
TITLE: S106 Grant Update

Committee: Commercial Services Committee.

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To receive a report setting out the S106 grants awarded between 1st April 2015 to 16th October 2015.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 To note the S106 grants awarded between 1st April 2015 to 16th October 2015.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 At Community & Environment Committee on 4th March 2014, Councillors expressed a wish to reduce the bureaucracy surrounding the process for allocating S106 grants. They requested that officers be given the ability to approve all grant applications and report back to Committee accordingly.

3.2 The Commercial Services Committee agreed at their meeting on 8th July 2014, to allow grant approval for any amount of S106 funding within officer delegation. It was also agreed to amend the grant application process to ensure that the Council is meeting its legal obligations around how developer contributions are allocated, and that the grant supports the priorities of the District Council and communities.

3.3 This report provides a 6 monthly update on S106 grants for the first two quarters of financial year 2015/16.

4.0 S106 FUNDING AWARDS

4.1 Eight S106 grants have been awarded between 1st April 2015 to 16th October 2015, totalling £62,116.26.

(See Appendix 1 attached for details).

5.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Removing the £5,000 limit on officer delegation has reduced bureaucracy and quickened the decision making process as a Committee decision is no longer required before an offer letter is issued.

5.2 Re-focusing the application form and assessment criteria, is ensuring that the S106 application process is robust and resources allocated fairly and appropriately.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 S106 grants are only awarded where there are sufficient S106 allocations available. No further monies will be added to the S106 grant pot as individual parishes now have CIL allocations (the 'Meaningful Proportion') where development is taking place.

6.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) is not required.

7.0 APPENDICES

7.1 Appendix 1 – Table of S106 Grants awarded between 1st April – 16th October 2015.

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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Summary Table of S106 grants awarded 1st April 2015 – 16th October 2015

Grant reference number	Organisation	Project Description	Amount awarded
236	Sutton Parish Council	The Glebe roof replacement 10% Third Party Funding contribution to WREN grant plus additional sum to cover remaining eighth of roof not covered by WREN	£4,642.35
237	Ellesmere Centre	Ellesmere Centre Heating refurbishment	£10,000.00
238	Lode Parish Council	Tennis court resurfacing	£2,997
239	City of Ely Council	Ely cemetery New footpath and upgrade Roadwalls.	£17,624.00
240	Little Downham Parish Council	Pymoor replacement seesaw project	£4,963.33
241	Wicken Methodist Church (Small Villages)	Facility upgrade to support increased use by community groups	£10,000.00
242	Ely City FC	Floodlights project - to replace existing floodlights.	£ 10,289.60
243	Sutton Parish Council	Oates Lane Parking Restrictions	£ 1,600.