

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - PLACE

SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS - PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Scrutiny Committee on the progress being made in relation to the monitoring of Section 106 Agreements, the production of the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document and relevant processes.

2. Background

- 2.1 In November 2016 the City Council appointed a Planning Obligations Officer to develop and manage effective and efficient administration of S106 agreements including the monitoring, collection and spending of financial contributions. A review of the S106 agreement database, software, processes and monitoring arrangements is currently being undertaken.
- 2.2 This item has been brought to the Committee at the request of Members to provide an update on the progress being made in relation to Section 106.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 A new integrated software package has been procured which records and assists with the monitoring of agreements. This system is in the process of being populated with existing S106 agreement data and will be updated as the agreements progress and with new agreements as they arise.
- 3.2 To date 80 agreements have been transferred to the new system, of which 69 are live and being actively monitored.
- 3.3 A review of the S106 processes and monitoring arrangements is currently being undertaken.
- 3.4 A Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document is currently being prepared to set out the standards for seeking developer contributions and to provide advice and guidance to developers.
- 3.5 The Planning Obligations SPD will assist in infrastructure delivery within the South Sunderland Growth Area and across the City as a whole and will be used as a material consideration in deciding planning applications.
- 3.6 A Scoping Report on the Planning Obligations SPD is currently out for consultation until 2 October.

- 3.7 Iain Fairlamb (Head of Planning and Regeneration) and Natalie Smithwhite (Planning Obligations Officer) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the current position.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The report will provide members with an overview of the progress being made with the monitoring of S106 agreements, process review and the production of the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress being made in relation to Section 106 agreements, as set out above.

6. Glossary

None

7 Background Papers

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report (July 2017).