

Report to: Children and Young People's Panel Cabinet

Date: 15 January 2009 22 January 2009

Subject: Maypole Development: Allocation of Financial Contribution

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Purpose / summary: To report on the financial contribution to education provision from the developers of the Maypole Estate, Abram, and propose its allocation to schools in the area.

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: This is contained within section 2 of the report

Recommendation / decision: That the financial contribution be divided equally between Abram CE and Platt Bridge Holy Family Catholic Primary Schools to improve school premises.

Key Decision: This report involves a key decision within ground 6.

The decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **seven working days** have elapsed, i.e. before 3 February 2009.

This item is included in the Forward Plan.

Risks / Implications:

Financial: None
Staffing: None
Policy: Wigan’s Strategy for School Places and Buildings
Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted? No
Wards affected: Abram

Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?

No

If yes, have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property Officer?

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

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Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council’s Constitution? **Yes**

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council’s budget? **Yes**

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **No**

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Categorisation of the report:	
Discussion leading to a decision	X
Monitoring	
Sharing for corporate understanding	

Discussion	
Decision	
Information	

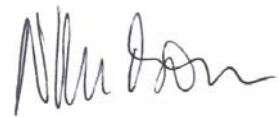
Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
15 Jan 2009		22 Jan 2009	

List of Background Papers in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

Document	Date	File Reference	Place of Inspection
Wigan's Strategy for School Places and Buildings	2007 / 08		CYPS Progress House Westwood Park Drive Wigan WN4 4HH

Proper Officer



Date

2nd January 2009

1. Background

- 1.1 Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 covers agreements negotiated between local authorities and developers in the context of granting planning consent. Section 106 agreements can, in appropriate circumstances, provide a means to ensure that a proposed development contributes to the creation of sustainable communities by the provision of necessary infrastructure and facilities in the local area.
- 1.2 Section 106 agreements can be negotiated to contribute to the provision of education facilities at schools in the area neighbouring a development.

2. Maypole Development, Abram

- 2.1 A total of 308 houses are to be built over a five year period at the former Maypole Industrial Estate in Abram. A contribution from the developers was sought toward education provision in the area and £250,000 was provided in the 2008/09 year.
- 2.2 The allocation of the contribution needs to be restricted to schools within the local area. Just four primary schools and one secondary school fall within a two and three mile radius, respectively, of the development and the allocation needs to be made to one or more of these schools in order to demonstrate appropriate use of the capital contribution to the developers.
- 2.3 In order to determine which schools should receive an allocation, a survey was conducted of residents already living on the estate. At the time of the survey around one third of the houses on the development were occupied and the analysis indicated that school age children living on the estate attend a variety of schools. However, Abram CE and Platt Bridge Holy Family Catholic Primary Schools, both of which lie within two miles of the development have significantly higher numbers of pupils living on the estate than other schools. as demonstrated in the following table:

School	No of pupils
Abram Bryn Gates	3
Abram CE*	9
Britannia Bridge	1
Cansfield High	2
Golborne Primary	2
Golborne High	1
Hindley J + I	2
Platt Bridge Holy Family Catholic*	6
	1
Platt Bridge	1
St Edmund Arrowsmith High	1
St Benedicts Catholic	2
St Peter's CE	3
The Deanery CE High	2
Westleigh High	
Total	36

2.4 Abram CE and Platt Bridge Holy Family also have internal layouts that require improvement, such as classrooms that are significantly undersized or lack of resource areas that hinders them in delivering the modern curriculum.

3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that £125,000 each is passported to Abram CE and Platt Bridge Holy Family Catholic Primary Schools to be ringfenced for the purposes of capital investment to address the suitability of school premises.

3.2 The proposed capital projects at the schools will be subject to approval by the respective Diocesan Authorities working in partnership with the local authority.