



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

### STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013

**Report of:** John Bos, Community Assets Manager

**Title:** S.106 funding: Hengrove Community Centre

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the allocation of £17,944 from s106 community buildings budget to Hengrove Community Centre towards the cost of urgent repairs.

That the Neighbourhood Committee gives consideration to how the remaining budget might be allocated.

1. The redevelopment of the former Petherton Road Infant School site resulted in the payment of £47,853 by the developer. The money is restricted for the following use: "The provision of improvements to the Hengrove Community Centre, or a new community facility as decided by the local Neighbourhood Partnership". The funding needs to be spent by 22/2/2018.
2. The Planning Obligations Manager advises that, at the time of the planning application for the Petherton Road site, this funding was intended for Hengrove Community Centre, or for a replacement community facility, in the event that Hengrove Community Centre were not to be retained. Consent would need to be sought from the developer if the Neighbourhood Partnership wanted to apply some or all of the funding to other community facilities. This is not expected to be a problem.
3. Hengrove Community Centre has identified a number of urgent repair works that require substantial funding. The Community Association has already started repair works to the floor in the main hall, but further work needs to be carried out to the sub-flooring, before the floor work can be completed. In addition, downpipes, fascia boards and asbestos guttering

need to be replaced. These works will help preserve the fabric of the Centre and will help to extend the life of the existing building. Hengrove Community Association is unable to fund these works from their own resources.

4. Hengrove Community Association has asked for £17,944 from the S.106 budget to cover the following costs:

up to £14,694	new floor in main hall
£3,250	downpipes/fascias/gutters/external repairs

If approved, this would leave £29,909 in the budget, to be allocated by the Neighbourhood Partnership by February 2018.

5. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to consider:

a) whether any conditions should be attached to the proposed funding set out in paragraph 4 above.

b) whether it wishes to allocate any of the remaining S.106 funding at this stage.

c) whether any of it should be made available (on application) to other community buildings in the area.

(if the Neighbourhood Committee were minded to make part, or all, of the remaining funding available to other community venues, approval would first need to be sought from Persimmon Homes).

## Legal Information

When councillors decide how the s106 funding is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability, Sexual orientation, Age, Gender reassignment, Religion and belief; Sex, Race, Pregnancy and maternity.

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.