

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Leighton -Linslade Partnership Committee</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>S106 Community Facilities – application for funding</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>30. November 2017</b>
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### **1. Recommendations**

**a) To consider the application for funding received from the 1<sup>st</sup> Leighton Buzzard Scout Group**

### **2. Introduction**

An application for funding has been received from the 1<sup>st</sup> Leighton Buzzard Scout group. They have requested £2,650 towards the costs of installing disabled access for wheelchair users and allow for disabled parking at the rear.

### **3. Background**

The Committee requested greater influence over S106 funding and a grant scheme was established to distribute the S106 funds secured for improving / enhancing community facilities in Leighton – Linslade.

The funding available for generic investment is **£50, 610.81** which can be spent on the following types of projects:

- External improvements such as an extension or new roof.
- Internal refurbishment and improvements, such as a new kitchen / toilet facilities, windows etc.
- Improvements to access and security.
- Installation of a hearing loop or other similar improvements.

Routine maintenance such as painting and decorating cannot be supported.

### **4. Application**

The application from the Scout Group is attached in Appendix 1. In summary, they are requesting £2,650 towards the cost of improving access for wheelchair users, by adding an access ramp to the rear of the Scout Hall. Consultation with S106 officers confirms that the proposed project fits the criteria set out in the Planning Obligations

SPD, whilst Planning officers have advised that the access to be installed would need to be Building Regulation compliant.

From a Partnerships and Community Engagement perspective access for wheelchair users and parents with prams will be a significant improvement, widening participation to additional users.

## **5. Conclusion**

The application fits the criteria and is a relatively small request that will make a substantive difference by improving access to the building.

Appendix 1 : Community Facilities Application form and supporting evidence