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Report Title: Section 106 Annual Monitoring Report 2016/17

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The primary purpose of the report is to show transparently **Summary:**

how contributions are being collected and applied in a proper way; that the monitoring of section 106 contribution remains robust. This report will reinforce the point that section 106 is an important resource stream and that officers are prepared for any legislative changes. The report includes details of new contributions negotiated; an accounts update, funds received from existing agreements, and update on projects

being funded by section 106 obligations.

Key Decision: NO

Significantly Affected Wards: None directly

Recommendations: The Cabinet is recommended to:-

> I. Endorse this report, so it can be made available online to provide information to the public and provide a transparent record of s106 activity over

the last financial year.

Policy Overview: A range of community supports the delivery of high quality

> development as part of well-balanced communities and other infrastructure is a key part of the Council's policy ambition. These are set out in the draft local plan, the Adopted

Development Plan policy and the Council's Corporate Plan.

Financial Implications: As the Borough grows so does the need for more and improved community infrastructure. Section 106 funding supporting this growth vital. It is important to have a robust section 106 monitoring system ensuring the availability of

capital from section 106 agreements and that those contributions are collected and spent effectively on their

intended purpose.

Equalities Impact Assessment

Spending of section 106 contributions is in line with adoption plan policy and local priorities. Decisions on expenditure involve working closely with many departments, local parishes and other organisations. Many contributions arise from site policies and development brief requirements that have been directly influenced by the wider community through design workshops and similar events.

Background Papers:

None

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Purpose of the Report

1. This report updates Members on the financial contributions negotiated and secured in the financial year 2016/17 and the use and management of financial resources. The report provides details of new S106 agreements signed in the financial year and identifies the progress that has been made since the last report. There is a breakdown of payments received in this financial year, what the contributions are to be used for, and contributions currently held on account. The report also includes examples of projects delivered by the Council in the financial year and an update on national policy.

Section 106 Agreements negotiated 2016-17

- 2. Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, 18 planning permissions have been issued that have been subject to a section 106 agreement. The total projected financial contributions arising from these agreements are £114m; this large figure is a one-off due to the section 106 agreement at Chilmington Green being signed. The agreements also provide for 'payments in kind' in the forms of various works mainly highway related and affordable housing as well as restrictions on land use.
- 3. The following points should be noted: if a planning permission is a not implemented, associated Section 106 benefits will not be paid. Also there is often a period of time between the issue of the planning permission and the payment of contributions as the timing of payments will be linked to the phasing of the development and when the need for the facility arises. Hence, payments received in a specific year will often be from an agreement signed in a previous year.

Financial Overview

Overview	16/17	15/16	5 Year Average
Number of Agreements Signed	18	13	24
Value of Agreements Signed	£114m	£3.68m	7.10m
Section 106 Money Spent	£2.66m	£1.81m	£3.30m
Payments Received	£4.23m	£3.79m	£3.19m
End of Year Balance	£8.59m	£6.88m	£3.58m

- 4. The above table highlights the financial breakdown in the section 106 accounts for 2016/17 with a comparison of the year before. In summary:
 - The number of section 106 agreements signed has picked up slightly; these include strategically important developments such as the Ashford Designer Outlet, the Commercial Quarter and Powergen. The signing of the Chilmington Green section 106 has meant that the value of the section 106 agreements signed has hugely increased and will distort all figures. Government policy has not changed meaning that the Council can't seek developer contributions on any development of less than 10 dwellings (unless in rural sites where the restriction is 5). The section 106 pooling restrictions (which restrict our ability to pool contributions for projects) have also influenced the Council's ability to collect contributions.
 - As the construction sector continues to grow and more housing developments reach 'trigger' points for payments, the council receives more section 106 payments to go towards projects. In 2016/17 there has been a small increase in payments received
 - The end of year total has increased on the previous year, this is due to a couple of reasons, firstly the council is holding on to some large KCC payments that needed to be transferred and this was not achieved in time. Secondly many contributions were received near the end of the financial year and have yet to be spent as projects take time to go from creation to completion.

End of year balance (breakdown)

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Account	16/17	15/16		
General S106 Account	£7.54m	£5.91m		
Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG6) Account	£1.02m	£0.96m		
Total	£8.56m	£6.87m		

5. The general section 106 account is used to hold all section 106 contributions that are collected through section 106s & unilateral undertakings (excluding the SPG6 fund). This includes contributions towards open space, community halls & play areas. This account continues to grow as a) more section 106 contributions are collected and b) because there is a time lag between contributions collected and section 106 contributions fully expended.

- 6. Since 2009, the Council has operated a deferred contribution policy, where sites are unable to show that they are viable the Council has been willing to enter into negotiations to defer some of the policy and infrastructure requirements. This has allowed development to begin where sites would have stalled and as the economy has approved the Council has managed to collect contributions from some of these sites.
- 7. The SPG6 main fund contribution is used to pay back the forward funded work for the J10 Interim improvement scheme completed several years ago.. In recent years, this figure has been greatly reduced to less than a million and is likely to be paid off within the next financial year.

CIL & the Future of Section 106

- 8. As of April 2015 CIL, restrictions have been placed to limit the number of contributions councils can secure for particular infrastructure projects (maximum of 5) this was created to try to push councils into adopting CIL. The levy will come from the same 'economic headroom' from rising land values through development that currently funds section 106. The council is currently working on a CIL charging schedule as part of the work on the local plan and it is planned that it will be adopted at the same time.
- 9. As part of the Housing White Paper a paper reviewing the Community Infrastructure Levy titled 'A New Approach to Developer Contributions' was released, the paper took a comprehensive look at the operation of CIL and its relationship to section 106s. The paper highlighted many flaws in the current system and as such highlighted four options for the government to take. The government's decision on this matter will dictate what direction Ashford Borough Council takes with CIL & section 106.

Spending of Section 106 in 2016/17

10. Between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017, £2.66 million has been spent on a variety of projects and schemes in the borough. These projects include funding towards community facilities, improvements to open spaces, sports facilities, primary & secondary education, town centre, highway improvements, adult education and youth & community projects. Appendix C looks at this expenditure in more detail.

Risk Assessment

11. Failure to monitor section 106 agreements in an efficient and timely manner would lead to the possibility of Section 106 contributions being missed and infrastructure not being constructed at the correct time. If section 106 agreements were not monitored a drawback is that any payment collected or sent in by the developers may not be spent within the allotted time limit. This could lead to a scenario where the council is forced to pay back the contribution to the developers negating any benefit. It is important that any

section 106 contribution set out in the section 106 agreement be spent within the restrictions, failure to do so could lead to legal challenges.

Consultation

- 12. The section 106 working group, which meets quarterly, was created to monitor the collection and spending of section 106 contributions. The section 106 working group comprises of officers from planning, cultural, finance, legal & property. An audit form process is used to make sure the required steps are completed and specific approval given before the money is transferred.
- 13. Developments with deferred contribution clauses may require more input from members. As stated above in paragraph 6 the deferred contribution clause allows sites to progress where they might stall, as these contributions are collected a decision is needed on how to spend these contributions. The section 106 working group is designed to check that spend is within the section 106 restrictions and is not a group to decide how the contributions are prioritised. It is felt that members should make the key decision of how these contributions are spent.

Conclusion

- 14. It is vitally important that the council continue to monitor the collecting and spending of section 106 contributions to ensure that the necessary community, transport and other infrastructure is constructed and maintained to support the Borough's growth. The process of monitoring and spending section 106 contributions is always being adapted and improved to make sure that any problems or challenges that arise can be dealt with quickly and efficiently.
- This report, and its conclusion has been discussed with the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Clokie, who concurs with the approach being taken in order to underpin achievement of high quality growth and supports the commitment to continuous improvement.

Portfolio Holder's Views

16. To be reported at cabinet.

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Appendix A: Section 106 Agreements signed 2016/17

Date Signed	Application	Description	Obligation Detail	Financial Contribution (£)
21/04/2016	16/00267/AS	Cedar House Farm, Canterbury Road	Open Space	1,312.00
, , , , , ,	-, , -	Erection of detached dwelling with garage	Sub Total	1,312.00
		Rimmel International Limited - 12		
21/07/2016	16/00562/AS	industrial units (B1c/B2/B8)	CS10	To Be Confirmed (TBC)
		12 industrial units	Monitoring Fee	1,000.00
			Sub Total	1,000.00
		Land adjaining 1 Willocharough Court		
20/06/2016	14/01456/AS	Land adjoining 1 Willesborough Court, Blackwall Road South - 34 Dwellings	Healthcare	34,272.00
		34 Dwellings	Informal Green Space	25,806.00
			Library Services	1,632.54
			Outdoor Sports	65,110.00
			Play Area Space	44,608.00
			Primary School	80,272.64
			Secondary School	80,233.20
			Strategic Parks	6,562.00
			Sub Total	338,496.38
09/09/2016	14/01402/AS	Ashford Designer Outlet	Access Enhancement Strategy	185,500.00
		Extension of the Outlet	Planting scheme feasibility	20,000.00
			Best of Ashford	15,600.00

			Bus Services	2,300.00
			Bus Stop and Highway	70,000.00
			Carbon Off-Setting	63,500.00
			Controlled Parking Zone	15,000.00
			Development Monitoring	9,000.0
			Shuttle Bus	300,000.00
			Town Centre Enhancement	700,000.0
			Ecological Work	50,000.0
			Sub Total	1,430,900.00
09/09/2016	15/01160/AS	Danemore, Beachy Path, Tenterden	Restriction on Occupancy	
		Sheltered Housing	Sub Total	0.0
17/10/2016	16/00554/AS	Commercial Quarter	Highways Contribution	200,000.00
		6 storey office & other uses	Public Realm	30,000.0
			Bus Stop	20,000.0
			Sub Total	250,000.0
08/12/2016	14/01116/AS	- Pluckley Brickworks, Station Road	Monitoring Fee	
		25 Dwellings	Adult Social Care	1,939.5
			Community Learning	861.2
			Libraries contribution	5,584.2
			Youth Services	1,578.0
			Secondary School	58,995.0
			Children's Play	600.0
			Outdoor Sports	1,300.0
			Extension to Village Hall	54,144.5
			Extension to village riali	31,1113

			Affordable Housing	
16/00795/AS	16/00795/AS	Land North West of Smallhythe House	Contribution	237,500.
		36 Retirement living apartments	Library Services	1,728.
			Monitoring Fee	1,000.
			Sub Total	240,228.
03/02/2017	16/01235/AS	South of 16 to 34 Calland	Restriction on Occupancy	
		4 Dwellings	Sub Total	0.
		Land between Aldington Fresh Foods		
23/03/2017	23/03/2017 16/01412/AS	and Brockenhurst	Monitoring Fee	1,000
		10 Dwellings	Libraries contribution	480
			Sub Total	1,480
		BP Travel Trades Services Limited,		
21/03/2017	16/00182/AS	Orbital Park	Section 278	23,572
		B8 to B1a	Sub Total	23,572
17/03/2017	16/00887/AS	Cineworld Imax, Eureka Leisure Park	Monitoring Fee	1,000
		Eureka Leisure Park (New Imax)	Restriction on Occupation	
			Sub Total	1,000
		Plot 2, adjacent to the William Harvey		
		Hospital, Kennington Road,		
16/03/2017	16/01136/AS	Willesborough	Monitoring Fee	1,000
		Care Home	CS10	(T
			Sub Total	1,000.

14/03/2017	15/00260/AS	Land rear of 11 to 22, Waltham Close	Monitoring Fee	1,00
		16 Dwellings	Primary School	37,7
			Secondary School	37,75
			Healthcare	16,12
			Allotments	5,18
			Children's Play	20,99
			Outdoor Sports Pitches	30,64
			Strategic Parks	3,08
			Libraries contribution	7(
			Sub Total	153,33
		Phase 1, Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook		
12/12/2016	16/00427/AS	Avenue	Monitoring Fee	1,00
		Car sales showdown, servicing workshops	CS10	
			Sub Total	1,00
19/09/2016	12/01/157/45	 Calleywell Lane	Manitaring Foo	1,00
18/08/2010	12/01457/AS	33 Unit Extra Care Development	Monitoring Fee CS10	1,00
		33 Offit Extra Care Development		
			Restriction on Occupation Sub Total	1,00
			Sub Total	1,00
		The former Powergen site, Victoria Road,		
24/11/2016	15/01671/AS	Ashford	Monitoring Fee	50
		400 flats	Quality Monitoring	18,00
			Education	275,00
			Victoria Park	270,00

			Sub Total	568,504.00
06/03/2017 12/	/00400/AS	 Land at Chilmington Green	Cemeteries	800,000.00
	, ,	5750 Dwellings	Deficit Grant to CMO	3,350,000.00
		3,33 2	Community Learning	213,000.00
			Archaeology	95,000.00
			Social Care	272,000.00
			Endowment	4,381,500.00
			Heritage	60,000.00
			Library Services	900,000.00
			Allotments	1,236,250.00
			Informal Green Space	2,072,863.00
			Primary Education	22,500,000.00
			Secondary Education	22,500,000.00
			Telecare Education	26,450.00
			Youth Services	239,000.00
			CMO start up	150,000.00
			Early Community Development	250,000.00
			Community Facilities 1	1,266,000.00
			Children's Play	2,585,143.00
			Community Facilities 2	7,758,157.00
			Community Facilities 3	5,152,127.00
			Local Centre Hubs	1,467,942.70
			A2070 Works Costs	29,291,850.00
			Off-Site Pedestrian & Cycle	
			Links	532,000.00
			Bus Services	900,000.00
			Off-Site Traffic Calming	408,498.00
			Regional Infrastructure Fund	5,622,589.00

	Public Art	750,000.00
	Quality Monitoring	750,000.00
	Monitoring Fee	750,000.00
	Sub Total	116,280,369.70
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	Total	119,418,198.28

Appendix B - Section 106 Contributions Received 2016/17

Application Number	Description	Obligation Detail	Financial Contribution (£)
02/01565/AS	Repton Park	Open Space Commuted Sum	309,654.02
		Secondary School	
		Contribution	937,199.78
		Sub Total	1,246,853.80
	Moat Field Meadow	Monitoring Fee	2,484.30
		Sub Total	2,484.30
	Colefax	Open Space Commuted Sum	20,666.35
		Sub Total	20,666.35
05/04700/46	No. 10 - W. I.	Defended the time	005.070.25
05/01798/AS	Newtown Works	Deferred Contributions	965,070.25
		Sub Total	965,070.25
08/00396/AS	Charter House	CS10	12,023.70
		Monitoring Fee	9,207.90
		Sub Total	21,230.60
10/01663/AS	Warren Sites A&C	Deferred Contributions	469,372.00
10/01003/A3	Wallell Sites A&C	Sub Total	469,372.00
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12/00052/AS	Chilham Saw Mills	Monitoring Fee	1,750.00
		Libraries	2,305.27
		Youth Services	9,960.94
		Healthcare Contribution	34,272.00

	Adult Social Services	586.25
	Children's & Young People	52,480.00
	Outdoor Sports	76,600.00
	Natural Green Space	30,360.00
	Sub Total	208,314.00
	Children's & Young People	12,744.27
	Outdoor Sports	21,234.67
	Natural Green Space	4,452.80
	Monitoring Fee	2,000.00
	Sub Total	40,431.74
Land Adjoining, Shepherds Meadow	CS10	25,378.47
	Healthcare Contribution	17,550.00
	Monitoring Fee	3,000.00
	Quality Monitoring Fee	6,000.00
	Sub Total	51,928.47
Ashdown Court	Primary Contribution	22,239.84
	Secondary School	
	Contribution	20,366.40
	Allotment	648.00
	Children's & Young People	2,624.00
	Monitoring Fee	100.00
	Sub Total	45,798.00
Essella Road	Children's & Young People	27,192.00
	Maintenance of Young Play	18,641.00

	Voluntary Sector	3,420.00
	Primary Education	158,459.00
	Secondary Education	145,111.00
	Adult Education	5,130.00
	Adult Social Services	34,229.00
	Healthcare Contribution	18,730.00
	Library Facilities	6,470.00
	Youth Facilities.	23,570.00
	Monitoring Fee	1,000.00
	Sub Total	441,952.00
	Healthcare Contribution	58,293.60
	Strategic Parks	13,500.00
	Allotments	22,663.38
	Monitoring Fee	1,000.00
	Play Area	91,772.69
	Informal/Green space	48,054.26
	Outdoor Sports	133,951.76
	Sub Total	369,236.00
Railway Hotel	Allotments	1,296.00
•	Children's & Young People	5,248.00
	Natural Green Space	3,205.43
	Strategic Parks	772.00
	Outdoor Sports	7,687.00
	Monitoring Fee	481.29
	Sub Total	18,689.72

Highworth Grammar School	Allotments	1,620.00
	Children's & Young People	6,560.00
	Informal/Green space	3,795.00
	Outdoor Sports	9,575.00
	Strategic Parks	965.00
	Sub Total	22,515.00
Old Clockhouse Green	Allotments	1,665.03
	Natural Green Space	3,795.00
	Strategic Parks	965.00
	Outdoor Sports	9,710.09
	Children's & Young People	6,605.03
	Sub Total	22,740.15
Land Adjacent 2 Hillyfields	Allotments	324.00
	Outdoor Sports	1,915.00
	Strategic Parks	193.00
	Natural Green Space	759.00
	Children's & Young People	1,312.00
	Sub Total	4,503.00
32 Sayers Road	Allotment	324.00
	Outdoor Sports	1,915.00
	Strategic Parks	193.00
	Natural Green Space	759.00
	Children's & Young People	1,312.00
	Sub Total	4,503.00

Tenterden 1	Quality Monitoring Fee	8,918.92
	Sub Total	8,918.92
Shadoxhurst Garage, Woodchurch Road	Adult Social Services	1,425.79
	Community Learning	633.14
	Allotments	6,315.84
	Children's & Young People	25,575.25
	Informal/Green space	14,795.44
	Outdoor Sports	37,271.83
	Libraries Contribution	2,144.94
	Primary Schools	43,390.62
	Secondary Schools	93,573.51
	Strategic Parks	3,762.21
	CS10	13,329.74
	Youth Services	491.44
	Healthcare Contribution	14,983.78
	Monitoring Fee	2,009.99
	Sub Total	259,703.52
Chilmington Green	Public Art	50,000.00
	Primary School One	150,000.00
	Archaeological Archive	40,000.00
	Archaeological Contribution	15,000.00
	Heritage Interpretation	60,000.00
	Highways - Travel plan	1,000.00
	Sub Total	316,000.00

Total £4,540,911

Appendix C - S106 Project Update 2016/17

As was stated in the main report, £3.3m of section 106 funding has been spent by the county & borough council in 2016/17 on a variety of different projects. Kent County Council has received around £705k towards the funding of new schools, extension to existing schools and other services such as libraries and adult social services, section 106 funding went towards the funding of the local primary care trust.

Affordable Housing

Affordable housing is a hugely important mechanism within section 106 agreements, by either the developer or RSLs constructing them, land provided to construct affordable housing or off-site capital contributions. In 2016/17, there were 162 affordable housing completions across a variety of sites, examples of which are below.



Spires St Michael's, Tenterden



Belgic Court



Quarry House (1)



Quarry House (2)

Kestrel Park

As reported in the previous year's monitoring report a new park has been created, working alongside the TCV, local parish council and ward members to ensure support and long-term management. The park is now completed and the park is to open in June.



Repton Park

Repton Park Community Centre – budget circa £2m

The Repton Community Centre or 'Repton Connect' as it will be known is currently under construction. The Community Centre facilities will have a multi-use games area and will be able to host clubs, educational courses, cooking workshops and social events. Work has begun on site and it is expected that a completed building will be handed over to the newly formed trust around autumn this year.





Park Farm

Sports and Leisure scheme - Bridgefield

Creation of a community park and play area including a community orchard and nature conservation area. The proposed development is to be constructed in a two-phased approach with the nature conservation area being proposed as part of phase two. The play area is to cater for all age groups, to provide a play experience that is different yet complimentary to what is in the local area. The concept of the play area and designed equipment promotes the three themes of the Iron Age, Nature and Water. The play area will include amongst other play equipment a bespoke tower with two zip wires, trampolines, swings, carved farm animals and small and full size play tractor. The scheme was by planning committee and preliminary and archaeological works have begun on site.



Kingsnorth MUGA

Another project fully funded by Section 106 contributions was the creation of a new MUGA for the new residents at Kingsnorth.

