Area West Committee 19th June 2013

8. Section 106 Obligations

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Purpose of the Report

It was agreed at the regular meeting of the Area Chairs that it was necessary for the Section 106 Monitoring Officer to attend the Area Committees on a regular basis and provide information in relation to Section 106 agreements for that area. As requested, agreements containing financial contributions have been presented within the monitoring report attached, however if any further detail was required on any other agreement it was agreed that this would be undertaken directly with the officer.

The Section 106 Monitoring Officer will give a brief verbal update on recent progress followed by questions.

Recommendation

Members note the report and endorse the actions taken in respect of the monitoring of Section 106 Planning Obligations.

Additional Information

The monitoring report now details identified projects and where appropriate money spent. This will enable Members to track financial planning obligations from the point they are secured through the planning approval through to time in which they are spent.

Financial Implications

No direct financial implications from this report however members will be aware that ineffective management of planning obligations does have the potential to require the district council to refund contributions to developers.

Corporate Priority Implications

The effective management of planning obligations will be beneficial in achieving all of the Councils Corporate Priorities.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

Section 106 Planning Obligations have a key role in delivering sustainable communities thereby contributing to a reduction in carbon emissions and helping to adapt to climate change.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Section 106 Planning Obligations have a key role in delivering sustainable communities thereby ensuring access to facilities, homes and services for all members of our community.

Background Papers: None