

S106 - Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Officer role

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Dear Abbie,

This is Neil's response to your question:

'The decision that went to the Executive Member for Transport in March 2023 detailed the funding of the post see below (extract from finance para in report) which is from reserves but it is always the case that Capital projects / programmes pay for staff once the capital programme is created.

You cannot top slice any S106 project to manage the S106 cash so in that respect Abbie is correct that you cannot just employ staff from a S106. However clearly S106 capital programmes cannot be delivered without employing staff to deliver the capital scheme itself so when Members receive the report on the overarching GRT capital programme (to come soon) I expect this role will become the project manager for the capital delivery phase paid from Capital which will include S106 and the Council Capital if Members agree to supplement the s106 which will be the officer recommendation.

Regards

Neil

The cost of a Project Manager is assumed at £58k per annum with a cost of £45k anticipated in 2023/24. The post has been identified as being essential in ensuring the development of an additional G&T pitches Capital Programme across the city for which the Council already has £1,350,000 S106 contracts in place and in line with the Local Plan. It is proposed therefore that the cost in Year 1 is funded from the Waste Reserve which has funded the additional Local Plan enquiry costs in 2022/23 thereafter the cost will be absorbed in the G&T capital programme the full scale of which will be subject to Executive decsions. The estimated balance of the Waste reserve is c£700k after the 2022/23 Local Plan examination costs are funded. Whilst there remain some potential liabilities relating to the Allerton Waste Recovery Plant project and Local Plan costs the budget will be able to cover the 2023/24 costs of the project manager.'

So, what he's saying is that the post will be paid for from available CYC funds and the recommendation to create the post will be included in the report due to come to members soon. I believe in early/spring 2024.

I hope that helps.

Thanks

Claire

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