

Allocation of Section (S)106 education contributions towards the costs of improvement works at Temple Moor High School

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Report of: The Sufficiency and Participation Team Lead

Report to: The Head of Learning Systems

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The housing developers of Temple Point, Bullerthorpe Lane (Strata Homes Ltd) have paid the local authority Section 106 education contributions totalling £156,100.83 towards the provision of and/or improvement of secondary educational facilities within Temple Newsam ward required as a consequence of the development.

Temple Moor High School is the closest secondary school to families living in the Temple Point, Bullerthorpe Lane housing development at 1.407 miles (straight line distance) and is located within the Temple Newsam ward.

Temple Moor has absorbed most of the additional demand for secondary school places generated by this development. At October 2022 census, 21 secondary aged pupils were living in the housing development, 12 of whom were attending Temple Moor High School.

There is no identified need for additional school places in the area however Temple Moor has admitted an additional 30 pupils above their Published Admission Number (PAN) of 210 from 2018 onwards, subsequently increasing their PAN to 240 permanently from 2023, without any physical expansion of the school taking place.

Admitting the additional pupils has put pressure on communal areas of the school including the dining facilities. A range of works have been proposed which will address legacy issues and allow adequate dining for the school's new PAN of 240.

At January 2024's Good Learning Places Board, support was given to allocate £156,100.83 of Section 106 education contributions, paid to the Local Authority by Strata Homes Ltd, towards the costs of school improvement works at Temple Moor High School.

This report seeks final approval to allocate these Section 106 education funds towards the capital costs of improvement works at Temple Moor High School.

Recommendations

- a) The Head of Learning Systems grants approval to allocate £156,100.83 of S106 education contributions paid by the housing developers of Temple Point, Bullerthorpe Lane (Strata Homes Ltd) towards the costs of school improvement works at Temple Moor High School.
- b) The Head of Learning Systems grants approval to inject into the capital programme and authority to spend of up to £156,100.83 of S106 education contributions (reference 12/01422) for school improvement works at Temple Moor High School.
- c) Note that at its January 2024 meeting, the Good Learning Places Board supported the use of the Temple Point, Bullerthorpe Lane (Strata Homes Ltd) S106 education contributions towards the costs of school improvement works at Temple Moor High School.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report seeks approval to allocate a total of £156,100.83 of S106 education contributions paid by the housing developers of Temple Point, Bullerthorpe Lane (Strata Homes Ltd) towards the costs of school improvement works at Temple Moor High School.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 Temple Moor has admitted an additional 30 pupils above their Published Admission Number (PAN) of 210 from 2018 onwards, subsequently increasing their PAN to 240 permanently from 2023, without any physical expansion of the school taking place. Admitting the additional pupils has put pressure on communal areas of the school including the dining facilities.
- 3 Temple Moor has proposed a range of works which will address legacy issues and allow adequate dining for the school's new PAN of 240. These works include increasing the floor space in the dining hall to accommodate extra tables and seating, purchasing a new servery outdoors and installing a large canopy (with associated seating) to provide a dry outdoor area for social, dining and teaching activities all year round.
- 4 This scheme would benefit all pupils attending Temple Moor High School and would contribute to the city's aspiration to be the best council, the best city in which to grow up and a child friendly city.
- 5 The improved school facilities at Temple Moor would also contribute towards delivery of targets within the Children and Young People's Plan such as our obsession to improve achievement, attainment and attendance at school.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 6 The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure a sufficiency of school places within Leeds, which supports the achievement of the Best City Ambitions of 'ensuring children in all areas of the city have the best start in life' and 'ensuring young people and those changing career in later life have the skills and job opportunities which enable them to realise their potential and thrive'.
- 7 Providing school places in improved accommodation in an area where demand for places is high would contribute towards the achievement of the Child Friendly City priority of 'We want all children and young people to improve at a faster rate educational progress for children and young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes'.
- 8 The school improvement works at Temple Moor would contribute to the achievement of the Best City Priority to help 'young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work' which in turn, would provide underlying support for the council's ambition to produce a strong economy and be a compassionate city.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: Temple Newsam

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

9 Ward members are routinely informed of S106 allocations on approval.

What are the resource implications?

10 There are no resource implications for the Local Authority in relation to the school improvement works at Temple Moor High School. Should the works cost more than £156,100.83, the shortfall would be covered by the Red Kite Learning Trust (the multi-academy trust which Temple Moor is a part of).

11 The allocation of £156,100.83 towards the costs of school improvement works at Temple Moor is an appropriate use of the contributions in accordance with the terms of the S106 agreement.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

12 The risk of not approving the allocation of S106 contributions paid by the developers towards the costs of the school improvement works at Temple Moor is that the school would not be able to continue providing good quality school places in improved accommodation.

13 There is a risk, should the spending of this S106 money not be approved, that the funding will not be used within the time period set out in the S106 agreement. If the funding is not allocated prior to the clawback date then the developers could request that the Local Authority return the contributions.

What are the legal implications?

14 This is a Significant Operational Decision (SOD) which is not subject to call in and there are no grounds for keeping the contents of this report confidential under the Access to Information Rules.

15 There are no other legal implications.

Options, timescales and measuring success

16 The S106 funds should be allocated as soon as possible to ensure the impact the housing development has had on demand for education places is mitigated by improvement works at Temple Moor.

What other options were considered?

17 There are no other eligible school expansion or improvement schemes towards which these S106 education contributions could be directed. The S106 agreement states that the education contributions must be used towards secondary educational facilities within Temple Newsam ward. There are 3 secondary schools in the Temple Newsam Ward - Temple Moor High School, Temple Learning Academy and Corpus Christi Catholic College. October 2022 census showed that there were 12 children on roll at Temple Moor who were living on the development and none attending either Temple Learning Academy or Corpus Christi. Therefore, Temple Moor is the only eligible option for spending this S106 contribution.

Appendices

18 None.

Background papers

19 None.