

Record of individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Cllr Andy Crawford, Cabinet Member for Finance and Property
Key decision?	No
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	22 July 2024
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	David Cookson Infrastructure Implementation Officer Ref P24/V1296/106
Officer contact details	Tel: 07917 088372 Email: david.cookson@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	To create a budget for £23,676.74 taken from one S106 contribution, in accordance with the Constitution's Finance Procedure Rules, towards the replacement of partition netting & boards in the sports hall located at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre (WHLTC) in Abingdon.
Reasons for decision	<p>WHLTC is the only public leisure centre catering for Abingdon and its surrounding villages and is the only centre within the district that has an eight-court sports hall. The local area is seeing a substantial number of new housing developments being built and the number of new users means the sports hall is well used during peak and off-peak times.</p> <p>The current dividing net and boards both run along the middle of the hall allowing it to be split into two separate areas. This allows for completely different activities and sports to take place within the hall at the same time. The safety nets run the parallel to the sports hall corridor keeping the activities within the hall and protecting spectators and those accessing other sections of the hall and centre.</p> <p>The nets and boards in the sports hall are those purchased when the centre was opened in 2002, therefore are tatty and the main dividing nets have several sections that have been damaged, and one of the nets no longer reaches the floor.</p> <p>The boards should be able to be removed easily for large events and tournaments where the use of the whole hall is required. Several of the</p>

	<p>current boards and posts are damaged and removing them is not an easy process for staff.</p> <p>A full replacement of these pieces of equipment will bring the sports hall back up to the health and safety standards required and will allow the hall's continued flexible use for many years.</p> <p>The project will be funded from the following contribution:</p> <p>Development: Land South of Faringdon Road, Southmoor Planning Ref: P12/V1302/O S106 Ref: 13V01 Date of agreement: 15 January 2013 Obligation: The "Sports Hall Contribution" is defined as 'the sum of twenty two thousand three hundred and thirteen pounds (£22,313) to be used towards a sports hall in the Vicinity' (defined as within ten miles of the development). Amount Secured: £23,676.74 Spend by Date: 10 years from receipt (received in two stages, 10 September 2014 and 13 January 2015).</p> <p>A soft market test for anticipated costs determined that replacement costs would be in the region of £20,000, it is practical to award the full contribution in case of a minor increase in costs. Any underspend will be returned for use on other projects.</p>
Alternative options rejected	None considered
Legal implications	Paragraph 75(b) of the Constitution of South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council – 23 May 2024 (Financial procedure rules section, pages 222 to 223), states that for section 106 and CIL agreements greater than £20,000 up to £100,000, budgets can be approved by the relevant Cabinet member in consultation with the Cabinet member for finance.
Financial implications	Finance Team have confirmed that all requested contributions are available to spend.
Climate implications	Approve of the scheme in general. Consideration should be given to, the disposal/recycling of the used materials.
Equalities implications	None identified by Equalities Team
Other implications	The contributions that make up this decision are ringfenced towards the terminated Wessex leisure centre project. However, consideration has been given to use of these funds for this purpose to prevent imminent expiry. No suitable projects currently in progress in Wantage, Grove or

	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, which could make use of these contributions.			
Background papers considered	None			
Declarations / conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor / officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	None			
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Legal legal@southandvale.gov.uk	Sarah Commins	Confirmed that request complies with the S106 obligation	12/07/24
	Finance Finance@southandvale.gov.uk	Emma Creed	Confirmed that all requested contributions are available to spend	02/07/24
	Climate and biodiversity climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk	Heather Saunders	Comments integrated into report	08/07/24
	Planning planning@southandvale.gov.uk	Stuart Walker	Request complies with the S106 obligation 13V01.	01/07/24
	Diversity and equality equalities@southandvale.gov.uk	Team Response	No issues	02/07/24
	Property property@southandvale.gov.uk	Chris Mobbs	No comments to add	09/07/24
	Risk and insurance risk@southandvale.gov.uk	Yvonne Cutler-Greaves	No comments to add	15/07/24
	Leisure Development Officer carmella.anderson@southandvale.gov.uk	Carmella Anderson	Supportive	09/07/24
	Ward councillors Mike.Pighills@whitehorsedc.gov.uk		Consulted 01/07/24	

	(Abingdon Peachcroft Ward, where contribution is to be spent) Max.Thompson@whitehorsedc.gov.uk (Abingdon Peachcroft Ward, where contribution is to be spent) Jill.rayner@whitehorsedc.gov.uk (Kingston Bagpuize Ward, where contribution secured)		Consulted 01/07/24 Consulted 01/07/24	
	Communications communications@southandvale.gov.uk	Victoria Nickless	Noted by Communications	15/07/24
	Head of Planning	Adrian Duffield	Approved for progression by delegation to Stuart Walker at S106/CIL Applications Meeting	12/07/24
	Head of Finance	Simon Hewings	Approved for progression at S106/CIL Applications Meeting	12/07/24
	Strategic Management Team (SMT) ExecutiveSupportSAV@southandvale.gov.uk		Supportive	19/07/24
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	n/a			
Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?				
Cabinet Member for Finance and Property signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature: Councillor Andy Crawford Date: 22 July 2024			

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