



S106 FUNDING ROUND FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INDOOR/OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES

To:

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Wards affected:

All

Key Decision

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council is running a S106 funding round in 2023/24, seeking grant applications from community groups, sports clubs and schools (as well as proposals from council services) of between £5,000-£30,000 for improving equipment and/or storage at sports venues or community buildings with meeting space in Cambridge. Nine eligible proposals (totalling around £125,000), received by early September 2023 and deliverable by April 2024, are recommended for approval.
- 1.2 This report also revisits a long-standing S106 project. Almost a decade ago, a £255,000 S106 grant was allocated for providing additional meeting space at East Barnwell Community Centre in Abbey ward. Plans for the project have changed significantly since then, so it is important to update the purposes for which the S106 funding allocation can be used. This case has also highlighted how the Council can strengthen its S106 management processes by adding precautionary measures to help make sure that generic S106 funds for community and outdoor/indoor sports facilities can be used locally and on time.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor for Communities is recommended to:

- 2.1 allocate generic S106 funding from the relevant S106 contribution types, subject to business case approval and community use agreement (as appropriate), to the following project proposals:

	Project proposals	Amount	S106 type
a.	Jesus Green Lido: improved lighting within the facility	£36,000	Outdoor sports
b.	Nightingale Avenue Pavilion furnishings and equipment	£15,000 £2,500	Community facilities & Outdoor sports
c.	Chesterton Rec Pavilion: additional equipment	£10,950 £7,400	Outdoor sports & Community facilities
d.	Basketball court improvements at Coldham's Common	£7,200	Outdoor sports
e.	Football goal improvements at Cherry Hinton & Nightingale Avenue Rec Grounds and Coldham's Common	£13,500	Outdoor sports
f.	Netherhall Sports gym: grant to Cambridge Dive for specialist equipment for diving training	£9,050	Indoor sports
g.	Parkside Pool: new competition lane ropes & improved access to 1-metre diving board	£11,600	Indoor sports
h.	Parkside Pool: grant to City of Cambridge Swimming Club for additional storage	£5,000	Indoor sports
i.	The Meadows Community Centre: equipment for social events, also subject to approval from Environmental Health	£8,650	Community facilities

See section 4 and Appendices A and B for more details.

- 2.2 refocus the use of S106 funding allocated to the East Barnwell Community Centre project in 2013 so that the allocation could now support community facility improvements forming part of the East Barnwell redevelopment that is being overseen by the City Council as part of the Cambridge Investment Partnership (see paragraph 5.3); and
- 2.3 approve a new process whereby any generic S106 funds in the community facilities or outdoor sports or indoor sports categories that are within two years of the date by which they need to be used or contractually committed may be de-allocated from a project which is unlikely to deliver on time, so that they could be re-allocated to another relevant project (related to where the S106 contributions are from) which could make timely use of this funding (see paragraphs 6.1-6.3).

3. Background to S106 funding

- 3.1 S106 funds (or developer contributions) are payments from developers aimed at mitigating the impact of housing and other development. Every part of Cambridge has benefitted from new or improved facilities funded from such S106 contributions. See the Council's [Developer Contributions](#) web pages, including information about the S106 funding rounds and S106-funded projects (with an updated [photo gallery](#) of recent projects in each ward).
- 3.2 The Council's approach to managing S106 funding is summarised in the [overview](#) briefing note on these web pages. This explains:
 - a. the distinction between generic S106 funds (the focus of this funding round), which the Council used to collect, and specific S106 funds that the Council now secures from new major developments;
 - b. what the different S106 contribution types (e.g., community facilities, outdoor sports and indoor sports) can be used for; and
 - c. which S106 contributions are used to fund which projects. Local projects with a local impact (like community facilities) tend to be funded from generic S106 funds from the same ward and/or neighbouring wards also benefitting from the project. Meanwhile, sports facility improvements with a strategic impact tend to be funded from S106 funds arising from major developments in the same area of the city and/or other areas that also benefit.

- 3.3 Most generic S106 funds have now been allocated or spent: those generic S106 contributions that remain are unevenly spread across the city. For example, six wards (Arbury, Castle, Cherry Hinton, East Chesterton, Petersfield and Newnham) have no generic community facilities S106 funds left available to them¹.
- 3.4 The Council's generic S106 funding rounds over the last decade or so have helped to make sure that developer contributions are used on time for their intended purposes. The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, which diverted the attention of both council officers and local community groups, has led to a bottleneck of generic S106 funds getting closer to the end of their time limits/shelf-lives² in 2024/25 and 2025/26. Despite this, it should still be possible for these remaining contributions to be used on time, with the help of the measures set out in this report.
- 3.5 In the October 2021 S106 funding report to this Committee, it was recognised that, for the community facilities, outdoor sports and indoor sports categories, parts of the city still had pockets of contributions available. This highlighted that arrangements for the next generic S106 funding round (taking place now) would need to be adapted so that these remaining generic S106 contributions could be allocated to relevant projects that could be delivered quickly. The Executive Councillor at the time agreed that this would focus on inviting applications from local community and sports groups for small-scale improvements to the equipment and furnishings at their facilities³, which could help them to provide additional benefit to their local communities.

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1. See the S106 funding availability analysis for community facilities, outdoor sport and indoor sport on page 4 of the 2023 S106 funding round [guidance](#).
 2. S106 funds are used within any expiry dates set by S106 agreements: these are often set as 10 years from the receipt of the contribution or final instalment (either to be spent or contractually committed by then). Where a contribution has a stipulated expiry date, this report refers to their 'time limits'. In other cases, where no expiry date is stipulated, the Council also aims to make appropriate use of contributions within 10 years of receipt: this report refers to their 'shelf-lives'.
 3. As remaining generic S106 funds for play area and open space improvements are confined to particular parts of the city, efforts to seek proposals for how they could be improved will focus on discussions with councillors in the relevant wards in autumn 2023. This reflects a decision taken by the former Executive Councillor responsible for these contribution types following a separate report to this Committee in October 2021.

- 3.6 Further analysis (see Table 1, below) has helped to clarify S106 time limits/shelf lives in 2024/25 in relation generic S106 funds under these categories. Work continues to review and manage S106 allocations & spend records, so these figures are subject to change. This report refers back to this analysis in Table 3 under paragraph 7.1.

Table 1: Unallocated S106 funds reaching limits in 2024/25⁴

S106 type	April-June 2024	July-Sept 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025
Community facilities	-	£26,000	£47,000	£103,000
Outdoor sports	£52,000	£22,000	£14,000	£1,000
Indoor sports	£14,000	£10,000	£100,000	£50,000

- 3.7 The 2023/24 funding round was launched in July 2023⁵ and is informed by the [guidance](#)⁶ for applicants, which can be found on the Council's [S106 funding rounds](#) web page. The guidance explains that there are two application windows seeking:
- (First window): project proposals deliverable by 30 April 2024, based on applications submitted in early September 2023 (funding decisions to be made in October 2023);
 - (Second window): project proposals deliverable by 31 October 2024), with an application deadline of the end of 31 October 2023 (funding decisions to be made in January 2024).
- 3.8 Having two application windows should help those contributions with the most pressing 'use by' dates to be spent on time, while prospective grant applicants (e.g., community groups, sports clubs, schools) can be given more time to prepare their project proposals for delivery by October 2024. The 2023/24 S106 fund round for community facilities

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4. This does not include some S106 contributions allocated to projects such as East Barnwell Community Centre improvements. (See Section 5).
 5. Over 60 local organisations, in wards where S106 funding is available, have been notified about the latest funding round and further contact is being made.
 6. This guidance summarises the key points of the 2023 funding round on page 1, highlights the selection criteria on pages 2-3, features the generic S106 funding availability analysis on page 4, provides advice to applicants on pages 5-9 (including a list of the application questions) and sets out the privacy notice on page 10.

and indoor/outdoor sports facilities is still on-going. Applications are still invited from those parts of the city where generic S106 funding for community facilities and indoor/outdoor sports facilities is still available. Further applications for eligible project proposals that can be completed by October 2024 will be reported to this committee in January 2024.

4. 2023/24 S106 funding round

- 4.1 The selection criteria for the 2023/24 funding round, set out in the guidance, are based on those that have been applied to previous S106 funding rounds, albeit adapted to reflect the type of applications now being targeted in the current round. In summary, proposals need to be:
- a. **eligible** for the S106 contribution types on offer in this funding round (i.e., community facilities and outdoor/indoor sports facilities); S106 funds cannot be used for repairs, maintenance, running costs or like-for-like replacements, nor for improvements to equipment and storage that have already been purchased or installed⁷;
 - b. **affordable** from the relevant S106 funds available which can be justified for spend on that sort of facility in that part of the city.
 - c. an **effective** and legitimate **use** of S106 funding. The proposals need to mitigate the impact of development (i.e., meeting increased needs for community meeting space or outdoor/indoor sports facilities arising from new housing) and provide additional benefit.
 - d. **accessible** in line with the Council's equalities and diversity policies. S106 small grant recipients will need to sign a legally binding community use agreement, undertaking to serve all parts of the community and to make their facilities (related to the small grant) available for wider community use/affordable hire for an agreed number of hours per week for a period of five years.
 - e. realistic, ready and **deliverable** within the implementation timescales set for projects in this S106 funding round.

The proposals submitted in the first application window have been assessed against these criteria.

7. S106 funding can only be used for projects where it is clear that they will come to fruition. It cannot be used for preparatory or design costs for projects that are not subsequently delivered.

- 4.2 Sixteen project proposals have been received in the first application window of the 2023/24 S106 funding round for community facilities and outdoor/indoor sports. These are summarised in Appendix A.

Table 2: Assessment of proposals in first application window: summary

Proposals primarily for	Recommended	Not recommended	Deferred
Community facilities	2	-	-
Outdoor sports	4	1	-
Indoor sports	4 ⁸	-	-
Other	-	3	2

- 4.3 The assessment of these proposals against the selection criteria can be found in Appendix B. Those that meet these criteria are featured in the recommendations for S106 funding in paragraph 2.1. There are, however, a number of applications that are not being recommended.
- a. Instead of proposals for providing high-spec football goalposts at Cherry Hinton Rec Ground (required by the local football club in their new league, but not for wider public use), the Council proposes to fund more standard sets of goalposts that would be available for the community - not just at Cherry Hinton Rec Ground but also at Nightingale Avenue Rec Ground and Coldham's Common.
 - b. Three proposals relate to play area or open space improvements, which fall outside the scope of this S106 funding round.
 - i. Shirley Community Primary School's application for improving its school playground: as the S106 play provision category focuses on public play areas owned or managed by the City Council, this proposal would not be eligible for those S106 funds either.
 - ii. Abbey People's application for a community garden on county council highways land in Abbey ward: please note also that the S106 informal open space category focuses on protected open spaces (set out in the City Council's Open Spaces & Recreation Strategy), which does not include such strips of highways land.

8. Two of the proposals for Parkside Pool, suggested by Council officers, have been combined into a single recommendation in paragraph 2.1g.

- iii. A proposal for improving water pressure for the King's Hedges splash pad, next to the play area: current indications are that there are no more 'play provision' S106 funds currently available in King's Hedges ward (and, indeed, most other wards in the city).
- c. Proposals have also been received for improving swimming pool machinery. These relate more to the 'swimming facilities' S106 contribution type. These will be deferred to the January 2024 committee report when the use of available funding in that other S106 contribution type can be considered more fully.

5. S106 funding for East Barnwell Community Centre

- 5.1 Whilst most of the Council's S106-funded projects are delivered within a couple or a few years of allocation, some can take a lot longer. The background to this case can be found in Appendix C. Whilst the complexity of large-scale developments is appreciated (particularly those for which developer contributions forms just one part of the overall funding), the Council still needs to make sure that all S106 contributions allocated to a project can be delivered on time.
- 5.2 Progress is now being made with the latest East Barnwell redevelopment proposals, in partnership with other organisations and the local community. The plans for the new community centre provide additional meeting spaces (e.g., three meeting rooms and pods for one-to-one meetings) that do not exist in the current centre. It is hoped that a planning application could be submitted soon and the development could come forward thereafter.
- 5.3 In this context, the basis on which the funding was allocated to the East Barnwell Community Centre in 2013 now needs updating because the latest proposals no longer refer to a grant agreement with the County Council or set out community meeting space in the same way. This is reflected in the wording of recommendation 2.2.
- 5.4 In spite of the uncertainty over this project, the Council has maintained a £255,000 S106 allocation so far. The contributions assigned to the project have been reprofiled frequently to give as much time as possible for the project to succeed: however, the scope for doing so has run out.

Over a fifth of the S106 allocations to this project are within two years of their time limits/shelf-lives. Despite all the progress made recently and the hope that the project will come to fruition and make use of the S106 allocations, there are no guarantees that the complexities associated with any development of this size will be resolved within that time.

6. S106 management processes

- 6.1 This case highlights a wider concern relating to those projects allocated S106 funding for which there is strong commitment but which take much longer than envisaged. Attempts to revise proposals to ensure timely use of S106 funds can be resisted as this can be an emotive subject. There is a risk that such attempts could be put off for so long that there may not be enough time to make effective use of some S106 contributions before they reach their time limits/shelf-lives.
- 6.2 To mitigate this risk, paragraph 2.3 recommends a new process making it easier to consider whether generic S106 funds⁹ getting within two years of time limits/shelf lives, which are allocated to projects taking too long to deliver, could be spent more easily and effectively on time by being re-allocated to another relevant/local project.
 - a. A two-year threshold is suggested because, prior to this S106 funding round, the Council has focused on allocating generic S106 funds to projects that could be delivered within 18 months to 2 years.
 - b. This new process does not mean that generic S106 contributions reaching this threshold would automatically be de-allocated from a project. However, it would enable officers to take this step where doing so would reduce the risk of some generic S106 contributions running out of time and no longer being available.
 - c. This process could be incorporated into the Council's existing project management procedures. Cases relating to possible de-allocation and re-allocation of such time-limited contributions assigned to delayed projects could be considered as a change control request by the Council's S106 Monitoring Board.

9. This recommendation relates to the community facilities and outdoor/indoor sports S106 contribution types. A similar recommendation will be presented to the Executive Councillor responsible for the play provision and informal open space contribution types in the next S106 report to him, scheduled for January 2024.

- 6.3 Officers are mindful of concerns from ward councillors about the possibility of generic S106 funds being seen to be ‘taken away’ from their ward. It is important to put this in the context of the Council’s approach to the use of S106 contributions (see paragraph 3.2c).
- a. If generic S106 contributions getting within two years of their time limits/shelf lives did need to be re-allocated to another project that could be delivered on time, it would be to a relevant project which would still provide a clear relationship between where in the city the S106 funding comes from and where it is spent.
 - b. Whilst it is appreciated that de-allocating S106 funding from one project to another relevant one (reducing the amount of S106 funding available for the original project) may be difficult, it would be less difficult than the alternative.

7. Implications

- 7.1 **Financial implications:** If S106 funds cannot be used for their intended purposes on time, developers could ask for unspent amounts to be returned. This report’s recommendations help to mitigate that risk. Paragraph 2.1 sets out nine projects which could deliver around £125,000 of S106 spend by April 2023. Table 3 compares this expected spend with the amounts of S106 funds with time limits/shelf lives, which formed part of Table 1 under paragraph 3.6.

Table 3: Unallocated S106 funds reaching limits in April-Sept 2024 compared to expected spend on projects recommended in Section 2.

<i>The figures in the table are rounded.</i>		Time-limited funds	
S106 type	Expected spend by April 2024	April-June 2024	July-Sept 2024
Community facilities	£31,000	-	£26,000
Outdoor sports	£70,000	£52,000	£22,000
Indoor sports	£25,000	£14,000	£10,000

- 7.2 Table 3 comes with a caveat that the use of S106 funding is more nuanced than this table suggests and needs to take account of the points made in paragraph 3.2.

- a. For example, the £31,000 or so of community facilities generic S106 spend needs to be taken from relevant wards. The £26,000 shown under the 'July-Sept 2024' column is from Abbey ward and has September 2024 time-limits.
- b. This £26,000 will need to be spent on a community facility project(s) in/or near to Abbey ward (the precise amount may change subject to on-going review and management of S106 allocations and spend).
- c. Efforts to find relevant projects for the generic S106 funding available will continue through the second window of the current S106 funding round, to be reported to this Committee in January 2024. In the meantime, proposals for equipment and storage improvements within community buildings in Abbey ward that have community meeting space would be particularly welcomed by the end of October 2023.

7.3 *Staffing implications:* This S106 funding round is being managed within existing resources by the Sports and Recreation team in the Communities Group. Other managers (including officers on the S106 Monitoring Board) are involved to ensure that S106 selection criteria and project management requirements are being applied consistently and that advice is sought from relevant services (e.g., on potential noise or light pollution risks arising from project proposals).

7.4 *Implications re: equality & poverty; net zero carbon, climate change & the environment; procurement; and community safety:* An initial impact assessment has been undertaken as part of checking the application forms against the selection criteria. This has not revealed any particular equalities and poverty implications. It is worth noting, however, that the proposed permanent LED lighting for Jesus Green Lido would replace the current temporary non-LED lighting and could contribute to improved energy efficiency.

- a. A further impact assessment of projects allocated S106 funding will be carried out as part of the completion of business cases by council officers once S106 funding awards have been confirmed.
- b. Any S106 funding that is delivered via a grant to a community group, sports club or school will require a 5-year community use agreement. This will include an undertaking from grant recipients that facilities supported by an S106 small grant will serve all parts of the

community, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage & civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion & belief, sex and sexual orientation.

- c. The community use agreements will also stipulate that, if a grant recipient ceases to operate within the 5-year period, equipment funded by a S106 small grant would become the property of the City Council, to help make it possible for the on-going community benefit to continue.

8. Consultation and communication considerations

- 8.1 The S106 funding round application form includes a question about the consultation and engagement that has already been undertaken in relation to the proposals. In most of the applications received within the first window, consultation has already been carried out and has identified support and enthusiasm from users of the facilities. Once the Executive Councillor has made her decision on the recommendations, officers will consider (as part of the business case process) whether any further consultation is necessary.
- 8.2 The emphasis of this S106 funding round (particularly with the second application window) is on seeking grant applications from local organisations. As well as targeted contacts with community groups, sports clubs and schools in those parts of the city where the relevant generic S106 funds are still available, the round has been publicised via the Council's [Developer Contributions](#) web pages and news releases. Councillors have also been made aware via their weekly bulletin.

9. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

- S106 small grants for community & sports facility improvements: 2023 funding round [guidance](#).
- Report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee on “2021 S106 funding Round: Community Services” on 7/10/2021.
- Report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee on “2021 S106 funding Round: Open Spaces and Play Areas” on 7/10/2021.

- Report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on “S106 Community Facilities fund: update and way forward” on 18/1/2018.
- Report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on “Use of Generic S106 Contributions (Communities)” on 30/6/2016.
- Report to East Area Committee on “Developer Contributions Devolved Decision-Making: second priority-setting round” on 28/11/2013.
- Applications received during the first application window of the 2023 S106 funding round for community facilities and outdoor/indoor sports

10. Appendices

Appendix A: Summary of proposals received in first application window

Appendix B: Assessment of proposals received against the selection criteria for this S106 funding round

Appendix C: Background to the community facilities S106 funding allocation for the East Barnwell Community Centre project

11. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers, or if you have a query on the report, please contact either/or:

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Appendix A:

Summary of proposals received in first application window

Those proposals that are recommended for S106 funding highlighted in bold.

	FACILITY	PROPOSAL SUMMARY
A	Jesus Green Lido	In-house proposal to install permanent LED lighting (including directional lights on columns) to enable use of the lido throughout the year (£36,000).
B	Nightingale Avenue Rec Pavilion	In-house proposals (£17,500) for new equipment (e.g., tables, table trolley, chairs, cutlery, hot water dispenser & small kitchen appliances).
C	Chesterton Rec Ground Pavilion	In-house proposals (£18,350) for a security roller shutter in front of the sports pavilion's glass doors, plus community meeting space equipment.
D	Coldham's Common basketball	In-house proposal (£7,200) for new basketball posts and hoops at Coldham's Common basketball court.
E	Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground goalposts	Grant application from Cherry Hinton Football Club for new full size adult goals for Cherry Hinton Rec Ground to meet high-level football league match-day requirements (no clear costs provided).
F	New goal-posts for community use (three locations)	In-house proposal (£13,500) for four new sets of goalposts for community use ¹⁰ at Cherry Hinton Rec (one set for '11 v 11' matches for over-16s), Nightingale Avenue Rec (one set for '9 v 9' matches for over 12s) and Coldham's Common (two sets, one '9 v 9' and the other '11 v 11').
G	Netherhall Sports Centre gym	Grant application from Cambridge Dive for installing specialist equipment (wall bars, protection mats and air twisting rig & belt) to safely teach more advanced diving techniques (£9,050).
H	Parkside Pools¹¹	In-house proposal for providing new competition lane ropes at Parkside Pools (£6,500).

10. As well as being used on matchdays and training sessions, these goals can be used for party bookings and for informal use in between times (the netted goals can be locked together in opposite directions to allow for informal kick-about use).

11. Recommendation 1.2g combines proposals H and I.

	FACILITY	PROPOSAL SUMMARY
I	Parkside Pools	In-house proposal for improving access to the 1-metre diving board with railings and more gradual steps (to give those learning to dive more confidence) (£5,100).
J	Parkside Pools	Grant application from City of Cambridge Swimming Club (£5,000) for additional storage at the rear of the swimming pool to house competition equipment.
K	Meadows Community Centre	In-house proposal (c£8,600) for increasing kitchen worktop/cupboard space and purchasing equipment to allow the centre to cater for larger numbers of users and evening events. Includes proposal for sound bars for meeting rooms.

Proposals L-N do not relate to the community & sport facilities contribution types which are the focus of this current S106 funding round.

L	Shirley CP School	Grant application from the school for £7,000 for reinstating play equipment in the playground.
M	King's Hedges splash pad	Proposal from current service provider for improving mains water supply to enable improvements to current splash pad features.
N	Community Garden in Abbey ward	Grant application from Abbey People seeking £30,000 for a community garden installation at the corner of Barnwell Road and Rawlyn Road.



Proposals O-P from the Council's current leisure service provider, Greenwich Leisure limited (GLL),¹² relate more to the S106 contribution types for swimming pool (including plant) improvements.

	FACILITY	PROPOSAL SUMMARY
O	Parkside Pools UV unit	Proposal to install UV unit to the main pool and teaching pools, plus a hypolyser electro-chlorination system (a safer alternative to the use of hazardous chemicals).
P	King's Hedges Learner Pool	Proposal from current service provider for hydrotherapy improvements.

12. Swimming pool users would continue to benefit from these proposals beyond the current leisure service contract, which ends in April 2026.

Appendix B

Assessment of proposals received against selection criteria

	Applicants received have been assessed by officers against the Council's S106 selection criteria (see paragraph 4.1 and the funding round guidance).	Eligible	Affordable	Effective use	Accessible	Deliverable	Recommend?
	Proposals at:	Assessment against criteria					
A	Jesus Green Lido	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
B	Nightingale Ave Rec Pavilion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
C	Chesterton Rec Pavilion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
D	Coldham's Common basketball	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
E	Cherry Hinton Rec goals	✓	13	✓	✗	✓	No
F	Goal post sets for community use (three locations)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
G	Netherhall Sports Centre gym (diving training equipment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
H	Parkside Pools (competition lane ropes)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
I	Parkside Pools (improved access to 1m diving board)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
J	Parkside Pools (more storage for competition equipment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Yes
K	Meadows Community Centre	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	Yes ¹⁴
L	Shirley CP School	✗					No
M	King's Hedges splash pad	✗					No
N	Community Garden (Abbey)	✗					No
O	Parkside Pools		✓	✓	✓	✓	Defer
P	King's Hedges Learner Pool		✓	✓	✓	✓	Defer

Key:  denotes 'swimming pool facilities' S106 contribution type

13. Clear cost information not provided.

14. S106 funding for this application is subject to approval from Environmental Health.

Appendix C

Background to the S106 funding allocation for the East Barnwell Community Centre project

- C1. In November 2013, the East Area Committee allocated £255,000 of community facilities generic S106 funds towards proposals to develop phase 1 of improvements to East Barnwell Community Centre on Newmarket Road. This would be based on a grant to the County Council to deliver the project. A key feature of the proposals was 100m² of additional meeting space, as dedicated youth space.
- C2. The project proposals have gone through a number of iterations. In June 2016, a report to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee highlighted that the proposals had not progressed to the business case stage. As agreed, officers alerted the intended grant recipient that the S106 funding might be cancelled unless good progress was made.
- C3. A further report to the same scrutiny committee in January 2018 provided an update that it was hoped that a planning application might be submitted soon. The then Executive Councillor confirmed the S106 funding allocation, subject to planning permission, business case approval and community use agreement.
- C4. In October 2021, the S106 (Community Services) report to the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee noted proposals for an additional community meeting room in a new East Barnwell Centre. It highlighted that if sufficient progress could not be made, the next S106 funding round (now taking place in 2023/24) may need to consider options for re-allocating some or all of the S106 funding to other projects so that long-standing S106 contributions could be used in a timely way.
- C5. Since then, proposals are being developed by the City Council, with the Cambridge Investment Partnership, for the East Barnwell redevelopment, including a new community facility on the corner of Newmarket Road and Barnwell Road. Dialogue with the County Council continues as part of this process.
- C6. A Council news release in [January 2023](#) set out the latest proposals. In [September 2023](#), it was explained that a committee report had been postponed until November so that further work can be carried out on the detailed costs involved in this major project.