

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD
WAS HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2019**

Councillors Burgess, Casey, Earle, Farr, Hammond, Herridge, Mrs Hook, Mrs Huggins, Hutchison, Hylands, Jessop, Mrs Jones, Mrs Morgan and Westerby

31. LEE ON THE SOLENT SPLASH PARK - REQUEST FOR SECTION 106 FUNDING

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Streetscene seeking Board approval to spend developer contributions for open space provision, secured through Section 106 Agreements, to contribute towards the funding for the Lee on the Solent Splash Park project.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that the original predicted cost of £400,000 had been estimated based on the cost of the splash park at Stokes Bay. The addition of a new pump house and a changing places facility, as well as an increase in construction costs had increased the price.

The Board was advised that based on the specification desired, tenders had been received from only two companies one for £466,000 and the other £856,000.

The Board was advised that the use of the funds would leave £373,000 remaining in the developer contribution fund.

The Board was advised that the construction company was obliged to meet the tender price to ensure the cost did not increase further and that at the point at which detailed design work was undertaken elements of the proposal could be looked at and that an element of the payment would be held back to ensure the work was satisfactory.

In answer to a Members question, the Board was advised the developer contribution funds remaining were calculated after the money allocated for the Alver Valley had been removed.

In answer to a subsequent question, the Board was advised that the revised figure for the scheme included the cost of the relocation work for the skate park and the work to Pirate's Cove.

Some Members expressed concern at a 25% increase in costs and questioned whether funding would be available to provide facilities in areas of deprivation and to update play parks that were in need of improvement.

The Board was advised that improvements to play areas in the Borough were undertaken and funded as part of a five year rolling programme and that should any particular area be of concern, contact should be made with officers who would arrange for inspections to be undertaken and any defects identified repaired.

Some Members felt that it would not be appropriate to charge residents for the use of the facility and that it would also generate additional income for the Borough with an increased use of car parks and that the additional funding to complete the project should be sourced from developer contributions.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that it was not anticipated that the maintenance would not be comparable to the cost spent by Portsmouth City Council maintain their splash park.

RESOLVED: That use of developer contributions secured through Section 106 agreements to contribute towards the funding for the Lee on the Solent Splash park project be approved.

32. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were none.

CHAIRMAN

Time concluded 18:14