



Agenda Item No. 13

Stockwood, Hengrove & Whitchurch Neighbourhood Partnership 18 June 2014

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Title: S.106 funding: Hengrove Community Centre

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Recommendations

That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the allocation of **£455** from s106 community buildings budget to Hengrove Community Centre towards the cost of urgent repairs.

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.
3. Hengrove Community Centre identified a number of urgent repair works that require substantial funding. The Community Association had already started repair works to the floor in the main hall, but further work were needed 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.
4. At the December 2013 NP meeting the Neighbourhood Committee approved £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

This left £29,909 in the budget, to be allocated by the Neighbourhood Partnership by February 2018.

5. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to approve:

£455 as the actual costs of the new floor and external repair are greater for than initially budgeted for.

This would leave £29,454 in the budget, to allocate as indicated above.

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.