of these funds is needed from Councillor

Guest.

4.0 Subject of Report

- 4.1 The group 'Play Parks for Hayling' have recently completed refurbishment of Mengham Park. This was funded in part from developer contributions with match funding. There is a surplus of circa £11-12K to be taken forward to the next project. The Play Parks for Hayling Group comprises PC Debbie Surridge, Councillor Turner and Councillor Lenaghan. Councillor Turner proposes that the funds collected in respect of the Goldring Close Development are ring fenced for refurbishment of Hayling Park and added to the existing surplus.
- 4.2 Given their history with Mengham Park, 'Play Parks for Hayling' in liaison with Richard Wood would be a suitable body to trust the spending of the proposed funds. Simon Little, Service Manager (Finance), has had involvement in establishing the validation of this group in the past when arranging bridging finance for the Mengham Park Project.
- 4.3 Table 4 of the Open Spaces Plan Review (November 2012) is a starting point for establishing priorities with spending of play space monies. This document is out of date and officers are currently drafting a new Play Pitch/Built Leisure Strategy. However, for the time-being the most suitable document to establish priority of spending is the 2012 Open Spaces Plan Review.
- 4.4 Officers have considered Table 4 and agree that Hayling Park Play Space as a 'destination' play space located on the south of the island would be a key space for improvement and a suitable site to spend Play Space Funds collected in respect of Goldring Close. This action would effectively use all the remaining capital historical play space funding for Hayling. This would not necessarily preclude the prioritisation of other projects however these projects would need alternative sources of funding.
- 4.5 Ultimately there is a developer contribution sum of £39,530 due particularly in respect of Hayling Island Play Space under APP/12/00966 (Goldring). To date 50% has been received (£19,765), with the remaining 50% due on occupation of 65th dwelling. This is anticipated to occur in 2016/17.

5.0 Implications

- 5.1 **Resources:** The project will be financed by funds specifically collected for this purpose, by 'Play Parks for Hayling' under the supervision of Richard Wood in the Community Team, authorisation to allocate these funds will be made by the Community Infrastructure Officer to Finance. Management of the funds and requests for expenditure will be met through existing resources.
- 5.2 **Legal:** Evidence of expenditure needs to be provided to the Community Infrastructure Officer to fulfil the terms of the S106 agreement dated 04/06/2013.
- 5.3 **Strategy:** The project supports the priorities of Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability.
- 5.4 **Risks:** If the funds are not spent by 30/10/2020, then the funds may be at risk of being returned to the developer.

5.5 **Communications:** Not applicable at this time although press releases may be necessary during/post refurbishment of the play area.

5.6 **For the Community:** Improved play facilities for Hayling Park.

Agreed and signed off by:

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