

S106 update for Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting April 2022 - Strengthening Community Wellbeing Delivery Plan (Open Space, Sport and Recreation)

The report to the Executive Committee on 16 September 2021 provided details of the Section 106 contributions held by the Council (at 31 March 2021) and how is it proposed to spend these contributions to enable the delivery of affordable housing, open space, sport and recreation and community facilities.

The total at 31 March 2021 was £5.879 million, with:

- £1.624 million for the Thriving Economy Delivery Plan (Langage Energy Centre, Employment and Sherford)
- £2.577 million for the Strengthening Community Wellbeing Delivery Plan (Open Space, Sport and Recreation)
- £1.678 million for the Homes and Built and Natural Environment Delivery Plan (Affordable Housing, Ecology, Tamar Special Area of Conservation, Air Quality, Ivybridge Mill Group and AONB Mitigation)

For each s106 contribution the report set out predictions for expenditure in 2021/2022, predictions for expenditure in 2022/2023, and which s106 contributions had no firm timescales for expenditure.

Strengthening Community Wellbeing Delivery Plan (Open Space, Sport and Recreation)

The predictions for expenditure for the Strengthening Community Wellbeing Delivery Plan were as follows:

- £818,842.05 predicted to spend in 2021/2022
- £704,981.74 predicted to spend in 2022/2023; and
- £1,038,618.22 with no firm timescale for expenditure

These figures were taken forward to the Corporate Strategy Thematic Delivery Plan, Action CW1.5 as shown overleaf.



Strengthening Community Wellbeing

Focus Area – Improving Open Space, sport and recreation

Action	Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
CW1.5 Delivery of projects to enhance outdoor public spaces	2021/22	Supporting the use of existing S106 funds that support Outdoor Sport and Recreation activities	Schemes delivered as per agreed plans – monitored through S106 reports		£818,842 as at 09/09/2021	various
	2022/23	Supporting the use of existing S106 funds that support Outdoor Sport and Recreation activities	Schemes delivered as per agreed plans – monitored through S106 reports		£704,981.74 as at 09/09/2021	various
	2023/24	Supporting the use of existing S106 funds that support Outdoor Sport and Recreation activities	Schemes delivered as per agreed plans – monitored through S106 reports		£1,038,618.22 as at 09/09/2021 (although note this amount is subject to re-profiling)	various

S106 spend for Open Space, Sport and recreation projects in 2021/2022 is still subject to financial reconciliation, but Officer records show that £535,354 was spent in 2021/2022 on a total of 33 projects, with a further £441,077 allocated via grant offer letters to Town and Parish Councils and/or sports organisations. This makes a total of £976,431 either spent or allocated, which exceeds that within the Corporate Strategy Delivery Plan for 2021/2022.

Projects delivered included:

- Improvements to the surfaced footpath through the Bridgetown Green Corridor in Totnes;
- Resurfacing of Blackawton tennis court;
- Improvements to facilities at Meadowbrook, Dartington including improvements to the Community Centre, and the provision of a new woodland adventure bike track;
- Improvements to football and cricket facilities in Dartington;
- Purchase of grounds maintenance equipment for Ivybridge Bowls Club and Modbury Association of Recreation and Sport;
- Play area improvements/revamps in Bittaford, Ermington, Marldon, Modbury, Ugborough and Yealmpton;
- Refurbishment of the all-weather pitch at Ivybridge Community College;
- Upgrade of Salcombe Yacht Club's topper fleet and purchase of a day boat for Salcombe Dinghy Sailing;
- Improvements to facilities in Stoke Gabriel including scout hut, cricket club and play area.
- Improved provision at Modbury Recreation Ground through refurbishment of Multi-Use Games Area and improved cricket practise facilities (improvements to lighting and drainage to follow in 2022/2023).

It should be noted that although there has been expenditure of s106 contributions, there are also incoming contributions as developments progress and the payment triggers in the s106 agreements are reached. Thus the amounts held on account will vary over time. Securing and receiving new s106 contributions should be viewed as positive for our communities.

A table listing the Section 106 contributions for Open Space, Sport and Recreation, including both those received and those which are signed and pending receipt once development progresses and payment triggers are reached, is available on the Council website. This was sent to all Town and Parish Councils, as well as Members, in August 2021. Now the end of the 2021/2022 financial year has been reached, the table will be updated to reflect the current position and re-sent to Town and Parish Councils and Members by the end of May 2022.

Members are actively encouraged to continue to engage with their Town and Parish Councils to facilitate the expenditure of section 106 contributions, to enable the delivery of new and improved facilities in their areas.