

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to fund £90,000 of Section 106 monies for “Sports” towards construction of new riverside access steps at Ross Rowing Club, Rope Walk, The Boat House, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7DD.			
Date of decision:	25 th August 2023			
Decision maker:	Mark Averill, Service Director - Environment & Highways			
Authority for delegated decision:	Economy and Environment scheme of delegation line 71 Corporate Centre Directorate Scheme of Delegation line 159 Cabinet decision dated 02 March 2023 - Section 106 Portfolio of Works – S106 Delivery Proposals. Cabinet Report 02 March 2023			
Ward:	Ross East			
Consultation:	<p>Herefordshire Outdoor Sports Partnership approved: £90,000 from Hildersley Development planning approval 150930 and 210374. (emails of support attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Brewster Chief Executive Active Herefordshire And Worcestershire • Keely Brown Football Foundation Regional Manager (West Midlands) and on behalf of Dan Chance Herefordshire Football Association Facilities Development Manager • Richard Cox, Herefordshire Cricket Board General Manager and on behalf of Ged McDougal English Cricket Board Regional Manager • Stuart Eades, England Rugby Regional Facility Development Manager and on behalf of Adam Blackford England Rugby Facility Development Manager • Van Willerton Lawn Tennis Association Regional Manager <p>Note: no objections have been received.</p>			
Decision made:	Decision to fund £90,000 of Section 106 monies for “Sports” towards construction of new riverside access steps at Ross Rowing Club, Rope Walk, The Boat House, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7DD.			
Reasons for decision:	The Section 106 Contributions arise from one Section 106 legal agreement:			
	Planning Reference	GT / FIN Code	Total Contribution	S106 Allocation
	P150930/O 210374	GT04 FIN2170	£138,841.18	£90,000
			TOTAL £90,000	
	The decision to fund £90,000 will not fully utilise the Section 106 Contribution. The remaining contribution balance of £48,841.18 will be appropriately commissioned and come forward for delivery in due course.			

	<p>The total cost of the project is £178,400.40 (Inc VAT). Ross Rowing Club will provide a similar match funding contribution of £88,500 for the delivery of the project.</p> <p>Planning permission for the project was granted on 30/08/2022. A copy of the decision notice has been included in Appendix 2.</p> <p>The procurement for the works was carried separately in relation to the specific elements of the works required; Piling, Civils / Concrete Work and Enabling Works (Scaffolding). A tender report has been contained within Appendix 3 along with all formal quotations received.</p> <p>The recommendation is to appoint JN Piling, SDG Groundworks and Attridge Scaffolding.</p> <p>We are therefore satisfied that a sufficient tendering exercise has been completed in accordance with Herefordshire Councils Contract Procurement Rules (CPR).</p> <p>Ross Rowing Club Is an all-inclusive facility with approximately 150 member of all ages and abilities. The project to provide new concrete riverside access steps will provide improvements to support all members and particularly those less able to participate in the sport. The project will also support the club to grow/diversify membership.</p> <p>Responsibility for monitoring the project and managing expenditure within the total spend budget is to be with the S106 Programme Manager.</p>
<p>Equality Considerations</p>	<p>Equality duty</p> <p>Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the ‘general duty’ on public authorities is set out as follows:</p> <p>A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/considerations:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery oversight – S106 is providing a contribution but works on-site will be fully managed by Ross Rowing Club. Herefordshire Council will provide oversight and assurance only in respect of the contribution made. • Cost variation – Project has an assigned S106 budget which it cannot exceed. • Unforeseen events/costs – Potential unknown or unforeseen costs could lead to an overspend. The S106 contribution is finite, any overspend would need to be provided through additional means.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to fund. This option is not recommended. Not to approve would lead to delays in delivery of Section 106 projects. Alternative projects were not considered due to the specific requirements of the S106 agreement.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None declared.

Date: 25th August 2023

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