



Report to: Strategy, Performance & Finance Portfolio

Decision Date: 1 August 2025

Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Paul Peacock delegated to Cllr. Susan Crosby - Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing & Leisure

Director Lead: Matt Lamb, Director - Planning & Growth

Lead Officer: Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Regeneration & Housing Strategy

Report Summary	
Type of Report	Non-Key Decision
Report Title	Use of Section 106 contribution for improvements to Edwinstowe Community Cricket Club and the creation of an artificial net facility at Edwinstowe Cricket Club, Forest Corner, Edwinstowe.
Purpose of Report	To secure Portfolio Holder approval to use Section 106 contributions held by the District Council for improvements to community sports facilities in Edwinstowe.
Recommendations	<p>That Section 106 contribution of £57,732 secured through AG1180 and held by the District Council be used as a contribution to the installation of PV Solar Panels on the Edwinstowe Cricket Clubhouse and the erection of an artificial net facility at its ground at Forest Corner, Edwinstowe.</p> <p>That the Council's Capital Programme is increased by £57,732 funded by £53,882 Open Space Sports contribution and £3,850 Community Facilities contribution from Section 106 agreement AG1180.</p>
Alternative Options Considered	<p>The Section 106 receipts held under this agreement have to be spent on community and sporting facilities in (the vicinity of the Thoresby Vale site) Edwinstowe in accordance with S106 Agreement AG1180.</p> <p>The Thoresby Vale Working Group was established to receive, consider and recommended suitable projects for investment to the District Council.</p> <p>These proposals were agreed unanimously, as suitable schemes for S106 contributions, by the Thoresby Vale Working Group at its meeting on 28 May 2025 and are therefore now presented for formal approval.</p>

Reason for Recommendation	To enable S106 monies held for suitable projects in Edwinstowe to be delivered by Edwinstowe Community Cricket Club in accordance with the terms of agreement AG1180 and to facilitate the delivery of a PV Solar scheme at the Cricket Clubhouse and an artificial net facility at the Cricket Ground.
Decision Taken	1 August 2025

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Newark & Sherwood District Council is currently holding a Section 106 contribution for Community Facilities through AG1180 specifically for the provision, maintenance, repair or enhancement of sports and community facilities in Edwinstowe. The S106 agreement AG1180 proposed a Working Group be established, the aim of which will be to meet to discuss and advise the District Council on discreet projects on which any part of the Community Facilities contribution or the Open Space Sports contribution as appropriate may be spent.
- 1.2 Edwinstowe Community Cricket Club submitted its proposal to install PV solar panels on its club house and an artificial two bay cricket net for practice purposes at its ground at Forest Corner to the Thoresby Vale Working Group. Both requests were supported unanimously by the Working Group and the proposals are now presented to the Council for formal approval.
- 1.3 In the interest of transparency and to avoid any confliction, Cllr. Peacock has delegated the decision to the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing & Leisure.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that a S106 payment of £57,732 funded by £53,882 Open Space Sports contribution and £3,850 Community Facilities contribution from Section 106 agreement AG1180 currently held by the District Council, be transferred to Edwinstowe Community Cricket Club to deliver a PV Solar scheme on its clubhouse and an artificial net facility as highlighted above, the delivery of which will contribute to the Council's Community Plan Objective 1 'Improve Health and Wellbeing', Objective 4: Reduce Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and Objective 5 'Protect and enhance the district's natural environment and green spaces'.
- 2.2 That the Council's Capital Programme is increased by £57,732 as outlined in section 2.1 above and funded from Section 106 agreement AG1180.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, Officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital & Cyber Security, Equality & Diversity, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Financial Implications – (FIN25-26/8274)

- 3.1 The Community Facilities contribution with reference to the legal agreement AG1180 has an uncommitted balance of £237,067.38. therefore £3,850 is available for the above proposal, leaving an uncommitted balance of £233,218.38.
- 3.2 The Open Space Sports Pitch contribution with reference to the legal agreement AG1180 has an uncommitted balance of £148,456.44 therefore £53,882 is available for the above proposal, leaving an uncommitted balance of £94,574.44.
- 3.3 Due to the expenditure being Capital in nature, the budget and the expenditure for appropriate proposals and projects will be added to the Capital Programme, financed by the S106 receipts.

Legal Implications (LEG2425/986)

- 3.4 The Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement sets out the procedure for dealing with off-site Section 106 contributions, which the relevant 106 monies are. Where the spend is between £15,000 and £300,000 then any proposals fall to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Section 151 Officer, who can either approve it or refer it to Cabinet. The Planning Committee Chairman and Members of affected Wards are to be consulted on proposed spend.
- 3.5 Under paragraph 5.6, Section 2, Part C of the Council's Constitution where the Leader has a conflict of interest, they must ensure that they do not influence the decision to be taken and that the decision is taken by a Cabinet Member who does not have such a conflict of interest.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972. Any documents that contain confidential information or personal information about individuals should not be included in this list.

None