

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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| Report of | OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC) |
| Subject | S106 UPDATE |
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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the panel with an update on the how the Force are implementing the recommendations that were provided as part of the Police and Crime Panel Tasking group S106 funding review.
2. To provide the Panel with an update on the repurposed bids and funding identified through S106 money.

Recommendation

3. The Panel is recommended to note the contents of the report.

Background

4. The Police and Crime Panel endorsed the recommendations in the Task Group report S106 review which was presented to the Police and Crime Panel on 14th December 2022. The recommendations were as follows:
 - a. The Force to take steps to repurpose s106 agreements that are no longer viable through liaison with local authority planning officers and developers to ensure that funding is secured.
 - b. The Force to produce a defined list of items to be linked to its Investment Strategy and which can be used for repurposing agreements.
 - c. The Force to progress work in partnership with planners and/or Community Safety Partnerships to align timescales and awareness of new larger developments and to co-ordinate needs with other infrastructure projects.
 - d. The Police and Crime Commissioner to provide for resource to enable establishment of sufficient officer support to the s106 area of work and to facilitate the spend of s106 monies and pursuit of new bids.

- e. The Police and Crime Commissioner/Force to develop and introduce a monitoring system to enable oversight and management of all s106 agreements and to monitor use of monies received.
- f. The Police and Crime Commissioner/Force to liaise with planning officers in determining any new method for future bids.

S106 Agreements

5. The Force has identified and successfully achieved circa £3.5m in Section 106 Contributions of which, £2.4m has been spent leaving the remainder of £1.1m. There are a further £7.6m agreements in place, which have not yet been realised.

| | Blaby £ | Charnwood £ | Harborough £ | Hinckley & Bosworth £ | Melton £ | NW Leics £ | Oadby & Wigston £ | Rutland £ | Totals £ |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Total Value of Agreement | 1,857,249 | 3,823,463 | 1,777,797 | 1,424,814 | 557,932 | 1,225,124 | 255,237 | 202,651 | 11,124,266 |
| <i>Made up of:</i> Project Not Yet Started | 0 | 1,203,498 | 0 | 833,035 | 228,857 | 667,704 | 0 | 0 | 2,933,094 |
| Money held by Developers | 566,131 | 1,057,439 | 350,000 | 56,483 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,030,052 |
| Money held by Local Authority | 649,613 | 1,302,494 | 0 | 338,385 | 0 | 258,367 | 0 | 114,518 | 2,663,377 |
| Total money drawn down | 641,506 | 260,032 | 1,427,797 | 196,911 | 329,075 | 299,053 | 255,237 | 88,133 | 3,497,742 |
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| Total Money Spent | -678,320 | -260,032 | -537,118 | -185,154 | -226,377 | -254,719 | -109,611 | -99,802 | -2,351,134 |
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| Total funds remaining | 1,178,929 | 3,563,430 | 1,240,678 | 1,239,660 | 331,555 | 970,405 | 145,626 | 102,849 | 8,773,131 |

6. All developer bids have been secured using Section 106 contribution agreements which are negotiated not by the force, but by local authority planning departments at the request of the Force.
7. A number of internal bids have been submitted via the S106 officer to the S106 working group chaired by Ch Supt Slonecki. Four bids have been approved by the working group and approved by the Force Executive and PCC. The remainder of the bids have been returned to the department with guidance.
8. The following projects have been identified and further discussion are taking place in relation to repurposing and draw down of funds:

| Project | £ |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Firearms Building | 500,000 |
| Specials Van | 17,000 |
| NATO Helmets | 52,000 |
| Oakham Front Enquiry Desk | 60,000 |

629,000

9. A further 3 projects have been identified by the S106 working group to the value of £625k which are in process of going through authorisation from the Force Executive Group and the PCC.
10. S106 contributions are to be spent on 'capital items', not 'revenue-based' items. Innovation is recommended where possible, and no replacement items are proposed to replace worn out equipment. In respect to Estate or accommodation new, altered, or extended buildings fall within the suitable criteria. The other consideration is that S106 agreements are for the benefit of the residents of the development. This can be achieved by including Estate or equipment which provides a benefit to the area of the development or elsewhere within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
11. A recruitment exercise for a dedicated S106 officer has been undertaken and a preferred candidate selected. The candidate is currently going through vetting and pre-employment checks.