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Question

WHY has the WLCCG posted such a disingenuous report to the LCC HOSC.

It is typical of the spin & out-right misinformation that comes from the WLCCG. I have asked repeatedly for information to be told I have what WLCCG are prepared to offer, ie no detail.

In early 2016 the Ashby Civic Society expressed a genuine interest in how S106 monies were managed by the WLCCG & the 2 Councils. This was a mixture of letters, Emails and attendance at a Loughborough Seminar asking how the process was managed. Councils & CCGs are controlled by procedures. We asked for a copy of these procedures. These requests were ignored at a detail level, with continuous references to the ethereal vision of working togetherness. Today's agenda is the first time I have seen a process flow diagram. I presume there is also a procedure that accompanies this, if not I am sure the HOSC would be alarmed. Repeated requests for detail resulted in me being branded vexatious. Generalised money statements as shown in today's report were created, but none that answered detail specifics. As S106 monies is in fact local community money there is every right to understand that it is managed competently. (In fact this perceived lack of competence was why we were here at the last HOSC meeting concerned about the WLCCG activities.) As a sop to engagement a meeting was organised between the County Council, WLCCG & the Ashby Civic Society where a diet of platitudes was served & no evidence presented. To move this on Ashby Civic Society asked the following specific question

*'At the meeting, to solicit some actual detail about what positive activity NWLDC & WLCCG were doing together for the benefit of Ashby de la Zouch the 3 named players above were asked, as an example, to use the S106 monies available to improve/create lost clinic services in Ashby de la Zouch and place them in the North St GP surgery, or other suitable venue. An answer to this question was what was asked for. I would mention that this answer, asked for on 23rd Jan, might be most helpful ASAP and certainly well before the May HOSC meeting.'*

This question was never answered.

On 29 March in a response to a Freedom of Information Act request, WLCCG provided the following information in respect of nine S106 agreements for primary care in Ashby de la Zouch, having a total value of £587,658.71. Of these 5 agreements were not time lapsed, totalling £370,593.67. The other 4 agreements were time lapsed and therefore potentially lost, having a value of £217,065.04.

The WLCCG report to the HOSC makes no reference to the important aspect of agreements that are time lapsed and therefore potentially lost. The report fails to include detailed information of all S106 healthcare funds secured, whether or not time expired, and spending. The report merely listing certain so called 'notable' projects. No Ashby projects are referred to.

In recent correspondence with the Chief Executive of North West Leicestershire District Council, I have been advised that £133,372 of developer funding towards a new health centre in Ashby cannot

now be secured, the centre having been provided instead under a PFI arrangement. The £133,372 is lost from the people of Ashby.

In my attempts to obtain more information on the question of S106 funds for health care by requesting copies of the procedures and minutes of the meetings between the WLCCG and NWLDC & LCC, I have been advised by NWLDC that no formal minutes of these meetings are taken.

I therefore consider that the HOSC should ask for more detailed information on these matters and that there should be more openness by both WLCCG and County and District Councils.

Surely to counter this abuse of the community is an example what the HOSC is set up for

regards

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