

**Committee: FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 19 September 2023**

**Title: S106 Funding Award from Somerset Council**

**Purpose of Report**

For Members to consider acceptance of the S106 Award Agreement Terms and Conditions for the fitness trail and gym equipment project and consider alternative funding options.

**Recommendation:**

1. Members resolve to accept the S106 Award Agreement Terms and Conditions for the fitness trail and gym equipment project.
2. Members resolve to agree to use the bequest funds towards the installation of a fitness trail and gym equipment.

**Report:**

1. Members passed a resolution at the Resources meeting on the 6 September 2022, **Minute No: R22-023 Refurbishment of Playparks and Recreation Ground Fitness Trail:**

*Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Open Spaces Committee to proceed with gaining support for the allocation of S106 and CIL funding from SSDC at the earliest opportunity and to initiate the projects as soon as possible.*

2. Following on from this, officers contacted a variety of different companies for quotes for the fitness trail surface and suitable outdoor gym equipment.

3. At the Town Council meeting on 20 December 2022, **Minute No: 2022-0180-TC Phase 1 Fitness Trail:**

*Members **RESOLVED** by 11 votes for and 2 abstentions to choose Conipave recycled rubber as the preferred surface for the Fitness Trail.*

*Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to agree the use of any spoil to level out the ground area around the tuck shop on the recreation ground.*

4. At the Town Council meeting on 21 February 2023, **Minute No: 2022-0216-TC Fitness Trail**

C Members **RESOLVED** by 11 votes for and 1 abstention to approve Route 2 for the location of a fitness trail on the recreation ground.

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5. As Members will be aware from earlier meetings, this was supposed to have been supported entirely by S106 funds despite the Locality Officer confirming the availability of these funds personally to Members at the Open Spaces meeting, this is now not available.
6. An application was sent to the Localities team for S106 funding for the fitness trail and gym equipment, and this was accepted by them with confirmation of an award of £14,188.39 (**Appendix 15A**).
7. The S106 application was based on the entire fitness trail that could be installed around the recreation ground costing in the region of £110,000 with the gym equipment costing in the region of £25,000.
8. A suggestion for the first stage, is to install one part of the fitness trail of approximately 200 metres along the Canal Way side of the recreation ground with two gym equipment stations.
9. Members need to consider whether they wish to continue with this project and accept the S106 funding offered despite the lack of S106 funds being currently available. If they do, then they should also agree an additional resolution to use funds from the bequest money held in Earmarked Reserves of £139,289.02 that specifies the funds to be used for the provision, enhancement and maintenance of recreational facilities.
10. Members resolve to accept the S106 Award Agreement Terms and Conditions for the fitness trail and gym equipment dated the 4 August 2023.
11. Members resolve to agree to use the bequest funds towards the installation of a fitness trail and gym equipment.

**Julie Earp**  
**Deputy Town Clerk/RFO**  
**September 2023**