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Section 106 Sport and Leisure Facilities – Chichester Bowmen

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That the Cabinet approves the release of up to £65,897 of section 106 Sport and Leisure monies plus interest accrued to the date of release to Chichester Bowmen for the construction of a new clubhouse.**

3. Background

- 3.1. Chichester Bowmen archery club were formed in 1954 and has had its home in Oaklands Park Chichester since the beginning. Originally it was based at the northern end of Oaklands Park but in 1969 they swapped locations with the Chichester Rugby Club to its current location on the land east of the Chichester Festival Theatre and north of Chichester City Football Club. The current clubhouse was secured during this move where the bowmen agreed to relocate subject to the Rugby Club leaving their Clubhouse *in situ* for the Bowmen's use.
- 3.2. The club membership is currently around 75 however this number fluctuates and has been as high as 120 members. Members range from novice archers to World Master Games double gold medallists and from eight years old to 70+ years.
- 3.3. Chichester Bowmen support a number of local community events including the Get Active Festival, Chichester University Festival of Sport and the Weald and Downland Autumn Countryside Show.
- 3.4. To encourage participation in its sport, the club runs a number of Have-a-Go and beginner sessions throughout the year as well as welcoming visiting archers from other clubs to shoot at the range.
- 3.5. In August 2009, outline planning permission was granted for 750 dwellings at Graylingwell Hospital College Lane Chichester (CN/08/03533/OUT). The section 106 sport and leisure contribution received from this development was £234,015. The agreement stipulates that the sport and leisure contribution is for providing sport and leisure facilities in the district of Chichester but with priority given if reasonably possible to the NHS land to the south of Graylingwell and/or Oaklands Park.

- 3.6. In February 2014 Chichester District Council (CDC) received £28,890; the section 106 Sport and Leisure contribution secured from the development of The Heritage Winden Avenue Chichester (CC/10/02034/FUL). Planning permission was granted for 92 dwellings and the section 106 agreement for this site provided for a financial contribution towards the cost of sport and leisure facilities in the area of the proposed development.

4. Outcomes

- 4.1. In receiving the section 106 Sport and Leisure contribution outlined in 3.5 and 3.7, CDC is obligated to provide sport and leisure facilities in line with the terms of the section 106 agreement.
- 4.2. Allocation of up to £65,897 section 106 Sport and Leisure monies plus interest accrued to the date of release from planning application numbers CN/08/03533/OUT and CC/10/02034/FUL to Chichester Bowmen for the construction of a new clubhouse facility in Oaklands Park Chichester.
- 4.3. The new clubhouse will provide access and facilities for wheelchair users which the current clubhouse is not able to provide. The increase in size allows the club to hold more social/fundraising events for members and also enables indoor archery to take place.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. Chichester Bowmen proposes to develop a new slightly larger clubhouse facility to provide toilets with wheelchair access, a small kitchen area and storage. The majority of the space will be available for socialising and an area will be provided for equipment maintenance. The increased size of the building will allow indoor short distance shooting which will increase opportunities to train archers.
- 5.2. A planning application was submitted for the project by Chichester Bowmen and was permitted on 11 October 2018. The planning reference for the development is CC/18/01959/FUL.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1. Previous proposals have included a larger building and a slight change in siting of the building to the southern boundary of the site in parallel with football club's northern boundary. This was reviewed due to costs and planning advice.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1. As with other spends of this type, the implementation of the proposed project is by a community organisation, in this instance Chichester Bowmen. The overall estimated cost for the project is £120,839 and funding of £45,000 from Sport England Community Asset Fund and £10,000 from Chichester Bowmen reserves has been secured to date. Further applications for up to £14,000 have been applied for from One Stop Shops, Persimmon Homes, Waitrose Community Matters, Tesco Bags of Help, Sussex Community Foundation and the Woodger Trust. Decisions on these applications are due in the next two months. Section 106 funding will be reduced if these grant applications are successful.

- 7.2. It is planned that work will commence on the building in April 2019 with completion by the end of May 2019. This tight timescale is subject to lead in time for materials and labour at time the order is placed.
- 7.3. Implementation of the project will be monitored by officers and section 106 money will be released on evidence of spend in accordance with our existing governance arrangements.
- 7.4. The section 106 agreement for planning application number CC/10/02034/FUL does not stipulate a date by which the funds will need to be returned to the developer if not allocated/spent but a notional date of five years from the receipt of the funds has been applied by CDC which is 28 February 2019.
- 7.5. The section 106 agreement for planning application number CC/08/03533/OUT stipulates that if the funding has not been spent within ten years of the receipt of the final instalment it is to be refunded to the party who paid the contribution. The final instalment of payment was received by CDC in April 2017.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. The ward members for Chichester North and Chichester South have been informed of the proposed scheme and allocation of funding. No comments have been received to date and a verbal update will be given at the Cabinet.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1. The proposed allocation of section 106 sport and leisure contribution demonstrates direct benefit both to residents of the community of Chichester and the wider district.

10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Climate Change		X
General Data Provision Regulations		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact Positive – improved provision of community sport and leisure facilities for new and existing members of Chichester Bowmen archery Club.	X	
Safeguarding		X
Health and Wellbeing Increased opportunities for participation in sport and leisure activities	X	

11. Appendices

- 11.1 None.

12. Background Papers

- 12.1. None.