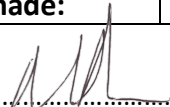


Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to fund £100,000 of Section 106 monies for “Off Site Play & Open Space” towards the refurbishment of the Athletics Track at Herefordshire Leisure Centre, Holmer Road, Hereford, Hereford, HR4 9UD.			
Date of decision:	04 th June 2024			
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:	Holmer			
Consultation:	Internal consultation with Ruth Jackson (Open Space Planning Officer) and consultation with Alex Haines (Partnership Manager) at Halo Leisure Services Ltd (Registered Charity and Social Enterprise). The project gained approved from the Herefordshire Sports Partnership in June 2023. The contribution has been received from the development at the Land North of Hedgerow Way, Holmer (Application number: P224270/F)			
Decision made:	Decision to fund £100,000 of Section 106 monies for “Off Site Play & Open Space” towards the refurbishment of the Athletics Track at Herefordshire Leisure Centre, Holmer Road, Hereford, Hereford, HR4 9UD.			
Reasons for decision:	The Section 106 Contributions arise from one Section 106 legal agreement:			
	Planning Reference	GT / FIN Code	Total Contribution	S106 Allocation
	P224270/F	GT03 FIN2562	£126,867	£100,000
	TOTAL £100,000			
	The decision to fund £100,000 will not fully utilise the Section 106 Contribution. The Built & Natural Environment Service (BNES) will appropriately commission the remaining contribution balance of £26,867.00.			
	The project is to fully modernise the athletics track and field to meet modern standards, including:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs to the track subbase and steeplechase ready for the new Polytan track surface • Upgraded hammer and discus cage with disabled access • Upgraded pole vault area and run ups including new landing mat cover to meet manual handling requirements • Upgraded shot putt area with disabled access • Upgraded long and triple jump pits and run ups • New high jump cover to meet manual handling requirements. • Upgrade the lighting and fitting to LED 			
	The total cost of the project is £566k and is funded from a mixture of partners including Hereford City Council, Community Ownership funding, Sport England, England athletics and local fundraising.			

	<p>The procurement was carried out independently with 8 suitably qualified contractors returning tenders. A Tender financial analysis has been contained within Appendix 1.</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>Herefordshire Athletics Track offers runners across Herefordshire a superb 400 metre all-weather track at Herefordshire Leisure Centre, perfect for both competition or safe training. It is already popular with schools, running and athletics clubs and available alongside changing facilities and cafe at the centre. The completion of the project will provide much need improvements as well as new disabled access to both the hammer / discus cage and the shot putt area.</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 Halo Leisure Services Ltd. 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.
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Not to fund.</p> <p>This option is not recommended. Not to approve would lead to delays in delivery of Section 106 projects.</p> <p>Alternative projects were not considered due to the specific need requirements</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None declared.</p>

Signed.......... Date: 04 June 2024

Print Name: Mark Averill, Service Director Environment and Highways