

AREA 8 COMMITTEE – 14 SEPTEMBER 2016

Title of paper:	Use of Section 106 Funding at Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	24 February 2015	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users): This report outlines proposals for the use of Section 106 funding for improvements to the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the proposals for the use of existing Section 106 funding at the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground.	
2	To approve the use of £61,202.80 of new Section 106 funding at the Victoria Embankment memorial gardens.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Masterplan for the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground was approved at Area 8 Committee in February 2015, and Section 106 funding was allocated towards the park.
- 1.2 Although the initial park restoration funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund was unsuccessful, it is planned to submit a revised bid in late 2017 once the Highfields Park restoration project is underway and/or complete.
- 1.3 In the meantime, a number of improvements have taken place at the site including:
 - new cricket pavilion and demolition of the derelict pavilion;
 - lighting of the Embankment road from the Toll Bridge to the Suspension Bridge to make its use by cyclists and pedestrians safer;
 - painting of the bandstand;

- tree planting to replace diseased or damaged trees;
- repairs to the paddling pool;
- introduction of an Off-Street Parking Order to control commuter parking on the site;
- development of a comprehensive Management Plan for the park.

- 1.4 These improvements culminated in the park winning a Green Flag Award for the first time in 2016 – a national standard given to spaces which meet 27 criteria following an external judging.
- 1.5 In order to ensure that the park does not ‘stagnate’ or deteriorate whilst waiting for Heritage Lottery Funding, it is proposed to use the remaining Section 106 funding on improvements to the park.
- 1.6 £61,202.80 of new Section 106 funding was received on 18 August 2016 from the development at The Frontage, Queen Street. This funding is specifically for use at the Memorial Gardens and so approval is required to allocate this.
- 1.7 The proposed park improvements are as follows:

Project	Estimated Cost
Repairs of road verges where damaged by parking	£5,000.00
Play area improvements	£10,000.00
Contribution towards the children’s cycle track project	£42,000.00
Match funding towards a European Regional Development Fund bid for the park (including tree planting, wildflower meadows and re-landscaping part of the old tennis courts)	£32,000.00
TOTAL (existing S106)	£89,000.00
Restoration of the Queen Victoria statue	£20,000.00
Creation of new paths from the park to the bandstand and into the Memorial Gardens	£10,000.00
Shrub and tree planting in and around the Memorial Gardens	£10,000.00
Repairs to the Memorial undercroft gates	£5,000.00
Path repairs in the Memorial Gardens	£16,202.80
TOTAL (new S106)	£61,202.80

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Delegated Decision 1863 (February 2015) allocated £224,000 of Section 106 funding to the Embankment for the park’s restoration.
- 2.2 Approximately £105,000 of this funding was used for the new cricket pavilion and a further £30,000 for the resurfacing of the Embankment between Bunbury Street and the Trent Bridge entrance into the site.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 An alternative option would be not to use the Section 106 funding for this work. However, no other capital funding is currently available for the site and so the proposed work would not be able to be carried out.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Approximately £89,000 of the Section 106 funding approved under DD1863 – originally from planning application 10/04106/PFUL3 (Odeon Cinema) - now remains for use at the site.
- 4.2 The new Section 106 funding is £61,202.80 and was received on 18th August 2016 in respect of The Frontage, Queen St (Ref 15/01349/PFUL3). The Section 106 agreement states that the Council will “use the Open Space Contribution towards the restoration of the Memorial Gardens”.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 See comments provided by Legal in Delegated Decision 1863.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 N/A.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because there is no proposal for new or changing policies / services / functions or financial decisions that would have a major impact on services.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 9.1 Delegated Decision 1863 – Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground Restoration and Improvement Project – February 2015