

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to fund up to £120,071 of Section 106 monies for “Sports” & “Off-Site Play & Open Space” towards the replacement of changing rooms and associated facilities at Hereford Rugby Club, Belvedere Lane, Hereford, HR4 0PH.
Date of decision:	10 th February 2025
Decision maker:	Service Director Infrastructure
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, HCC) and Spencer Grogan (Parks and Leisure Centre Commissioning Manager, HCC). External Consultation with Herefordshire Sports Partnership.
Decision made:	Decision to fund up to £120,071 of Section 106 monies for “Sports” & “Off-site Play & Open Space” for the replacement of changing rooms and associated facilities at Hereford Rugby Club, Belvedere Lane, Hereford, HR4 0PH.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The new changing rooms will replace the existing ones and will effectively be an extension to the existing clubhouse. The new facilities will comprise 4 separate changing rooms each with toilet and shower, a medical and treatment room, 2 separate referee changing rooms each with WC and shower and reconfiguration of the existing kitchen area to provide improved facilities.</p> <p>Plans for the scheme have been contained within Appendix 1.</p> <p>The current facilities are old, tired and have been flooded and repaired multiple times and are at the end of their lifespan. The significantly improved facilities will support the club to continue and enable community participation.</p> <p>The continued growth of the club over the last 3 has driven the need for additional changing spaces. The club now has three senior men’s teams (from two) with circa 170 adult players and a mini and junior section (u6’s –u18’s) growing to circa 270 young players. In the coming season the plan is to grow girls youth teams and a women’s team.</p> <p>The club’s growth has put significant strain on the current changing facilities and for the club to continue to grow and provide a quality experience, there is a need to expand and modernise the facilities.</p>

Planning Permission was granted for the scheme on 06th June 2024 under application number [P240780/F](#) .

The project will be fully funded from two Section 106 legal agreements:

Planning Reference	GT / FIN Code	Contribution (£)	Expiry Date
P224270/F	FIN2562 (Sports)	£93,384.00	05/04/2034
P224270/F	FIN2562 (Off-Site Play & Open Space)	£26,867.00	05/04/2034
TOTAL £120,071.00			

There has been no expenditure to date.

The S106 allocation will go towards the overall cost of the project and fund the design and installation of the steel structure.

Tenders were invited and returned by two suppliers. After evaluation, it is recommended that a contract is placed with RB Structures for the undertaking of the steel structure.

We are therefore satisfied that a tendering exercise has been carried out in accordance with Herefordshire Councils Contract Procurement Rules (CPR).

Responsibility for monitoring the project and managing expenditure within the total spend budget is to be with the S106 Programme Manager.

Equality Considerations

Equality duty

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the ‘general duty’ on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- 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.

The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying ‘due regard’ in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. Our providers will be made aware of their contractual requirements in regards to equality legislation.

The scheme will provide expanded and modernised facilities, which are accessible and available to all.

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost variation – Project has an assigned S106 budget, which it cannot exceed. • Unforeseen events/costs – Potential unknowns or unforeseen costs could lead to overspend. The S106 contribution is finite, although a contingency has been allowed any overspend above this would need to be provided through additional means.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Not to fund.</p> <p>This option is not recommended.</p> <p>Alternative projects were considered in conjunction with the school however this project was determined to be the best use of available funds.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None declared.</p>

Signed..... Date: 10/02/2025

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