

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Decision to fund £62,984.00 of Section 106 monies for “Sports” towards the conversion of the existing sports courts to a 3G synthetic turf training facility at Queen Elizabeth High School, Panniers Lane, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4QS.
<b>Date of decision:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Scott Tompkins, Delivery Director - Infrastructure
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	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. <a href="#">Cabinet Report 02 March 2023</a>
<b>Ward:</b>	Bromyard Bringsty
<b>Consultation:</b>	Internal consultation with Quentin Mee (Heade of Educational Learning), Sarah Buffrey (Schools Organisation and Capital Investment Officer) and Ruth Jackson (Open Space Planning Officer, HCC).  External Consultation with Herefordshire Sports Partnership, Chris Whitaker (Football Foundation) and Donna Wiles (Chief Finance Officer at Queen Elizabeth High School)
<b>Decision made:</b>	Decision to fund £62,984.00 of Section 106 monies for “Sports” towards the conversion of the existing sports courts to a 3G synthetic turf training facility at Queen Elizabeth High School, Panniers Lane, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4QS.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The project includes the conversion of the existing sports courts to a 3G synthetic turf training facility including replacement perimeter fence and new directional LED sports lighting system. The scope of work also includes removal of old tarmac tennis/netball courts.</p> <p>The newly provided facilities will be open to community use as well as school use with the Queen Elizabeth High School implementing a community use management plan to ensure the facility is correctly operated. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day to day management</li> <li>• Training, staffing and staff development</li> <li>• Maintenance and security</li> <li>• Community use of facilities</li> <li>• Community booking procedures</li> <li>• Community operational procedures</li> <li>• Local resident communication</li> <li>• Outside parking for community users</li> </ul> <p>The site is currently not used for community football and has the potential to become a hub for the town supporting local football clubs such as Bromyard FC and Bromyard Town and also the local community.</p>

The provision of this facility will increase sports provision at the school for the benefit of pupils, local primary schools and provide community usage through hiring opportunities outside school hours and during school holidays. The school's natural grass playing pitches are already used by groups including youth sports teams. The 3G surface is designed for year-round use, expanding availability during the winter months as well as increasing overall capacity.

Planning Permission was granted for the scheme in July 2024 under application number [P222572/E](#).

The project is supported by Herefordshire Council, Queen Elizabeth High School and the Football Foundation and funding is now in place in order to deliver the scheme.

Following a procurement exercise run by the Football Foundation, the contractor selected is SSL (Surfacing Standards Limited), at a contract value of £355,425.00 inclusive of contingency.

The procurement exercise has been carried out utilising the Football Foundations Framework, we are therefore satisfied that a tendering exercise has been carried out in accordance with Herefordshire Councils Contract Procurement Rules (CPR).

Herefordshire Council is providing S106 contributions of £106,578.22 from both Education (Youth) contributions (£43,593.29) and Sports contributions (£62,984.00). Please note this record of officer decision relates only to the sports contributions.

The sports contribution will be funded from one Section 106 legal agreement:

Planning Reference	GT / FIN Code	Contribution (£)	Expiry Date
<a href="#">P140285/O</a>	FIN1718	£62,984.00	13/06/2029
<b>TOTAL £64,984.00</b>			

There has been no expenditure to date.

The S106 allocation will go towards the overall cost of the project to deliver the scheme. 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.

	<p>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 regard to equality legislation.</p> <p>The scheme will provide expanded and modernised facilities, which are accessible and available to all.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<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>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	<p>None declared.</p>

Signed..... Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Print Name: Scott Tompkins, Delivery Director - Infrastructure