

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Director of Environment

TO: North Area Committee 22/11/2012

WARDS: Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges and West Chesterton

**DEVOLVED DECISION-MAKING AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS:
UPDATE FOLLOWING THE NORTH AREA WORKSHOP**

1. SUMMARY

1.1 The city councillors on the North Area Committee are asked to agree three or four project priorities for delivery by the end of March 2014 from the following list of six proposals that would be eligible for developer contributions funding and could be delivered in the short-term (see the recommendations in Section 3). In doing so, the Area Committee will both need to make sure that its choices are affordable within funding currently available to the North Area and that it bears in mind the sort of longer-term projects that it might want to fund in due course.

Table 1: Eligible and deliverable project proposals in North Area

Type (£ available)	Project proposals (need to choose three or four priorities from this list)	Cost estimate
Informal open space: £100k	Provide informal shelters on recreation grounds for use by all ages [N02]	£36k for three
	Trim trail at Alexandra Gardens [A02a]	£30k
	Refurbish/formalise BMX track next to Brown's Field Community Centre [E06]	£30k
	Provide a trim trail at Chesterton Rec. [E08c]	£30k
	Improve Nun's Way skate park [K03b]	£65k
Community facilities: £125k	Contribution towards the capital costs of the new Sikh community centre [K01]	£50k

- 1.2 In total, the North Area has just over £250,000 of contributions available to spend under devolved decision-making. See Appendix B. This is divided up into different contribution types that dictate how the money can be used. The North Area currently has no developer contributions for play areas, outdoor sports and public realm projects.
- 1.3 The report highlights two possible options (not either/or) that the Area Committee may wish to consider to increase the amount of future developer contributions available in the North Area.
- 1.4 The first option would be to urge the Executive Councillor to prioritise the delivery of the Logan's Meadow Nature Reserve Extension from city-wide funding (informal open spaces contributions) for projects benefiting the whole city. See paragraph 7.8.
- 1.5 The second would be to request that the Executive Councillors release money from city-wide developer contribution funds (see paragraphs 7.9 and 7.10) to supplement the amount devolved to the North Area given that:
- a. the North Area has significantly less contributions available compared to the city's other three areas (see Appendix B).
 - b. three of the four North Area wards feature in the top 20 most deprived wards in the county (see Appendix D).
- 1.6 More details can be found in the rest of this report.
- Section 4 explains: what developer contributions are for and how they have been used (see Appendix A); how devolving decisions to area committees on the use of developer contributions will work; and how this has been informed by area workshops earlier this autumn (see the briefing paper in Appendix C).
 - Section 5 and Appendix E summarise the ideas for projects from the North Area consultation and assess which would be eligible for developer contributions and be deliverable in the short-term.
 - Section 6 provides a commentary on list of six proposals from which the Area Committee will need to prioritise three or four.
 - Section 7 describes how area and city-wide projects will be taken forward and considers options for uses of the city-wide funding.
 - Section 8 emphasises that this is an on-going process and that there will be further rounds of project priority setting and continuing consultation with the local community.
 - Section 9 considers the implications of devolved decision-making (eg, the need to make sure that the overall programme of area-specific and strategic projects is manageable and achievable).

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council has agreed to devolve to area committees decision-making on how to spend the developer contributions being made available to each area. This report summarises ideas for how the money could be spent in the North Area, following local public consultation in early October 2012.
- 2.2 The Area Committee is now invited to prioritise which capital projects for new/improved local facilities to take forward from a list of proposals that would be eligible for developer contributions funding and deliverable in the short-term (by the end of March 2014). There will be a follow-up report in early 2013 so the Area Committee can take forward the process of identifying longer-term project priorities.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The North Area Committee is asked:

- 3.1 to note the summary of all consultation feedback arising from the North Area workshop and related emails;
- 3.2 to identify which of the eligible proposals deliverable in the short-term to prioritise for delivery, subject to project appraisals and the identification of appropriate funding to meet any related revenue and maintenance costs;
- 3.3 whether it would wish to raise any issues about possible uses of city-wide developer contributions funding or comment on any strategic proposals from the North Area, which are due to be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2013.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 **Developer contributions:** Developers are often asked to make financial contributions to the city council to address the impact of their developments on Cambridge. These payments have to be used in line with national and local planning policy and the purposes and conditions set out in legal (Section 106) agreements.
- 4.2 Since 2007, the city council has spent over £7.5 million of developer contributions to fund off-site projects across the city. Amongst other projects, this has helped to fund community centres, sports facilities, open spaces, play areas and improvements to the public realm. (See the [Developer Contributions](#) web page for more information). Details of completed and on-going projects costing more than £15,000 in the North Area can be found in Appendix A.

- 4.3 **Devolved decision-making:** The council has agreed to devolve to area committees decision-making about projects to be funded from the following types of developer contributions: community facilities, informal open space; play provision for children and teenagers; indoor sports facilities; outdoor sports facilities (and the previous 'formal open space' category); public art and public realm. For more details, see the scrutiny committee reports listed in Section 11.
- 4.4 The initial aim is for each area to deliver three or four projects by the end of March 2014. As a starting point, the Area Committee needs to identify these priorities at its November 2013 meeting.
- a. Alongside this, the Council is looking to prioritise and deliver several larger projects that make a difference to the city as a whole: these will be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee and approved by the relevant Executive Councillor.
 - b. Each of the four area committees needs to limit itself to three or four short-term priorities so that the overall programme of projects (including the strategic/city-wide ones) to be delivered by March 2014 is manageable and achievable.
- 4.5 **Funding for projects in the area:** In broad terms, the funding that area committees can now spend is based on:
- a. 50% of the developer contributions arising from the major planning applications from the area determined by the city council's Planning Committee (with the other 50% helping to fund strategic projects benefiting more than one area or the entire city); and
 - b. 100% of all other contributions from planning applications from the area (eg, those determined by the area committee itself).
- 4.6 Appendix B shows the provisional analysis (from September 2012) of developer contributions available (received but not yet allocated) to the North Area Committee and the overall city-wide fund. This also highlights that the other three areas have more funding for this devolved decision-making than the North Area.
- 4.7 **Area workshops:** To help inform the decisions to be made by the area committees, public consultation workshops took place in each of the city's four areas. The North Area workshop was held on Saturday morning, 6 October at Shirley Primary School on Nuffield Road.
- 4.8 The event was publicised on the council's website and via Facebook, Twitter, new releases and by posters displayed at places across the North area where community groups meet. Invitations were also sent to local residents' associations and community groups. These efforts

were redoubled to ensure that it was clear that the event was not only open to the public but also that everyone would be welcome. Over 20 people attended the event (including a number of children who put forward their ideas), alongside local city and county councillors, and this helped to generate lively discussion and lots of ideas.

- 4.9 Workshop participants were given a 2-page briefing paper (see Appendix C) including population forecasts, deprivation indices (see Appendix D), examples of existing local facilities and on-going local projects funded by developer contributions, as well as the provisional funding analysis. Before the discussion groups, there was a series of short presentations covering how the different types of developer contributions could be used.
- 4.10 The purpose of the event was to invite local views on current gaps in the provision of community centres, sports facilities, open spaces and play areas and public realm in the area, as well as ideas for new or improved facilities that could help to meet those needs. Whilst council officers were on hand to provide background advice as/when requested, the focus of the workshops was community-led.

5. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- 5.1 The North Area consultation (both the workshop and comments by email) generated over 60 ideas for projects. Recurring themes included needs for:
- a. community facilities / cafés / meeting rooms and drop-in centres;
 - b. improvements to play areas and facilities for older children and teenagers (including BMX tracks and skate parks);
 - c. new or improved sports facilities (such as tennis courts) and changing rooms.
- 5.2 Appendix E summarises the project ideas from the consultation and presents them by the ward from which they came or to which they relate. Officers have assessed these projects in terms of eligibility and deliverability.
- 5.3 Eligibility: Developer contributions funding can normally be used for capital projects (not running or maintenance costs) for new/improved facilities (not just replacements) related to city council contribution types (not transport), which would be open for community use.
- 5.4 Deliverability: This is about whether projects could be completed in the short-term (by the end of March 2014) or would take longer.

- a. Projects are likely to take longer the more preliminary steps need to taken, particularly where facilities/land are not in the city council’s ownership. These steps can include: drawing up plans; consulting on concepts/principles; obtaining planning permission; securing community grants and other funding (not least for running costs and maintenance); signing up to community use agreements and/or undertaking fresh commissioning/procurement exercises.
- b. It is also important to note that it is not going to be possible to take forward play, outdoor sports and public realm improvement projects in the short-term in the North Area as there are currently little or no unallocated contributions available for those contribution types.

6. OPTIONS

6.1 This section focuses on the six proposals identified as both eligible for developer contributions funding and deliverable in the short-term. The Area Committee is asked to identify which three or four proposals it would wish to prioritise for delivery.

6.2 In identifying this initial set of priorities, the Area Committee will need to be mindful of:

- a. the levels of developer contributions currently available to the North Area (see Appendix B), particularly for the £100,000 for informal open space; and
- b. its broad aspirations for taking forward longer-term projects in due course (see paragraph 7.3) – that is how much money the Area Committee may wish to hold back to spend on larger/more complex projects such as community facilities, pavilions, sports facilities and play provision (not least for teenagers).

6.3 List of short-term projects from which to choose

N02	Provide informal shelters on recreation grounds for use by all ages	
	Estimated cost: £5,000-12,000 per shelter (say, up to £36,000 for three in the Area) [Informal open space]	Ward: Area-wide

This would provide the additional benefits of further social meeting points. At the same time, it could encourage people to congregate in our parks for longer periods of time and increase the risk of anti-social behaviour. To minimise this risk, the informal shelters would need to be situated in prominent positions, with specific locations informed by local consultation.

Given that all of the other eligible proposals that would be deliverable in the short-term relate to Arbury, East Chesterton and King's Hedges wards, the Area Committee may wish to opt for this project as a means of delivering an improvement in West Chesterton. The play areas at Chestnut Grove and Bateson Road could be considered as possible locations. Alternatively, West Chesterton residents might also benefit from an informal shelter at the nearby Arbury Court play area.

A02a	Create a trim trail at Alexandra Gardens	
	Estimated cost: £30,000 [Informal open space]	Ward: Arbury

This could be used by a broad age range and would encourage people to take up physical activity. It could also present opportunities for group fitness training. There would need to be local consultation on the specific types of equipment to be provided and its location.

E06	Formalise BMX track next to Brown's Field Community Centre	
	Estimated cost: £30,000 [Informal open space]	Ward: East Chesterton

It has been suggested that the current, informal BMX track be developed into a formal/more useable track. This is said to be a popular idea amongst users of Brown's Field Community Centre. It would also complement the play provision at Green End Road. Developing a formal track here would be in addition to the existing BMX facilities at Nun's Way. It would avoid the need for young people from East Chesterton having to cross busy roads to get to Nun's Way. The proximity of a new, formal BMX track to Brown's Field Community Centre could also provide a first point of contact for first aid (say, for cuts and bruises). Again, there would need to be consultation, including both young people and local residents, on the details of the project.

E08c	Provide a trim trail at Chesterton Recreation Ground	
	Estimated cost: £30,000 [Informal open space]	Ward: East Chesterton

See comments under A02a.

K03b	Improve Nun's Way skate park	
	Estimated cost: £65,000 [Informal open space]	Ward: King's Hedges

This proposal would replace the outdated metal 'half-pipe' ramp with a more sophisticated, concrete skate park, which would be more challenging and popular amongst skateboarders. Landscaping would help to reduce the noise impact.

K01	Contribution towards the capital costs of the new Sikh community centre	
	Estimated cost: £50,000 [Community facilities]	Ward: King's Hedges

The Sikh community has plans for providing some dedicated community space and a separate, dedicated religious space within their newly acquired centre opposite Manor College. This proposal, if approved, would only contribute towards the provision of the community space (open to all). Funding would be subject to detailed plans, approvals and completion of the council's capital grant agreement.

7. NEXT STEPS

- 7.1 The implementation arrangements for devolved decision-making for developer contributions, reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee last June, identified two processes working in parallel:
- a. area-specific priority projects to be decided by the area committee
 - b. strategic projects to be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee and decided by the Executive Councillor.
- 7.2 **Arrangements for North Area projects:** Project appraisals for short-term priorities will be developed from January 2013 onwards. There will be local consultation (including ward councillors) on the details of particular schemes and checks to ensure appropriate use of specific contributions. Those appraisals for projects above the threshold level will be reported to the Area Committee (procedures are being updated in the new context of devolved decision-making).
- 7.3 There will be a further report to the North Area Committee on 21 March 2013 to consider longer-term proposals identified in Appendix E (as well as short-term proposals not selected in the first round of prioritisation). Some of these longer-term projects may, by then, be ready for early prioritisation; others may require some further investigation and need to wait until a subsequent prioritisation round.

- 7.4 There will then be updates to the Area Committee, probably every six months, to provide an update on both the devolved contributions available to spend in the North Area and the progress being made on delivering on-going/priority projects. This will present further opportunities for the Area Committee to identify new priority projects.
- 7.5 **Arrangements for city-wide/strategic projects:** A report to next January's Community Services Scrutiny Committee will bring together the strategic project ideas suggested from all four area consultations. It will also draw attention to projects that are currently on the 'on hold' list of the city council's Capital Plan (including the Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve [LNR] extension, with its estimated cost in the region of £190,000). This will enable the relevant Executive Councillors to identify any initial strategic priorities to take forward within the city-wide funding available (for schemes benefiting more than one area).
- 7.6 The Area Committee is asked whether it would wish to raise any issues about the possible uses of the city-wide contributions funding or comment on any strategic proposals, so that these views can be passed on to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee.
- 7.7 The table below sets out the suggestions for city-wide/strategic project ideas generated by the North Area workshop/consultation.

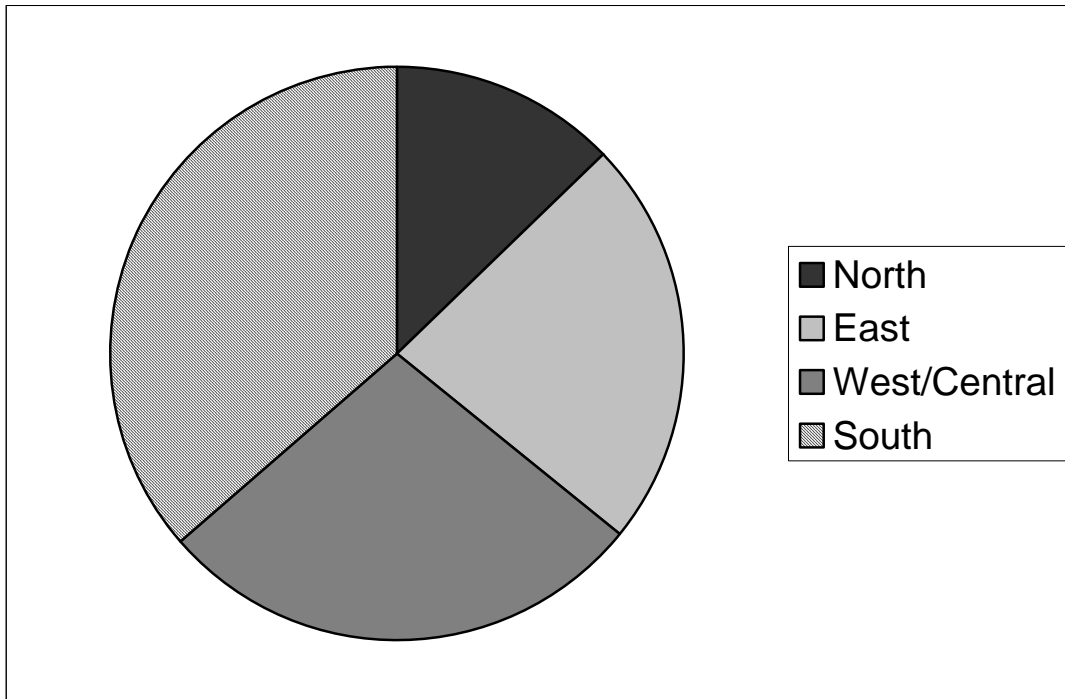
Table 2

X01	Create cycleway through the city from the Guided Busway in the north to Addenbrooke's in the south (Chisholm Trail)
X02	Create a velodrome

- 7.8 The Logan's Meadow LNR extension is 'on hold' as checks to ensure the appropriate use of developer contributions highlighted that the 'habitat creation' features of the project could only be funded from informal open space contributions entered into since July 2006. There is not enough of this funding available for this from North Area.
- a. However, the provisional developer contributions funding analysis carried out in the context of devolved decision-making shows that around £125,000 of the informal open space contributions in the city-wide fund relate to Section 106 agreements since that date. The Logan's Meadow LNR extension would be a strategic project as it would benefit residents across the city.
 - b. Some aspects of the project would be eligible for pre-July 2006 informal open space contributions (of which there is around £150,000 in the city-wide fund).

7.9 The provisional analysis of the overall developer contributions funding currently available to each area, set out in Appendix B, is presented in Table 3 as a pie chart. The contributions available to the North Area are shaded black. As mentioned in paragraph 5.4b, there is currently little or no funding for play, outdoor sports and public realm improvements in the short-term This is also set in the context that three of the four wards in the North Area are in the top 20 most deprived in Cambridgeshire (see Appendix D).

Table 3: Overall, current devolved developer contributions by area



7.10 If the North Area Committee were to ask the Executive Councillors to supplement the Area’s devolved funds with money from the city-wide fund, consultation feedback highlights the need for improvements to play areas from ‘provision for children and teenagers’ contributions.

Table 4: Play areas that need improving, but cannot be considered for short-term delivery as the North Area lacks ‘play’ contributions

A02b	Improve the play equipment at Alexandra Gardens [Arbury]
A03	Improve the play equipment at Blandford Walk [Arbury]
E05	Improve Discovery Way play area [East Chesterton]
K04a	Improve Woodhead Drive play area [King’s Hedges]
K04b	Improve Campkin Road play area [King’s Hedges]
K04c	Improve Beales Way play area [King’s Hedges]
W05	Improve access to play equipment at Hawthorn Way or move it to improve usage [West Chesterton]

8. CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 The North Area workshop, along with suggestions sent in by email both before and after the event, has produced a wealth of local ideas about how developer contributions funding could help to address unmet needs and provide new or improved local facilities.
- 8.2 It is worth repeating the closing comments from the Area workshop:
- a. Thanks to all those who have taken the time to put forward ideas. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to fund all the suggestions from the developer contributions funding available to the Area – the North Area Committee will have to make some tough choices.
 - b. Although significant steps are being made to deliver the next set of developer contribution-funded projects in the Area, change won't happen overnight. Further work and local consultation will be needed to develop the details of priority projects.
 - c. This is an on-going process and the Area Committee will be able to update and add to its list of priority projects on a regular basis. There will also be a continuing dialogue with the local community, not least to engage with young people and others who did not have their say as part of the North Area workshop.

9. IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 **Financial Implications:** Arrangements are being made to:
- a. identify within the 2013/14 Capital Plan developer contributions funds for each Area for devolved decision-making (as well as a city-wide/strategic developer contributions fund). The use of this funding will need to be in line with the amounts assigned in Section 106 agreements for specific contribution types;
 - b. seek a provisional sum for the likely overall maintenance and repairs and renewals costs that may arise from developer contribution-funded projects relating to council facilities. Where the city council provides grants (from developer contributions funds) to community groups for the provision of local projects, the general assumption is that those other organisations will meet the running costs and maintenance costs of the new/improved facilities.
- 9.2 **Staffing Implications:** Steps have been taken to both make the implementation of devolved decision-making as simple as possible, and to strengthen the capacity for project delivery. Even so, the need for each area committee to keep their list of short-term priority projects to three or four is important to ensure that the overall programme of projects across all four areas and the city-wide/strategic projects is manageable and achievable.

- 9.3 **Equal Opportunities Implications:** This issue was addressed in the report to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2012. The implications of specific priority projects will be reviewed as part of the project appraisals.
- 9.4 **Environmental Implications:** The 'very low or nil impact' of devolved decision-making was identified in the report to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2012.
- 9.5 **Procurement:** These issues will be covered in project appraisals for specific priority projects.
- 9.6 **Consultation and communication:** Following on from the approach taken so far, officers will continue to make workshop participants aware of how the project ideas from the workshops are being followed up. Arrangements for further local consultation on the details of priority projects and reaching out to hard-to-reach groups have already been mentioned in Sections 6 and 7.
- 9.7 **Community Safety:** Community safety considerations will be factored into the design of the new/improved facilities to be funded by developer contributions.

10. APPENDICES

- A. Projects over £15,000 in the North Area funded by developer contributions since 2007
- B. Existing/unallocated developer contributions available to the North Area and the overall city-wide fund (provisional analysis)
- C. North Area 2-page briefing paper distributed to workshop participants on 6 October 2012
- D. Deprivation indices analysis
- E. Summary of all project ideas (by ward) raised at the North Area workshop in October 2012 and/or by email

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

- North Area workshop presentation slides: 6/10/2012.
- Responses to/arising from the North Area workshop on 6/10/12.
See the [Committee meetings minutes & agendas](#) web page for:
- Reports on devolved decision-making to area committees to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 28/6/12 (12/54/CS) & 12/1/12 (12/13/CS) and Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee on 10/10/11 on the interim review of area working (11/68/SR).
- Further background information about the council's approach to developer contributions (eg, the Planning Obligations Strategy Supplementary Planning Document) and devolved decision-making can be found on our [Developer Contributions](#) web page.

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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Projects over £15,000 in the North Area funded by developer contributions since 2007

Completed project spend	Ward	Spend
Arbury Community Centre: equipment and improvements	Kings Hedges	£50k-£150k
Brown's Field Youth & Community Centre	East Chesterton	£50k-£150k
Cameron Road: affordable housing	Kings Hedges	£50k-£150k
Chesterton Community College: floodlit astroturf pitch	West Chesterton	£50k-£150k
Elmfield Close: affordable housing	East Chesterton	Over £500k
Fallowfield: affordable housing	East Chesterton	£50k-£150k
Green End Road play area improvement	East Chesterton	£50k-£150k
Histon Road Cemetery landscaping	Arbury	£15k-£50k
Kings Hedges Learner Pool	Kings Hedges	Over £250k
Logan's Meadow Swift Tower	East Chesterton	£15k-50k
Pye's Pitch: recreation facilities	East Chesterton	£15k-£50k
Ramsden Square Rec. Ground refurbishment	Kings Hedges	£50k-£150k
Simons House: affordable housing	Arbury	Over £500k
Vie site: play area provision (installation to follow)	East Chesterton	£15k-£50k
Vie site: public open space (prior to land transfer)	East Chesterton	£50k-£150k

On-going projects	Ward	Due	Allocated
Kings Hedges 'The Pulley' play area	Kings Hedges	Winter 12/13	£15k-50k
Pye's Recreation Ground pitches (access improvements)	East Chesterton	Autumn 12	Under £15k
Vie: public open space (adaptation to entrance following land transfer)	East Chesterton	Spring 13	£15k-50k

Existing/unallocated developer contributions available to the North Area and the overall city-wide fund

Table B1: Provisional analysis	North Area	City-wide
Community facilities	£125,000	£300,000
Informal open space	£100,000	£275,000
Formal open space	£0	£150,000
Outdoor sports facilities	£0	£2,500
Indoor sports facilities	£7,500	£3,000
Provision for children & teenagers	Under £5k	£75,000
Public art	£15,000	£75,000
Public realm	£0	£100,000

Sums above £25,000 are rounded down to the nearest £25,000

1. These amounts will change as contributions (agreed in Section 106 agreements) are triggered and as funding is allocated to/spent on projects. An updated analysis (covering all four Areas) will be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2013.
2. Existing contributions for formal open space and outdoor sports facilities are already allocated to local projects.
3. Since the council introduced the 'public realm' contribution type, no developments in North Area have triggered these payments.
4. Of these unallocated developer contributions, two from the North Area have expiry dates before the end of 2015. These relate to:
 - around £1,000 towards the provision of community facilities in Cambridge and/or the improvement of existing ones (in a way that fulfils Local Plan policy and meets the community needs of future residents), which has to be contractually committed by June 2014;
 - around £120,000 still remaining for the provision of appropriate community facilities to meet the needs of future residents of new developments (split 50:50 between the North Area and City-wide funds), which has to be contractually committed by June 2015;

It will be helpful to be able to allocate these contributions to initial project priorities in order to ensure that the contributions can be used appropriately by their expiry dates.

The fall-back position was set out in the report to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 'Devolved decision-making to area committees' last January. This highlighted that, in the event that an area committee failed to allocate funding to the delivery of any project within three years of receipt of the developer funding, the executive councillor (following scrutiny) could intervene and reallocate that money to a scheme that would be delivered within the legal agreement deadline.

5. In considering possible uses of the City-wide fund, it is worth comparing the funding available to the North Area with the amounts that are available to the other areas. This reflects the North's relatively low levels of development and its previous spending on completed projects and allocations to on-going projects. The issues are discussed further in paragraphs 7.9 and 7.10.

Table B2: Developer contributions available to the other areas

	East	South	West/ Central
Community facilities	£125,000	£200,000	£225,000
Informal open space	£125,000	£275,000	£100,000
Formal open space	£50,000	£150,000	£50,000
Outdoor sports	£10,000	£5,000	£10,000
Indoor sports	£10,000	£5,000	£10,000
Play provision	Under £5k	£75,000	£75,000
Public art	£50,000	£0	£50,000
Public realm	£75,000	£0	£25,000
Totals	£450,000	£710,000	£545,000

North Area Workshop

Saturday 6 October 2012

BRIEFING PAPER



Developers and property owners are often asked to make financial contributions to the city council to address the impact of their development on Cambridge. Decisions on much of this funding (also known as S106 money) are being devolved to the Area Committees. To help inform your Area Committee's decisions, we would like you to tell us about:

- current gaps in the provision of local community centres, sports facilities, open spaces and play areas, and public realm in the area (Arbury, East Chesterton, West Chesterton & King's Hedges)
- your ideas for new or improved facilities that could help to meet those needs.

POPULATION CHANGE IN THE NORTH AREA

	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years +	TOTAL
2011	5,760	5,330	11,380	8,060	4,930	35,460
2016	5,610	5,650	10,930	7,660	5,230	35,080
Change	-150	320	-450	-400	300	-380
% change	-3%	6%	-4%	-5%	6%	-1%

The Cambridgeshire Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010 ranks wards from 1 to 123. Rank 1 indicates the relatively higher level of deprivation in the county. The ward rankings in the North Area are: Arbury [17]; East Chesterton [13], West Chesterton [44] and King's Hedges [8].

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL FACILITIES

(We're keen to draw on your local knowledge)

<p>Community facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meadows Community Centre (largest) • Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre • 37 Lawrence Way Community House • Nuns Way Pavilion • Brown's Field Youth & Community Centre • 82 Akeman Street Community room • plus a wide range of other venues, such as school/church halls 	<p>Sports facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King's Hedges Learner Pool • Chesterton CC Sports Centre & astro • Manor CC Sports Centre & astro • Scotland Road outdoor basketball • Green End Road outdoor basketball • Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club • Grass Pitches: Chesterton Rec & Nuns Way
<p>Open spaces include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuns Way Recreation Ground (4.6ha) • Logan's Meadow/Pye's Pitch (4.1ha) • King's Hedges Recreation Ground (3.9ha) • Chesterton Recreation Ground (2.3ha) • St Alban's Road Recreation Ground (2.1ha) 	<p>Play areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chesterton Recreation Ground: skate park • St Andrew's play area • Green End Road play area • King's Hedges (The Pulley) play area • Ramsden Square play area

PROJECTS 'IN THE PIPELINE' IN THE NORTH AREA

- On-going projects: King's Hedges (The Pulley) play area (due to complete in Winter 2012/13).
- Projects to be finished: Pye's Pitch changing facilities, Vie site play area equipment installation.
- Projects to be taken forward: Kings Hedges (The Pulley) splash pad; Arbury Community Centre small hall refurbishment (Community Services Scrutiny Committee to consider on 11/10/12).
- Projects on the city council's Capital Plan 'on hold' list: Logan's Meadow LNR extension. The project (around £190,000) contains elements that can only be funded from S106 agreements (informal open space contributions) after July 2006. Funding for this project will need to be considered in the context of both city-wide and area-specific funding available as well as project ideas arising from the area and strategic needs assessments.

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE NORTH AREA

This provisional analysis is based on contributions that have already been received but not yet allocated. Under devolved decision-making, the Area receives 50% of developer contributions arising from major planning applications from the area that are determined by the Planning Committee. It also receives 100% of all other S106 funding relating to planning applications from the area (including minor ones approved prior to the introduction of area committees). An update will be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2013.

S106 funding available for:	North Area
Community facilities	£125,000
Informal open space	£100,000
Public art	£15,000
Indoor sports facilities	£7,500
Provision for children and teenagers	Under £5,000

Sums above £25k have been rounded down to the nearest £25,000

For the other devolved contribution types there are no existing/unallocated sums for North Area. Existing contributions for formal open space and outdoor sports facilities are allocated to local projects. Since the council introduced 'public realm' as a contribution type, no developments in North Area have triggered the collection of these payments.

HOW MUCH CAN DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROJECT COST?

Community facilities: Grants of £100k-£150k have been given towards a number of community facilities (eg, refurbishment of St Philip's Church [Romsey] incl. community rooms and community café). Also, a £22k grant for the Squeaky Gate recording studios refurbishment [Petersfield].

Open Spaces: works can range from tree-planting to landscaping. This is often linked to wider projects, such as play areas or sports facilities. Typically to supply, plant and maintain a tree costs £500; to plant a shrub bed around £35 per m² and to lay a lawn £10 per m².

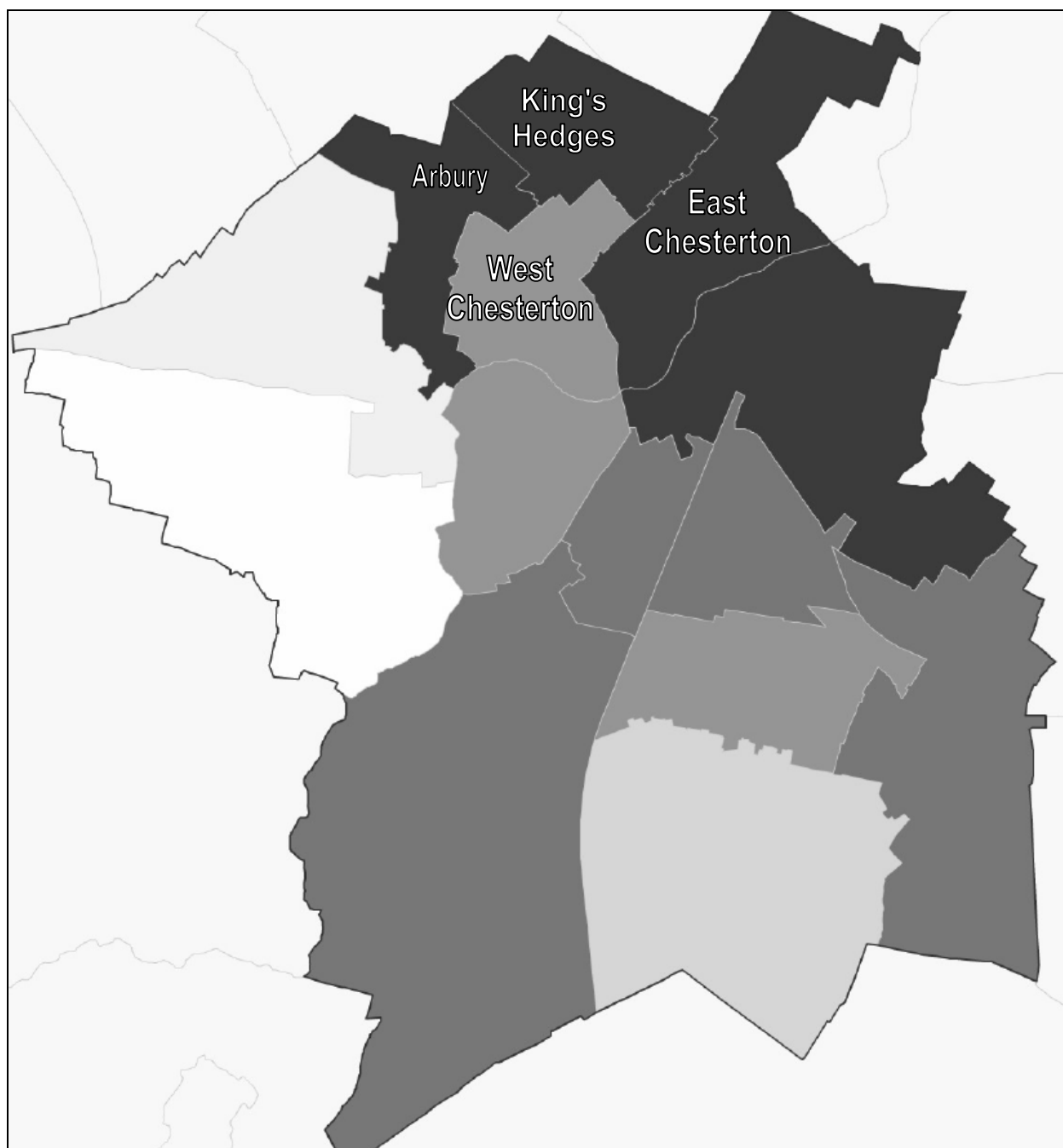
Play Areas: installation of new pieces of play equipment can vary from £3k up to £50k. Complete refurbishment can be up to £200k depending on scale and the number of pieces of equipment.

Sports facilities: Trim trails: £ 6k - £10k. Outdoor Sports equipment pods: £16k - £30k. Individual outdoor sports equipment items from £4k. New tennis court or multi-use games area: c £65k. Metal 5-a-side goals [eg, at Thorpe Way]: £4.5k. "Panna" football skills courts: £7.5k. Outdoor table tennis tables £6.5k. Astro turf: £125k to £500k.

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Deprivation indices analysis

This analysis draws on the Cambridgeshire Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010. The index ranks the 123 wards in the county in order of deprivation (1 being the highest). The rankings for Cambridge wards are presented in the table (next page) and in the map below: the darker the shading, the higher the level of relative deprivation. **Three of the four wards in the North Area are in the top 20 most deprived wards in the county.**



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How city wards rank in the Cambridgeshire Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010

Area	Cambridge ward	Rank	Total devolved fund (provisional)
NORTH	Arbury	17	£252,500
	East Chesterton	13	
	King's Hedges	8	
	West Chesterton	44	
EAST	Abbey	11	£450,000
	Coleridge	41	
	Petersfield	29	
	Romsey	33	
WEST/ CENTRAL	Castle	89	£545,000
	Market	46	
	Newnham	106	
SOUTH	Cherry Hinton	37	£710,000
	Queen Edith's	72	
	Trumpington	30	

Based on the ranking of Cambridgeshire's 123 wards in order of deprivation, where 1 is the highest.

For more information, visit the county council's Cambridgeshire Atlas:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/research/researchmaps.htm

Project ideas from the North Area with assessment of eligibility for city council developer contributions

- This is a summary and, as such, it cannot reflect all the details and nuances from the workshop discussions and/or emails. Some project ideas shown here bring together a number of related suggestions.
- The Area Committee will not be able to fund all eligible project ideas from the contributions available and will need to prioritise.
- This assessment of eligibility for developer contributions (see paragraph 5.3) is provisional. Further discussion will be needed with relevant organisations.
- Those suggestions that could be carried out by the end of March 2014 are denoted by grey-shading in the left-hand column. For an explanation of why some ideas have been assessed as longer-term projects, please see paragraph 5.4.
- Projects identified as deliverable in the short-term are covered in Section 6. City-wide projects are considered in paragraphs 7.7-7.10.
- Key to contribution types: CF = community facilities; FOS/OSF = formal open space and/or outdoor sports facilities; ISF = indoor sports facilities; IOS = informal open space; Play = provision for children and teenagers; PA = public art; and PR = public realm.

No.	Summary of project idea	Eligible?	Comments
AREA-WIDE (OR MORE THAN ONE WARD IN THE AREA)			
N01	Meeting place where people can just drop-in [CF]	Yes	See also particular ideas under A01, E01, E02, K01, K02 and W01.
N02	Need a 'village hall' in the centre of the Area [CF]	Possible	Need clarification on what is being suggested/ what it would be used for. Currently working with the county council and Friends of Milton Road Library about the possible refurbishment of the library, which could include a community room. Longer-term project.

No.	Summary of project idea	Eligible?	Comments
N03	Provide informal shelters on recreation grounds for use by all ages [IOS]	Yes	Could only be delivered in the short-term.
N04	More play area provision, especially for older children and teenagers [Play]	Yes	See also particular ideas under A02b, A03, A07, E05, E06, K03b, K04a-d, W02 and W05. Could only be delivered in the short-term if there was funding available.
N05	Create an adult size swimming pool in the North Area [ISF]	Yes, but	All areas of the city meet the Sport England standard for being within a 20-minute journey of a full-sized pool. As well as having three non-full sized pools in the North Area, there are full-sized pools in Abbey and at Impington & Bottisham.
N06	Provide a tennis court in North Area, possibly at Chesterton Recreation Ground or Pye's Pitch [FOS/OSF]	Yes	Longer-term project. A number of possible sites could be considered.
N07 N07a	Provide facilities for sports not catered for in the Area Cricket [FOS/OSF]	Yes but	Suggest that this is already addressed: artificial wicket at Manor School and artificial cricket pitch being developed at Logan's Meadow.
N07b	Croquet [FOS/OSF]	Possible	Would need to be convinced of local need. If eligible, would be a longer-term project.
N07c	Pitch and putt [FOS/OSF]	Possible	

No.	Summary of project idea	Eligible?	Comments
N08	Car speed reduction measures (eg, red roads and gates) on roads next to parks (eg Chesterton Road)	No	Transport-related. Will pass suggestion to Cambridgeshire County Council.
N09	Improve cyclist/pedestrian safety at the Carlyle Road to Jesus Lock crossing of Chesterton Road by closing Carlyle Road to cars and improving the bridge to cope with the high volume of cycling traffic.	No	Transport-related. Will pass suggestion to Cambridgeshire County Council.
N10	Voluntary sector needs resources to help meet administrative burden	No	Suggestion has been passed to Community Development service re:possibility of grant-funding.
ARBURY WARD			
A01	Improve Bermuda Flats community room [CF]	Possible	Need clarification about what is being suggested: not eligible if just about maintenance. Could be a longer-term project.
A02a	Create a trim trail at Alexandra Gardens [IOS]	Yes	Could be delivered in the short-term.
A02b	Improve the play equipment at Alexandra Gardens [Play]	Yes	Could only be delivered in the short-term if there was funding available.
A03	Improve the play equipment at Blandford Walk [Play]	Yes	
A04	New play area by Perse Way flats, with facilities for both younger children and teenagers (eg, solar interactive games as at Trumpington Rec. Ground) [Play]	Yes	Longer-term project

No.	Summary of project idea	Eligible?	Comments
A05	Public realm improvements (eg, planting, lighting, benches) at Carlton Way shops [PR]	Yes, but alternative funding exists	Longer-term projects. Could consider using Environmental Improvement Programme instead
A06	Greater access to playing fields at Arbury Primary School [?]	Possible	Need clarification about what is being suggested and how it would involve a developer contribution –funded capital project.
EAST CHESTERTON WARD			
E01	Extend St Andrew's Hall to provide dedicated space for a community café [CF]	Yes	Longer-term project
E02	Community facilities in the area of Chesterton Methodist Church [CF]	Yes	Longer-term project. Methodist Church has highlighted willingness to work with other local churches in addressing needs arising from the consultation process.
E03	Chesterton Community Heritage Project, raising understanding of local history [PA]	Possibly. Alternative funding exists	Longer-term project. Application to Heritage Lottery Fund could be considered.
E04a	New play equipment for Playlanders play group/ pre-school [Play]	No	Would not be open to everyone, just the play group.
E04b	Play resources to engage Traveller families at Playlanders play group/ pre-school [Play]	No	Not open to everyone, just the play group. Will pass suggestion to the county council's Traveller liaison officer.
E04c	Introduce book-start scheme to promote early literacy at Playlanders play group/pre-school	No	Suggestion has been passed to Community Development service re:possibility of grant-funding.
E05	Improve Discovery Way play area [Play]	Yes	Could only be delivered in the short-term if there was funding available.

No.	Summary of project idea	Eligible?	Comments
E06	Formalise BMX track next to Brown's Field Community Centre [IOS]	Yes	Could be delivered in the short-term.
E07a	Public realm improvements to pavement area at the junction of Chesterton High Street with Scotland Road and Green End Road [PR]	Yes	Longer-term project. Could consider using Environmental Improvement Programme instead
E07b	Redevelop Chesterton High Street, addressing car parking and speeding.	No	Transport-related. Will pass suggestion on to the county council.
E08a	Rebuild/enlarge sports pavilion on Chesterton Recreation Ground, with better changing facilities, storage, meeting space, kitchens and toilets [FOS/OSF/CF]	Yes	Longer-term project
E08b	Reconfigure Chesterton Recreation Ground. For example, swap location of pavilion and skate park, provide picnic tables outside pavilion and include space for tai-chi and yoga. [IOS/Play]	Possible	Longer-term project
E08c	Provide a trim trail at Chesterton Rec [IOS]	Yes	Could be delivered in the short-term.
E09a	Convert store at 26 th Cambridge Scout Hut into changing rooms accessible for pitches at Pye's Pitch [FOS]	Yes. Funding exists	Longer-term. Funding for changing rooms has already been allocated as part of the Pye's Pitch approved project.
E09b	Drain Pye's Pitch [IOS]	Possible	Longer-term project
E10	Public art (incl village sign) in East Chesterton	Yes	Longer-term project
KING'S HEDGES WARD			
K01	Contribution towards the capital costs of the new Sikh community centre [CF]	Yes	Could be delivered in the short-term.

No.	Summary of project idea	Eligible?	Comments
K02	Provide drop-in centre for young people in Hawkins Road area [CF]	Possible	Longer-term project. Note: there is currently a drop-in facility for young people at the NQ at the Meadows Centre.
K03a	Revamp and extend sports pavilion, including a community café and toilets [FOS/OSF/CF]	Yes	Longer-term project
K03b	Improve Nun's Way skate park [IOS]	Yes	Could be delivered in the short-term
K04	Improve play and sports provision for children and teenagers in Kings Hedges [Play]	Yes	Could only be delivered in the short-term if there was funding available.
K04a	Woodhead Drive play area		
K04b	Campkin Road play area		
K04c	Beales Way play area		
K04d	Maintain swings at Hawkins Road	No	Maintenance issue (repainting)
K05	Convert toilets in Jedburgh Court into more changing rooms for the swimming pool (to provide greater privacy) with a corridor link between them. (Requested by Asian ladies' swimming group) [FOS]	Yes	Longer-term project
K06	Public realm improvements at Arbury Court [PR]	Yes, but alternative funding exists	Longer-term projects. Consider using Environmental Improvement Programme instead?
WEST CHESTERTON WARD			
W01	Need a community facility in West Chesterton. Wasn't this meant to be provided as part of the Castle School redevelopment?	Possible, but not on that site now	As the residential phase of the Castle School development did not take place in the time allowed by the planning.....

No.	Summary of project idea	Eligible?	Comments
W02	Recover open space/recreation land that was meant to come from the Castle School redevelopment.	Possible, but not on that site nowapproval, the community facility & open space obligations were not activated. This could be addressed in any future planning application/ Section 106 agreement for the site.
W03	More green open space in West Chesterton [IOS]	Yes	Longer-term project. Available land is a constraint.
W04	Stop cars mounting the pavement at Milton Road / Arbury Road junction. Make the junction/traffic light phasing more cycle-friendly	No	Transport-related. Will pass suggestion on to the county council.
W05	Improve access to play equipment at Hawthorn Way or move it to improve usage [Play]	Yes	Could only be delivered in the short-term if there was funding available.
W06	Public realm improvements at Mitcham's Corner (including possibility of more car parking). [PR]	Yes	Longer-term project
ELSEWHERE OR RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE AREA			
X01	Create cycleway through the city from the Guided Busway in the north to Addenbrooke's in the south (Chisholm Trail)	No	Transport-related. Will pass suggestion on to the county council.
X02	Create a velodrome [ISF or FOS/OSF]	Yes, but	City-wide project. Could outstretch current city-wide contributions. Will pass suggestion to Planning Policy.
X03	Create a city farm.	No	Other options for a city farm are being explored by the voluntary sector
X04	Create a monster truck rally park.	No	Also land availability constraints.