

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL – Planning Committee

Committee:	Planning Committee
Date:	1 October 2024
Subject:	S106 Bi-Annual Update
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Appendices:	Appendix 1: S106 Financial Summary Report for Planning Committee

Purpose of Report

This report seeks to provide an overview to the Planning Committee on the monitoring of Section 106.

Background

In 2022, Audit/Risk/Assurance (ARA) conducted an audit of Gloucester City Council's administration of the s106 process. One of the recommendations resulting from that work was that biannual S106 progress reports would be provided to Planning Committee in October and March coinciding with the financial year.

1.0 Highlights

1.1 Governance Update

Regular meetings have been set up to respond to issues in respect of historical S106 contributions with Finance and Open Spaces Officers, and that work is nearly complete. Quarterly meetings between the S106 Monitoring Officer, Planning, Parks and Open Spaces, and the Housing Projects and Strategy Team are now in place to ensure the effective monitoring of S106 agreements. These meetings inform S106 quarterly reports to SMT and 6-monthly reports to Planning Committee.

1.2 Systems Update

All S106 agreements are now managed through the Exacom IT system, with Exacom now being used as the S106 management tool.

1.3 Quarterly S106 Update

Appendix 1 provides a summary of each live s106 agreement, together with historic S106 agreements as these have never been reported before. In future reporting periods, only 'live' s106's will be reported.

1.4 Parks and Open Space Update

Historic S106 cases have been uploaded to Exacom and match our financial and planning records. Works on the Bar Park in Gloucester Park are underway and estimated to be finished by mid to late October, subject to satisfactory condition fulfilment. S106 grants have been paid to

Blackbridge Community and Sports Hub. Work continues on site.

1.6 Housing Projects and Strategy Team Update

The available commuted sum for affordable housing comes to £154,670. The earliest spend deadline on affordable housing is 18/5/2026 for the 97 London Road S106 Agreement. A commuted sum of £17,640 was agreed on 63-66 Denmark Road but has yet to be received.

2.0 Risks

2.1 None

3.0 Next steps

3.1 Future Planning Committee S106 Updates will occur biannually in October and April

3.2 Feedback is welcomed on the format of this report for future updates