

# Police and Crime Panel for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Update on the how the PCC and Force are implementing the recommendations that were provided as part of the Police and Crime Panel Tasking group \$106 funding review.

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#### **Purpose of Report**

- In his role as the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) the Commissioner is required to secure efficient and effective policing for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, appoint a Chief Constable and hold them to account and to establish a Police and Crime Plan and deliver such a plan, set budget and precept.
- The PCC brings this report to outline for the Police and Crime Panel how the PCC and Force are implementing the recommendations that were provided as part of the Police and Crime Panel Tasking group S106 funding review.

## **Request of the Panel**

3. In their role to scrutinise the actions and decisions of the PCC, the Commissioner requests that the panel examines the contents of this report.

#### **Background, Relevant Data and Trends**

- 4. The Police and Crime Panel endorsed the recommendations in the Task Group report S106 review which was presented to the Police and Crime Panel on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The recommendations were as follows:
  - A. The Force to take steps to repurpose s106 agreements that are no longer viable through liaison with local authority planning officers and developers to ensure that funding is secured.
  - B. The Force to produce a defined list of items to be linked to its Investment Strategy and which can be used for repurposing agreements.
  - C. The Force to progress work in partnership with planners and/or Community Safety Partnerships to align timescales and awareness of new larger developments and to co-ordinate needs with other infrastructure projects.
  - D. The Police and Crime Commissioner to provide for resource to enable establishment of sufficient officer support to the s106 area of work and to facilitate the spend of s106 monies and pursuit of new bids.
  - E. The Police and Crime Commissioner/Force to develop and introduce a monitoring system to enable oversight and management of all s106 agreements and to monitor use of monies received.
  - F. The Police and Crime Commissioner/Force to liaise with planning officers in determining any new method for future bids.



### <u>Update on Progress</u>

- 5. The Force's S106 Contribution officer has met with the S106 officers for each of the District and Borough Councils in the County and Rutland. Separate bimonthly or quarterly meetings now in place with all Local Authorities.
- 6. Achieving drawdown of monies from agreements due to expire within the next 12 months is a key priority for the Force.
- 7. The force has identified a number of projects to maximise the use of S106 funding.
- 8. S106 contributions are to be spent on 'capital items', not 'revenue-based' items. Innovation is recommended where possible, and no replacement items are proposed to replace worn out equipment. In respect to Estate or accommodation new, altered, or extended buildings fall within the suitable criteria. The other consideration is that S106 agreements are for the benefit of the residents of the development. This can be achieved by including Estate or equipment which provides a benefit to the area of the development or elsewhere within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
- 9. Set out below are a number of projects which have been identified as capital projects and meet the criteria to be funded from \$106.

Agreed Project	Budget	Received	Outstanding
1 Firearms Building	£447,000	£409,444	£37,556
2 Nato helmets	£52,000	£41,135	£10,865
3 Specials Van	£17,000	£15,002	£1,998
4 Electric Vehicles	£170,000	£108,645	£61,355
5 Evidence Gathering Equipme	ent £15,000	£15,000	£0
6 CMD	£436,000	£86,185	£349,815
7 Occupational Health	£175,000	£126,351	£48,649
8 Lutterworth Office	£60,000	£60,000	£0
9 NWL Car Park	£94,983	£94,983	£0
10 Oakham Police Station	£70,943	£70,943	£0
11 Training Equipment	£95,806	£28,237	£67,569
12 Electric Bike Market Harboro	ugh £2,637	£2,637	£0
13 Handheld Speed Cameras	£21,998	£21,998	£0
14 Star Link Drone	£2,004	£0	£2,004
15 Rural Vehicles	£163,834	£0	£163,834
16 Crime Reduction Initiatives	£23,000	£0	£23,000
17 Blaby NPA Crime Reduction	Iniatives £18,737	£0	£18,737
	£1,865,942	£1,080,560	£785,382



- 10. A number of bids have been rejected by local authorities. The S106 officer will be meeting with planning officers in due course to discuss reason for rejection and ensure bids are CIL compliant. Since September 2 expressions of Interest and 4 new bids have been submitted to local authorities. Approximately £134k of drawdowns have been received since September.
- 11. A police contribution of £25,070 has been secured in a new S106 Legal Agreement in Blaby District Council
- 12. Work is ongoing to align S106 future forecast with the needs of the Force. This includes identifying further projects in the NPA areas, identify smaller projects which fit the spending criteria for current agreements and align the strategic plans with current larger agreements which need to be drawn down over the medium to long term.

 <b>End of Report</b>	 