

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Developer Contributions Monitoring Officer

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Planning and Growth

Recommendation

The sum of £28,421.66 of section 106 monies that has been received as a contribution towards the policing in the area and police vehicle contribution. The contributions will be paid to Leicestershire Police to support the acquisition of electric vehicles and charging points throughout the Borough.

Reason

To enable section 106 monies that have been received for the provision of policing in the area and police vehicles be transferred to Leicestershire police to support electrifying their vehicle fleet.

Authority for Decision

There is a delegation in the Constitution to all Heads of Service “to pay over section 106 Monies in respect of non-housing items received by the Borough Council as the responsible authority, but which will not result in expenditure by the Council and where the Head of Service by the Head of Finance and Property Services” (Item 8 on Page 8-15)

For all Heads of Service to approve the release of funds they must be satisfied that the works to be carried out fulfil the requirement as set out in the section 106 agreement and have written confirmation for the relevant body that the monies are used for their intended purpose. Any unspent monies after 5 years of receipt by the Borough Council shall be returned to the developer as per the relevant clause within the section 106 agreement.

Decision and Date



12 June 2024

Background

Planning permission was granted for up to 165 dwellings including access and associated works at land off Barkby Road, Queniborough (P/14/0708/2) including a Section 106 agreement that made provision for a police contribution of £58,999 towards policing in the area of the development.

The Officer's report considered comments made by Leicestershire Police who believe that the lack of capacity in the existing infrastructure to accommodate the population growth and associated demands occasioned by the development means that it is necessary for the developer of the site to provide a contribution to policing so the situation might be remedied. It is the view of the Police that the request is directly related to the development and the direct policing impacts that the development will generate based on an examination of demand levels in the local beat area, the settlement and existing Policing demands and deployment. In the view of the Police the request is wholly related to the scale and kind of the application development.

A second planning permission was granted for the residential development with associated access at land at Melton Road, Barrow upon Soar (P/10/1518/2). This approval including a section 106 agreement, incorporating a provision for a police authority contribution totalling £177,255.00. Notably, this sum encompasses a £10,793 specifically designated for police vehicles, of which £2,000 has already been committed to another project. The authority is holding a total of £14,978.47 towards police vehicles once the indexation is added.

When considering the proposal in relation to application P/10/1518/2 (land at Melton Road, Barrow upon Soar) Leicestershire Police stated the development would be unacceptable without infrastructure including policing. The contribution would be directly relevant to the development and reasonably related. Using their own calculations, the proposed development should contribute £151,500 assuming 250 units based on Charnwood needing 8500 dwellings which generates 81.13 staff costing £5,1515. The money would be used to address the cumulative effects of housing and commercial development over a geographic area, provide new buildings to house resources, extend communication infrastructure, provide CCTV cameras, and increase efficiencies associated with patrol, detection, and prevention of crime.

Leicestershire Police aims to utilise the funding to support the purchase of five electric vehicles, aligning with the trend towards electrification in the motor industry. With new internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles set to be unavailable from 2030 and hybrids from 2035, it is essential for policing to prepare for this transition.

Leicestershire Police plan to acquire five 'General ' type cars and a fully liveried dual-role Cell Van. One car will be utilised by the Transport Unit countywide, while the other three cars and the Cell Van will be stationed at selected sites to assess departmental needs. These vehicles will undergo testing in both rural and urban environments and across various roles to validate the data provided by vehicle telematics.

The shift to an electrified emergency service fleet aims to revolutionise the way policing mobilises its resources and the culture surrounding vehicle use. Early adoption of the technology will not only facilitate an understanding of the transition to full electrification and its associated costs but also demonstrate a commitment to environmentally conscious communities. Additionally, the

lifespan and servicing requirements of these electric vehicles will differ significantly from those of traditional vehicles, making the whole-life cost of electric vehicles more economical in the long run.

Application	Purpose	Amount	Expiry date
P/14/0708/2	Police Contribution – towards policing in the area of the development.	£17,372.71	14/06/2024
P/10/1518/2	Vehicles Contribution	£11,048.95	08/09/2026
	Total	£28,421.66	

Financial Implications

The money has been received and there are no financial implications for Charnwood Borough Council.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
			Very Low (1 - 2)	

Key Decision

No

Background Papers

All contained on planning files P/14/0708/2 and P/10/1518/2