

Update for A&G Committee- S106

13.11.23

Updates on Management Action Plan:

1. Review has been completed. S106 will be overseen by Head of Place, with Exacom used as the central system.
2. Exacom is the central system for all 'live' agreements.
3. Exacom and the Finance system will be regularly reconciled. All new agreements will be uploaded to Exacom as soon as agreements are made for monitoring and reporting purposes.
4. This work has now been completed by Officers, all agreements are accessible, and a policy is in creation to ensure all charges are clear and in the Fees and Charges booklet.
5. (i) The finance summary report to committee highlights all funds reviewed as part of the audit were committed or spent within the specified timescales.
(ii) All of the mentioned 'overspent' budgets were covered by S106 funding available at that time which were able to be used across the whole City, so none of the budgets were overspent. However, the council sometimes wishes to develop an area beyond the minimum scope of the S106 agreement and will look at using other funds, including its own, to deliver these improvements for residents.
(iii) Officer follow ups will be able to be recorded on Exacom for monitoring purposes.
(iv) The unpaid contributions detailed are subject to Council recovery process.
(v) The £85k for affordable homes are available to the Council to spend until at least 2026 and the Council expects to fully spend these funds.
6. One Legal have advised that where there is no timeline in an agreement, there is no expiry of the funds.
7. The appropriate accounting adjustments have been made in respect of monitoring fees.
8. The land charges work will commence now that Exacom is the central system.
9. Fees and charges will be clearly set out in our Fees and Charges Book 2024/25.
10. Monitoring fees will be included in the next IFS.
11. An experienced S106 Open Spaces Officer is now in post to support adoptions and completions of S106 projects.