S106 Monitoring Update for the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016

- 1.1 Some eleven S106 agreements were signed in 2015 -16 with a value of £484,000. The number is similar to last year which was a significant reduction on previous years before the Council introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy in April 2014. The S106 agreements mainly cover Affordable Housing requirements and sums mainly to highway and public transport impact. Contributions to education, sports facilities are through the Levy rather than S106 agreements.
- 1.2 Some £2.33 million of S106 funding was received during the year. A significant proportion of this was to address education needs of strategic sites.
- 1.3 Some £1.37 million was spent on infrastructure and services in 2015-16 in line with the terms of the relevant S106 agreements. This included infrastructure and services to support new housing developments such as the fitting out the new primary school at Fields Road, Wootton that was provided by Persimmon Wixams and bus services to Great Denham, Wixams, Wootton and Norse Rd. Further improvements to outdoor sports pitches in the Bedford urban area were carried out to enable increased use. Finance for outdoor sports pitches and play areas from developments in rural parishes was passed to the parish councils for sports and play facilities in their areas. A list of the projects which were funded or partially funded by S106 contributions is included towards the end of this report.
- 1.4 135 Affordable housing units were delivered through the planning process /S106 agreements in 2015/16. An additional 43 were provided through applications for affordable housing by Registered Social Landlords.
- 1.5 The tables below summarise the position for the financial year 2015/16.

A. Finance agreed in S106 agreements signed in 2015/16

Service area	£
Highways and Public Transport	482,000
Miscellaneous	2,000
Total	484,000

B. Finance received in 2015/16

Service area	£
Highways and Public Transport	321,080
Rights of Way	23,208
Education	1,650,160
Green Infrastructure*	104,166
Community and miscellaneous.	26,718
Affordable housing	80,000
Staff fees	125,314
Total	2,330,646

C. Finance Spent in 2015/16

Service area	£
Highways and Public Transport	497,015
Education	618,441
Green Infrastructure *	180,049
Community and miscellaneous	79,791
Total	1,375,296

^{*} Note in the tables above the green infrastructure figures include commuted sums for maintenance and contributions to be passed to the Forest of Marston Vale

List of Projects for which S106 finance was used in 2015/16

	Project	£
Highways	Cauldwell Street, Travel Plan monitoring and enforcement	6,752
Highways	Junction improvements for cyclists	38,363
Public transport	Public transport services, Great Denham	115,820
Public transport	Wixams extended service and service enhancements	77,569
Public transport	Enhanced services Norse Road	67,000
Public transport	Improved services Wootton	66,300
Public transport	Other	1,000
Rights of Way	Upgrade rights of way	124,211
		497,015
	Education contributions	
Education	Works associated with Lakeview primary school new classroom block	59,043
Education	Cauldwell new classroom project	53,212
Education	Existing school Wootton improvements	111,942
Education	New school Wootton fitting out etc.	348,718
Education	New classroom project Oakley Lower school	45,526
		618,441
	Greenspace	
Greenspace	Regrade mini pitches Hillgrounds	15,650
Greenspace	Pavilion Hillgrounds	13,201
Greenspace	Addison Howard Park Cricket pitch Outfield Works	13,950

Greenspace	To Shortstown and Elstow parish councils for play areas improvements	65,418
Greenspace	Forest of Marston Vale	64,070
Greenspace	Russell Park play area refurbishment	7,760
		180,049
	Community	
Community	Burial Ground infrastructure, Norse Rd	15,000
Community	Wixams Community Hall works	33,666
Community	CCTV Great Denham	25,125
Community	Air quality monitoring	6,000
		79,791