

REPORT OF: Urban Growth Project Manager

TO: South Area Committee

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WARDS: Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington

S106 DEVOLVED DECISION-MAKING: 2016/17 PRIORITY-SETTING

1. INTRODUCTION

In late 2016, the council invited ideas to improve open spaces and play areas as part of the latest S106 funding round. Thirteen proposals have been suggested for facilities in this Area, albeit that some relate to the same play area or park. Section 3 sets the context, including an update on S106 project delivery progress and the latest analysis of devolved S106 funding availability. Section 4 assesses the proposals against the council's S106 selection criteria.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The South Area Committee is asked to:

- 2.1 select (from Table 3) which of the eligible project proposals for improving local play areas and open spaces to prioritise (subject to business case approval) using available devolved S106 funds;
- 2.2 reverse decisions made by the Area Committee in the 2015/16 S106 funding round which prioritised the following two proposals (for the reasons explained in Section 5 of this report)
 - a. Accordia junior 'fit kit' (allocated £15,000 of (play) 'provision for children and teenagers' S106 contributions) and
 - b. St Paul's Primary School community facility improvements (allocated £40,000 of 'community facilities' S106 contributions).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 New homes and development lead to more demands on local facilities. The council can ask developers to pay off-site S106 contributions to mitigate that impact when it is not addressed on-site. An overview of the council's approach to S106 contributions can be found at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/our-approach-to-s106>.

- 3.2 **Project progress:** Decision-making over the use of some off-site, generic¹, S106 contributions from local developments² has been devolved to area committees from 2012/13³. The South Area Committee has received S106 priority-setting reports every year.
- a. Since the start of 2016, five S106-funded local projects have been completed (two in Cherry Hinton and three in Queen Edith's):
 - Cherry Hinton Rec Ground pavilion;
 - Reilly Way play area
 - Nightingale Avenue Rec Ground community garden;
 - the community accessible 'blue gym' at Netherhall School; and
 - Rock Road Library community meeting space improvements.
 - b. The community facility improvements at the Lutheran Church on Shaftesbury Road, which will be accessible to all, are due to be completed in the next few months.
 - c. Other S106 projects already prioritised by the Area Committee are under development. Consultations on the new pavilion and play area improvements at Nightingale Avenue Rec Ground are expected to commence later this spring. Following consultation with local residents last autumn over the proposed Hobson's Brook footbridge, officers are making further checks about land use before reporting back to this committee.
- 3.3 This provides important context for understanding both current S106 funding availability⁴ and recent investment in S106 mitigation projects⁵. Meanwhile, Section 5 explains the background to the two 2015/16 prioritised project proposals, mentioned in paragraph 2.2, which are not in a position to move forward.

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1. Generic contributions relate to broad infrastructure types (eg, 'informal open space') and were the sort that the council tended to secure prior to the changes to government regulations in April 2015. Since then, however, the council can now only seek specific contributions relating to improvements to particular facilities (which can only be used for the stated purposes, if they are to be used).
 2. This does not include the major growth sites on the Southern Fringe but has included S106 contributions from the CB1 Station Area redevelopment.
 3. Whilst this report is focussed on generic S106 funding, it is worth noting that, since April 2015, some specific S106 contributions have been agreed to mitigate the impact of local development. This includes funding for: Cherry Hinton Community Hub, indoor sports facilities at Cherry Hinton Village Centre and playing pitch improvements at Cherry Hinton Rec Ground. Local consultation will be carried out to seek views on whether/how to make use of these specific S106 contributions.
 4. Variations in S106 funding availability levels also reflect different levels of development in each ward.
 5. More details about S106-funded projects can be found at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106-projects>.

- 3.4 **S106 funding availability:** Reports in recent years have alerted the Area Committee to the implications of the national S106 restrictions⁶ and regulation changes. As receipts from the last generic S106 contributions agreed before April 2015 taper off, overall generic S106 funding levels are running down. In order to maximise the spending power of the remaining generic contributions, officers are carrying out a further review of previous S106 spend and funding allocations in order to strengthen links between the developments from which S106 contributions have arisen and the projects on which they are spent⁷.

Table 1: Provisional analysis⁸ of devolved S106 funding⁹

Ward	Play provision	Informal open space
Cherry Hinton ¹⁰	£25,000 ▲	£25,000 ▼
Queen Edith's	£75,000 ▲	£15,000 ▼
Trumpington ¹¹	£225,000 ►	£200,000 ▼

- 3.5 The arrows show whether funding availability has increased (▲), reduced (▼) or stayed much the same (►) compared to the October 2016 analysis, which was posted on the council's Developer Contributions web pages at the start of the 2016/17 funding round. Where funding availability levels have reduced, this reflects:

- more of the spend on local projects in those wards now being funded from S106 contributions from those wards; and/or
- contributions from major developments, which had previously been assigned to strategic funds, being used to fund nearby completed 'strategic' projects that benefit South Area residents.

At the same time, it is important to remember that, due to the very high funding levels in Trumpington, this Area still has considerably more S106 funding available for 'play provision for children and teenagers' and 'informal open spaces' than any other area of the city.

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- S106 funds can no longer be sought from developments of fewer than 11 homes.
 - Officers aim to fund local projects from relevant, devolved S106 contributions from nearby developments in the same ward before allocating contributions from nearby developments in neighbouring wards in the same (area committee) area.
 - Figures above £25,000 rounded down to the nearest £25,000. As further checks are made, the funding availability figures may change.
 - Whilst S106 funds are devolved to area committees, a ward-level analysis can be pertinent given funding constraints. This does not mean that S106 contributions from a ward can only be used on projects in the same ward, however: the impact of development can be mitigated by a nearby facility in another ward.
 - 'Play provision' S106 contributions in Cherry Hinton are actually around £35,000.
 - See paragraph 5.4: Trumpington's 'play provision' figure will increase by £15,000 if the current Accordia junior 'fit kit' allocation is released back into devolved funds.

- 3.6 **2016/17 funding round:** The process was agreed following a report to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee last October.
- a. All remaining generic S106 contributions for providing/improving 'informal open space' and play 'provision for children and teenagers', which have been received from developments in a local area are devolved to the relevant area committee.
 - b. At the same time, the use of all remaining contributions in the 'outdoor' and 'indoor sports', 'public art' and 'public realm' types are decided by the relevant executive councillor¹².
 - c. Proposals for the use of the 'community facility' and 'public realm'¹³ contribution types have not been sought in the 2016/17 round, in order to allow the council take stock of the findings of the on-going strategic review of community provision first¹⁴.
- 3.7 The 2016/17 S106 funding round has proceeded as planned.
- a. Local residents and community groups were invited¹⁵ to put forward proposals over seven weeks (from late October until 19 December 2016) for improving open spaces and play areas.
 - b. Councillors were given until mid-January to put forward any other proposals. Council services were then asked to suggest possible schemes which would complement those already suggested, mitigate the impact of development and address needs identified in recent strategies (eg, the Outdoor Play Investment Strategy).
 - c. Officers have assessed all the proposals against the council's 2016/17 S106 selection criteria (see Appendix B). These highlight that proposals need to be for capital projects that are: eligible; affordable; an effective use of resources; about providing additional benefit (not repairs/maintenance); accessible; realistic, achievable and ready to be considered; and financially viable.
 - d. Grant applications for small-scale public art projects were reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 16 March¹⁶.

12. For these, the council continues to seek to fund projects in a particular ward or area from S106 contributions received from developments in the same ward or area.

13. Deferring the next funding round for 'public realm' contributions is not an issue for South Area, which has no generic S106 contributions available in this category.

14. A report on the strategic review of community provision is currently expected to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in June 2017. The next S106 funding round for 'community facilities' contributions is due to take place later in 2017/18.

15. Awareness of the funding round was raised amongst residents / residents' associations, community groups, equalities groups and councillors by email, social media, the council's website, news releases and 'Cambridge Matters' magazine.

16. In South Area, a S106 public art grant has been awarded (subject to conditions) to 'Trumpington Voices' - an original piece of staged text and spoken word, recording

4. CONSIDERATIONS: ASSESSMENT OF THE S106 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The 13 local play area and open space improvement proposals received in the 2016/17 round are listed in Table 2 and summarised and assessed in Appendix A against the S106 selection criteria. A more detailed pack of the proposals is available online. For proposals (c), (d), (l) and (m), officers have needed to adapt them into options (ii) to (vi). This is explained further on the next page.

Table 2: Informal open space and play area proposals in South Area

	Cherry Hinton ward	Eligible?
a.	Fulbourn Road open space improvements	Yes
b.	Tenby Close play area improvements	Yes
	Queen Edith's ward	
c.	Gunhild Close play area improvements (1)	Yes, combining elements of both
d.	Gunhild Close play area improvements (2)	
e.	Nightingale Avenue Rec Ground community meeting facilities	No
	Trumpington ward	
f.	Accordia open space improvements	Yes: Option i
g.	CB1 Mill Park improvements	Yes: Options ii & iii
h.	Footpath improvements between Coe Fen and Chaucer Lane/Latham Close	No
j. ¹⁷	Empty Common community garden meeting hut	No
k.	Trumpington noticeboards	Not yet
l.	Trumpington Rec Ground trim rail and outdoor fitness equipment	Yes: Options iv, v and vi for a trim trail, skate park and climbing frame
m.	Trumpington Rec Ground play area improvements for over 8 year olds	
n.	Trumpington Rec pavilion and Clay Farm Centre outdoor area improvements	No

and shaping the voices of existing and new communities undergoing considerable change. In addition, primary pupils from the Trumpington Federation and Queen Edith's Primary School will also take part in the 'History Walking Trails 2' project.

17. There is no proposal (i) in this list. This is deliberate in order to avoid confusion with option (i) [Roman numeral].

- 4.2 Based on the devolved S106 funding availability levels, set out in Table 1 and the list of eligible proposals from Table 2, here is a summary of the main options open to the Area Committee. This assumes that proposals in a particular ward would be funded from relevant S106 contributions from the same ward.

Table 3: Decision-making options available to South Area Committee

Cherry Hinton	Choose one or both of proposal (a) Fulbourn Road open space improvements and/or proposal (b) Tenby Close play area improvements, or neither.												
Queen Edith's	Choose proposal (d) Gunhild Close play area improvements or decide not to prioritise a project from Queen Edith's in the 2016/17 S106 funding round.												
Trumpington	<p>Prioritise as many eligible options as wanted within the limit¹⁸ of the 'informal open space' S106 contributions available in Trumpington. At the time of publication, this is estimated to be £200,000¹⁹ are available, while the total estimated value of the 'informal open space' components of the Trumpington proposals amounts to around £260,000. It will not be possible to choose all of these. That is, the Area Committee is asked to choose a combination of the following options:</p> <table> <tr> <td>(i) Accordia open space improvements</td><td>Up to £10k²⁰</td></tr> <tr> <td>(ii) CB1 Mill Park improvements: park enhancements + lighting + irrigation²¹ or</td><td>£148.5k or</td></tr> <tr> <td>(iii) CB1 Mill Park improvements: park enhancements + lighting only</td><td>£115k</td></tr> <tr> <td>(iv) Trumpington Rec Group trim trail</td><td>Up to £20k</td></tr> <tr> <td>(v) Trumpington Rec skate park</td><td>Up to £80k²²</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Also, (vi) Trumpington Rec Ground climbing frame could be selected (estimated cost: £50k 'play provision' contributions).</td></tr> </table>	(i) Accordia open space improvements	Up to £10k ²⁰	(ii) CB1 Mill Park improvements: park enhancements + lighting + irrigation ²¹ or	£148.5k or	(iii) CB1 Mill Park improvements: park enhancements + lighting only	£115k	(iv) Trumpington Rec Group trim trail	Up to £20k	(v) Trumpington Rec skate park	Up to £80k ²²	Also, (vi) Trumpington Rec Ground climbing frame could be selected (estimated cost: £50k 'play provision' contributions).	
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18. The Area Committee may decide to allocate less devolved funds than are currently available in case it wishes to keep other options open later this year (for example, some noticeboards in Trumpington open spaces).
19. There will be an oral update at the Area Committee meeting if, by 24 April, further checks have revealed any changes to devolved S106 funding availability.
20. £k is shorthand for thousands of pounds.
21. Either alternative options (ii) and (iii) would be subject to planning approval and a grant would be subject to a community use agreement.
22. If necessary, the budget for the skate park improvements could be reduced to £75,000, although this would mean some reduction in the scale/offer of the project.

- 4.3 The proposals prioritised by the Area Committee will be allocated appropriate devolved S106 contributions and added to the council's 'projects under development' list. Business cases²³ for prioritised projects allocated:
- a. more than £75,000 will be reported back to the Area Committee for approval;
 - b. between £15,000-£75,000 will be considered by the (officer-level) Capital Programme Board before seeking comments from the Area Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokes, prior to sign-off by the relevant service manager under delegated authority²⁴.

5. PREVIOUS PROPOSALS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROCEED

- 5.1 Whilst most of the S106 projects prioritised by South Area Committee in 2015/16 are under development or have already been completed, it has become clear since the decision-making on the last funding round that two proposals are not in a position to go ahead.
- 5.2 The proposal to install junior 'fit kit' at the Accordia development, allocated £15,000 of 'provision for children and teenagers' S106 contributions in December 2015, generated only a small and mixed response from local consultation. This leads officers to conclude that there is not now sufficient local appetite for this proposal in that part of Trumpington. In contrast, suggestions for trim trail facilities and more play equipment for over 8s at Trumpington Rec Ground have been made both by Trumpington Residents' Association and ChYpPs²⁵ on behalf of local children [proposals (l) and (m)].
- 5.3 St Paul's Primary School has withdrawn its application for a £40,000 'community facilities' S106 grant for a multi-purpose community meeting space after contractors' estimated building costs were higher than expected and the school's land-owners decided that other works were a greater priority.
- 5.4 Paragraph 2.2 of this report recommends that these two proposals should be de-prioritised. If the Area Committee agrees, the S106 contributions allocated to these projects will be returned to South Area devolved funds.

23. The business case sets out the project's scope, design, costs, delivery timescales & other implications. Consultation will be carried out, as appropriate, on the proposals and designs for these prioritised projects – and will be incorporated into the business case.

24. Whilst projects below £15,000 do not require a business case, local councillors are still consulted on the development of the details.

25. Children and Young People's participation service.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Financial implications:** The scale of development in South Area (particularly Trumpington) has meant that this Area Committee, unlike others, has had more choice about which eligible proposals to fund in this S106 funding round. However, it is important to remember that, once this off-site generic funding has been used, there will be little or no more.
- 6.2 Last October's Community Services Scrutiny report on the S106 priority-setting process highlighted that, although it will not be possible to come to a definitive view until after the 2016/17 round, this might be the last full priority-setting round covering such a range of the generic contribution types and all areas of the city.
- a. In future, there might have to be narrower priority-setting exercises based on certain contribution types or areas. However, this also provides the opportunity for the Area Committee to be able to revisit its remaining S106 contributions sooner than 12 months' time, possibly with a follow-up report later this year.
 - b. Consideration may also need to be given to using residual generic contributions to supplement the funding of projects for which specific projects are being collected²⁶.
- 6.3 **Staffing implications:** Apart from option (ii) or (iii), those projects that are prioritised will be developed and (assuming business case sign-off can be secured) taken forward by council officers in the Streets and Open Spaces Development team, in the coming year as/when on-going projects are completed. Option (ii) or (iii) would probably take the form of a grant to Brookgate and would be subject to planning permission and a community use agreement.
- 6.4 **Other implications:** Business cases for individual projects will consider a range of factors including equalities and anti-poverty implications, climate change ratings, community safety, procurement matters and communications and consultation.

26. More details about the council's interim approach to seeking specific S106 contributions can be found at www.cambridge.gov.uk/changes-to-s106-funding.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 These background papers on the S106 devolved decision-making process were used in the preparation of this report:

- 2016/17 South Area S106 play area/open space proposals pack (<http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=122&MId=3116&Ver=4>)
- 'S106 priority-setting (Streets and Open Spaces)' report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 16/3/2017;
- 'S106 priority-setting process' (Streets and Open Spaces) report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 6/10/2016;
- 'S106 priority-setting process' (Communities) report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 6/10/2016;
- 'Outdoor Play Investment Strategy, 2016-20' report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 8/10/2015;
- 'S106 devolved decision-making: 2015/16 priority-setting' report to South Area Committee on 14/12/2015;
- 'Overview of S106 funding' briefing note, November 2016.

7.2 Further information (can be found on the Developer Contributions web page (www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106)). This includes sections on the council's approach to S106 funding, S106-funded projects, the S106 priority-setting process and changes to S106 funding.

8. APPENDICES

A. Summary of proposals for play area and open space improvements in South Area

B. 2016-17 S106 selection criteria

9. INSPECTION OF PAPERS

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Summary of proposals for play area and open space improvements in South Area

	Proposal summary	Assessment summary ²⁷
CHERRY HINTON WARD		
a.	<p>Fulbourn Road open space improvements: A local resident has asked for more park benches and litter bins spaced along the length of the open space opposite the Technology Park, as well as some more hedge/shrub planting along the boundary with Fulbourn Road. This would enable local residents (including those from the new homes on the nearby garages site) to enjoy their local park and would also provide somewhere for those who work at the Technology Park to relax at lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Possible: This would be eligible for ‘informal open space’ contributions. This is Housing Services-land and it is understood that there are no plans to change it from its current use as a park.</p> <p>There are potential links between this proposal and the county council’s Fulbourn Road cycleway scheme as part of the Cross-City Cycle Routes (City Deal) project. In the stretch parallel with Malletts Road, the county council plans (in autumn 2017) to remove some sections of the hedge on the north side of Fulbourn Road (to be replaced with new species) and cut back other sections. If S106 funding is allocated to the S106 proposal, city council officers would liaise with county council colleagues over a joined-up approach, although S106 contributions would not subsidise spending which should be funded from other sources.</p> <p>Estimated cost: Up to £10,000 of devolved ‘informal open space’ S106 contributions from Cherry Hinton.</p>

27. This summary aims to highlight the key points from the assessment only. To view the completed proposal forms themselves, visit <http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=122&MId=3116&Ver=4>.

	Proposal summary	Assessment summary ²⁷
b.	Tenby Close play area improvements: Council officers propose a redesign of the existing play area with new play area equipment and safety surfacing.	Possible: Eligible for available local S106 funding. The Outdoor Play Investment Strategy confirms that the play area is well placed (91% 'location' score) and could benefit from further improvement (given its current 58% 'play value'). Estimated cost: Around £35,000 (or more) of 'play provision' contributions and £15,000 of 'informal open space' S106 contributions from Cherry Hinton.
QUEEN EDITH'S WARD		
c.	Gunhild Way play area improvements: A local resident has suggested better play equipment for this out-dated play area, improved safety surfacing, more things for teenagers to do (eg, basketball hoops, trampolines), new goal nets for goal posts, more seating and better litter bin and bike racks.	Possible: Eligible for available local 'play provision for children and teenagers' and 'informal open space' contributions. Within the play area space available, it is not going to be possible to include all the suggested features, although new play equipment (possibly, including ground-level/sunken trampolines), surfacing, benches and bins may be possible. Basketball hoops would not be appropriate here given the proximity to nearby properties (such facilities are available at Coleridge Rec and Nightingale Avenue Rec). The Outdoor Play Investment Strategy scores Gunhild Close play area in the upper middle quartile for 'location' (well placed) but only 36% for current 'play value', which makes this a good candidate for improvement. Local councillors have carried out an initial consultation and there seems to be broad support for making improvements. Estimated cost: Around £35,000 of 'play provision' contributions and £15,000 of 'informal open space' contributions from Queen Edith's ward.
d.	Gunhild Way play area improvements: The ChYpPs team has put forward proposals from local children for a trampoline and a climbing frame (possibly with nets). They would like a more welcoming and challenging play area – the current one is seen to be basic and they cannot access other parks because they would need to cross main roads.	

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e.	Nightingale Ave Rec Ground community garden meeting facilities: The Queen Edith's in Bloom group has requested: a free-standing veranda in front of the existing club hut; three new, secure, indoor storage and working areas; and covered and secure outdoor areas for wood storage & cooking.	Not eligible. These proposals are primarily about improving the facilities around the existing hut, rather than improving the open space itself. The group which has made this proposal is encouraged to take part in the consultation later this spring about the designs for the Nightingale Avenue pavilion, to explore possibilities for incorporating into that building some of amenities that the group was looking for.
TRUMPINGTON WARD		
f.	Accordia open space improvements: Accordia Community & Residents' Association has proposed new tree and hedge-planting and other landscaping/ biodiversity improvements on the Accordia development – recognising that the open space is enjoyed by those who live/work in nearby residential/office developments.	Possible: Would be eligible for 'informal open space' S106 funding, but would not include repairs and maintenance works. Estimated cost: Up to £10,000 of devolved S106 contributions from Trumpington ward. This is Option (i) in Table 3.
g.	CB1 Mill Park improvements: Brookgate seeks 'informal open space' S106 contributions from the CB1 development to improve the park at CB1 for the benefit of all users (local residents, office workers, students, mothers and babies, joggers and those people passing through the neighbourhood). This would help to address new, additional demands on the open space and other impacts (eg, anti-social behaviour) which have arisen	Possible: Officers support this proposal because it would help to mitigate additional impacts of development not previously envisaged – not least the considerable extent to which a wide range of people (not just residents) make use of the site throughout the day. In the region of £150,000 of 'informal open space' contributions from the CB1 development could be made available for this project. At the same time, the developer has been encouraged to break down the proposal into a number of parts in order to give the Area Committee more funding options – enabling more/other

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	<p>since the development of CB1. This proposal (which is subject to planning approval) is separate from remedial works currently being undertaken by Hill to rectify existing issues with the open space – and would take place 12 months after the ‘remedies’ period.</p> <p>There are three key aspects to the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park enhancements to turn the ‘kick about space’ into an urban park, with new paths (reflecting ‘desire lines’) and the installation of new raised planters (around £91,000); • Lighting works as the first line of defence against anti-social behaviour – to deter undesirable activities (around £24,000); • Installation of an irrigation system to ensure the longevity of the new grass and planting (around £33,500). 	<p>project proposals in Trumpington to be supported too.</p> <p>In practice, there are two main options, which are presented in Table 3 as options (ii) and (iii).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option (ii) encompasses all three elements at an estimated cost of just under £148,500. • Option (iii) focuses on both the park enhancements and lighting improvements (without the irrigation system) given these two would be fundamental to addressing the problems caused by ball games and anti-social behaviour. The estimated costs are just under £115,000.
h.	<p>Footpath improvements between Coe Fen and Chaucer Lane/Latham Close: A local resident has called for path resurfacing (gravel or asphalt), permanent drainage and lighting for the path (correctly positioned street lights or motion detecting lights). Currently, the path gets very muddy, is difficult to access for wheelchair users or people with pushchairs and is unsafe to use after dark.</p>	<p>Not eligible: ‘Informal open space’ funding is to improve the city’s parks and open spaces themselves, not the routes to them. It may be possible for this proposal to be considered for some funding (up to £5,000) in the next round of Environmental Improvement Programme funding, although this is unlikely to be sufficient for what is being proposed. Ownership of the paths would need to be established.</p>

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j.	<p>Empty Common community garden meeting hut: This proposal to build a community meeting hut has been suggested by the group which runs the community garden. It considers that this would improve the versatility of the garden with somewhere dry that people can use for workshops, meetings and social events.</p>	<p>Not eligible for the use of ‘informal open space’ contributions which relates to the provision or improvement of open space itself for community-wide benefit. This is consistent with the refusal of the funding request for adaptations to a club hut at Nightingale Ave. Rec Ground in the 2015/16 round as well as the assessment of proposal (e) above.</p>
k.	<p>Trumpington noticeboards: Trumpington Residents’ Association (TRA) calls for 13 noticeboards in both the established and new open spaces within Trumpington, for which it envisages having overall management responsibility.</p> <p>The TRA considers that a series of community noticeboards will enhance the value of these open spaces and support community development and the well-being of residents. The noticeboards would be used by residents and local groups to promote the open spaces (including information about their history and biodiversity) and community activities.</p>	<p>Not recommended at this stage: Whilst this proposal has merits, a number of the open spaces for which noticeboards are proposed are not within the city council’s ownership at this time. The council is also currently reviewing its distribution service for posters and leaflets: it would therefore be sensible for this proposal to be considered by the Area Committee later in 2017 once the outcomes of this review are known.</p> <p>Please note also that generic ‘informal open space’ contributions could only be used for funding noticeboards in open spaces within the city. Care would also be taken to dovetail the use the generic off-site contributions from the non-growth sites with relevant planning obligations relating to the major growth sites on the Southern Fringe.</p>

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I.	<p>Trumpington Rec Ground²⁸ trim trail & outdoor fitness equipment: Trumpington Residents' Association proposes a trim trail with one or two groups of outdoor exercise / fitness equipment at King George V playing field, suitable for use by able and disabled teenagers and adults. The TRA has a particular supplier for outdoor sports equipment in mind for two areas of between five and nine pieces of equipment. It makes a case that, whilst an active recreation area is being constructed in the northern part of Hobson's Park, this will be a considerable distance from the western and central parts of Trumpington.</p>	<p>Whilst not all these proposals are possible/recommended by officers, some improvements for older children and teenagers here would be supported. The outdoor fitness equipment proposed by the TRA is not eligible for this S106 funding round, which does not cover 'outdoor sports'. The Executive Councillor for Communities last October decided to confine the use of remaining generic sports S106 contributions to priority uses set out in the recent Playing Pitches & Indoor Sports strategies. In addition, the Outdoor Play Investment Strategy scores Trumpington Rec highly, with 86% for 'location' (well placed) and 76% for its 'play value' (albeit that this primarily relates to play provision for younger children).</p> <p>Officers would suggest three options, as set out in Table 3:</p> <p>Option (iv): a trim trail route around the park with wooden equipment located at different points. Estimated cost: up to £20,000 of 'informal open space' S106 contributions.</p> <p>Option (v): a concrete skate park, similar to the one at Cherry Hinton Rec, catering for different age and ability levels. It would be in place of the existing metal half-pipe skate park (same location) and would have a noise-dampening surface. Estimated cost: up to £80,000 'informal open space'.</p> <p>Option (vi): a climbing frame/dome, similar to the one at Cherry Hinton Rec. Estimated cost: £50,000 'play provision'.</p>
m.	<p>Trumpington Rec. Ground play area improvements for over 8s: The ChYpPs team, on behalf of local children, has asked for: a climbing frame with slide and monkey bars, wheelchair accessible trampolines, a climbing wall, fitness equipment and a new half-pipe skate ramp. It makes the case that this would encourage children to play outside, take exercise and meet other children.</p>	

28. Trumpington Rec. Ground is also known as King George V Playing Fields.

	Proposal summary	Assessment summary ²⁷
n.	<p>Trumpington Rec Ground pavilion and Clay Farm centre – improvements to outdoor areas: Trumpington Residents' Association has requested some equipment that would help to enclose the outdoor space/patio areas outside these community facilities from time to time in order to allow them to run outdoor activities (not least for young children) separate from the rest of the King George V Playing Field/Hobson Square. This would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • portable fencing (inter-locking plastic panels) for activities and small-scale events; • soft play equipment at the community facilities suitable for outdoor use; • overhead screening, such as gazebos, to give protection from wind, rain or sunshine. 	<p>Not eligible: This is a nice idea but it falls outside the scope of the S106 funding in the current S106 round. The proposals are not about providing or improving open space as such, but about separating the community facilities from the open space. The play equipment suggested would not be permanently available outside for use by everyone and would therefore not meet the requirements of the 'play provision' category.</p> <p>These proposals might be more suited for an application for 'community facilities' S106 funding. The next funding round for this category is expected to place later this year (see paragraph 3.6 of the main report).</p>

2016-17 S106 selection criteria

This is a shortened version of the criteria, tailored to the bidding process for proposals for play area and open space improvements and applications for small-scale public art grants.

Project proposals need to...

1. be **ELIGIBLE** for S106 funding

- a. Proposals need to be about providing, improving or giving better access to a facility within the city of Cambridge, in order to help mitigate the impact of local development.
- b. 'Informal open space' S106 funding can be used to fund improvements to the city's parks & open spaces, such as paths/surfacing, landscaping (including BMX tracks and skate parks), drainage, fences/gates, habitat creation, trees, shrubs and trim trails.
- c. 'Provision for children and teenagers' S106 funding can be used to fund improvements to the city's play areas, such as play equipment and safety surfacing under that equipment.
- d. To be eligible for S106 public art funding, the project needs to focus on original, high quality public art that is:
 - designed, produced or facilitated by an artist or craftsperson;
 - engages local communities;
 - is publicly accessible; and
 - has a legacy (there would need to be a permanent record of temporary artwork).

Small-scale, public art grants are for projects (normally, seeking up to £15,000 of public art S106 funding). Applications are expected from local organisations or community groups (not directly from an artist). Public art within schools (which is visible to school users, parents and visitors) comes within the scope of public art S106 funding.

2. be **AFFORDABLE** within the S106 funding available for the relevant contribution type in that part of the city to which it relates

- a. S106 funding availability is running down and spread unevenly between wards given variations in levels of development and the distribution of previous S106-funded projects.

- b. We would **particularly encourage proposals** for the following contribution types **from**:
- Informal open space: Trumpington, Castle, Coleridge, East and West Chesterton;
 - Provision for children and teens: Trumpington, Coleridge and Queen Edith's ward;
 - Public art: Trumpington, Coleridge, Romsey and Queen Edith's.
- c. Unfortunately, S106 funding availability is currently low for the following wards and so, realistically, it is not likely to be worthwhile making an application in 2016/17:
- Informal open space: Arbury, King's Hedges, Petersfield and Romsey;
 - Play areas: Arbury, East and West Chesterton, Abbey, Castle, Market and Newnham;
 - Public art: Cherry Hinton.
- d. For those wards not mentioned in these lists, it may be possible to put forward small-scale proposals, but please be aware that funding availability may be limited.
- e. Please note: councillors may not wish to invest all the available contributions available (for a particular contribution type) from a particular ward in a single project.
- f. Public art grant applicants must give assurances that they need the S106 funding that they are seeking (i.e., that they do not already have sufficient funding for the project).
- g. Local groups seeking S106 public grants should carry out other fund-raising too.

3. be an **EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES**

Priority will be given to proposals where it is clear that the project would be consistent with council strategies, facility audits and related reports.

Tips: Focus proposals for play area improvements on larger play areas. Check which play areas & open spaces have already had S106 funding (see the recent/on-going project list).

4. provide **ADDITIONAL BENEFIT**

S106 funding cannot be used for replacing like-for-like facilities/equipment or repairing and maintaining existing facilities.

5. be **ACCESSIBLE**, in line with the council's grants and equalities policies

- a. Play area and open spaces need to be publicly owned and accessible to all.
- b. Successful public art grant applicants must sign a grant agreement (which is monitored), including an undertaking that the project will not to discriminate against any community group (eg, in relation to race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation and/or, age).

6. be **REALISTIC, ACHIEVABLE AND READY TO BE CONSIDERED**

- a. Proposals need to be clear about what is proposed, where it would be and how it would be implemented.
- b. Applicants seeking a S106 grant for a project they would take forward would need to give details of preparations being made to secure planning permission (if necessary) and steps taken to engage the local community about the proposed project.
- c. Grant applicants would also need to provide evidence of their fund-raising efforts and expected timescales for completing fund-raising.
- d. Priority will be given to project proposals which could reasonably be expected to reach the final stages of project delivery within 18 months of the priority-setting decision.

7. Be **FINANCIALLY VIABLE, WITH ROBUST MANAGEMENT PLANS**

- a. The council would need to be satisfied that sufficient resources are in place to ensure that the effective management and running of the new facility in future.
- b. Grants applicants seeking S106 funding would need to demonstrate that they could continue to resource the project in future. Grant agreements feature clauses for returning to the council grants received (in whole or in part) should the project not provide the expected public benefit for its expected lifespan.

Any organisation/community group seeking grant funding needs to have its own bank account.

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