

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Decision to authorise payment of £9,260.33 of section 106 monies for Off Site Play and Open Space to Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters towards the Story Book Trail.
Date of decision:	19 th May 2022
Decision maker:	Director of Resources and Assurance, Corporate Services
Authority for delegated decision:	Economy and Place scheme of delegation line 71 Corporate Centre Directorate Scheme of Delegation line 59 Cabinet decision dated 25 November 2021 - Section 106 Portfolio of Works - delivery proposals.
Ward:	Newton Farm, Hereford
Consultation:	<p>The planning applications and section 106 agreement were part of a statutory consultation process.</p> <p>The Planning Obligations Manager, Open Spaces Planning Officer and the Parks and Leisure Centre Commissioning Manager have worked with the Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters, a voluntary group, to develop the Story Book Trail.</p>
Decision made:	To authorise payment of £9,260.33 of section 106 Offsite Play and Open Space from planning application DCCW2007/2834/F Mulberry Close, Belmont, Hereford towards the creation of a story book trail in Belmont and Haywood Country Park and the provision of corresponding literature in the local library.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The Section 106 Contributions arise from the following Planning Permission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Permission was approved for DCCW2007/2834/F. Proposed erection of up to 67 dwellings and delivery of Haywood Country Park was allowed on appeal 8th September 2008. The permission was subject to a section 106 agreement dated 7th August 2008. • The section 106 agreement required the monies to be used towards outdoor space facilities a local area for play and open space off-site in lieu of such facilities within the Development. The Contribution was £34,500 which was index linked. £34,500 was received. • From this contribution there has been no expenditure to date. The expiry date for the contribution, was 30th April 2022. However the following works were planned and completed and completed by the Country Park Supporters prior to 30th April 2022. • A Deed of Modification dated 1st September 2010. Was signed by all parties in order to update the arrangements relating to the provision of affordable housing and affordable housing units as provided. <p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project was proposed by the Country park Supporters

	<p>outlining the Story Book Project in a letter dated 2 September 2021 (Appendix A).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the 23rd September 2021 The Country Park Supporters Group were provided with a link to the On Covid 19 Green Space Grant applications for potential match funding with the section 106 monies (Appendix B) • The Planning Obligations Manager acknowledged the Story Book Project and the availability of £34,500.00 section 106 monies towards the project in a letter dated 1 December 2021 (Appendix C)
Request and Authorisation of Payment	<p>The Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters have requested the payment of £14,910.23 of section 106 Off Site Play and Open Space monies towards the creation of a story book trail in Belmont and Haywood Country Park and the provision of corresponding literature in the local library. Work has been completed Story book trail is open to the public.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised regarding the inclusion of Charges for the Country Park Supporters Group individuals' time to the value of £5,650. It is intended that this will be resolved separately.</p> <p>It is agreed to pay the Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters the following section 106 monies;</p> <p>DCCW2007/2834/F – Mulberry Close, Belmont, Hereford – £9,260.23 from account B03302 FIN1761 GT03.</p> <p>The scheme meets the ambition in the Herefordshire County Plan 2020-2024 to strengthen communities to ensure everyone lives well and safely together and to improve residents' access to green space.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The monies are being spent in accordance with the obligations in the section 106 agreement dated 7th August 2008 and a Deed of Modification dated 1st September 2010.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters have provided Hereford Council with details of the quotations and invoiced amounts included in their request.</p> <p>Appendix D Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters Invoices and Appendix E Story Book Trail Invoices 18th May 2022.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None.</p>

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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