

Emily Davison Statue

Head of Service/Contact:	Lee Duffy, Chief Finance Officer
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	N/A
Annexes/Appendices (attached):	None
Other available papers (not attached):	None stated

Report summary

This report seeks approval for £20,000 of s106 funding be made available for the Council to make a contribution towards the funding of the Emily Davison statue within Epsom Town centre.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee:

- (1) Approves the use of S106 funds as set out in section 4 of the report to enable the Council to make a contribution of up to £20,000 towards the provision of the Emily Davison statue in Epsom Town Centre;
- (2) Agrees payment of the Council's contribution is conditional upon the Emily Davison Memorial Project not achieving the necessary level of funding from other sources in the first instance and a contribution of up to £20,000 would make the project viable.

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 The Capital Strategy Statement was approved by the Council on 20 February 2018 as Appendix 10 to the Budget Report. Section 106 funding supports the achievement of Key Priorities in the Corporate Plan where investment can be funded from developer contributions.

2 Background

- 2.1 On the 24 April 2018 the Council gave its support for the community initiative to fund and place a statue of Emily Davis Davison in Epsom and endorsed the work already undertaken by the Chairman of Strategy & Resources and Borough officers to support and facilitate the project.

Strategy and Resources Committee

31 January 2018

3 Current Position

- 3.1 Since Full Council on the 24 April 2018 the Chair of Strategy and Resources has been attending the Emily Davison Memorial Project Group established to secure the statue of Emily Davison in Epsom. In addition, the Chief Legal Officer has also provided support to the group in obtaining the necessary consents for the location and future installation of the statue in the market place. This has included working with Surrey County Council who have agreed to grant consent for the structure to be placed in the market place.
- 3.2 The Council is also intending to cover the costs of installation and take ownership of the statue once erected thereby ensuring the statue is maintained and well looked after.
- 3.3 As members and officers support and monitor this local initiative, it has become apparent that the campaign has not brought in the required funds despite a very active and positive campaign that has widespread local support. Difficulties are being experienced in securing substantial funding pledges to date as no large contributions have been received. Potential donors wish to see actual funding commitments before committing themselves. A substantial contribution will help unlock these sources of funding.

4 Proposals

- 4.1 It is requested that, to assist the Project Group in the achievement of raising sufficient funding to provide the statue, the Council agree to the use of £20,000 of section 106 monies to put towards the statue.
- 4.2 These monies would only be released if the Project Group is able to show that, despite a proactive funding raising programme of activity, it has been unable to raise sufficient funds, from other sources in the first instance and a contribution of up to £20,000 would make the project viable.
- 4.3 It is proposed funding from the following agreements be set-aside to enable the Council to make a contribution of £20,000 towards the statue.

Agreement	Ward	£
56 Grosvenor Road	Woodcote	2,510.00
100 Grosvenor Road, Langley Vale	Woodcote	527.04
65 Rosebery Road, Epsom	Woodcote	1,520.73
Pine Lodge, Horton Lane	Stamford	14,949.40
33A Waterloo Road, Epsom	Town	515.70
		20,022.87

Strategy and Resources Committee

31 January 2018

5 Financial and Manpower Implications

5.1 The S106 funding comes from the “Environmental Improvements” category of the agreements and have been selected on the basis of the wards closest to Town ward - Woodcote and Stamford both border Town ward. The agreement relating to the largest sum specifies the vicinity as “within 5 miles”, so this is well within. The others are generic agreements that don’t specify a distance.

5.2 **Chief Finance Officer’s comments:** *The transfer of the funds to this project will only be released upon achievement of the required level of funding by the Community Group to complete the works.*

6 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

6.1 A legal agreement will be entered into with the Emily Davison Memorial Project to secure the transfer of the statue to the Council. It will also deal with the payment of any contribution which may need to be paid in the event the Project is unable to achieve the full cost of statue. However, the Council’s contribution is capped at £20,000 and therefore the Project will need to secure at least £30,000 or more to make sure the statue is deliverable. The parties will need to agree terms on including time limits and specifications.

6.2 A location for the statue has be agreed between the Borough Council, the County Council and the Project Group. The County Council and the Borough Council will need to enter into an agreement for the location and responsibility of the statue, since the market place is within the ownership of the County Council.

6.3 **Monitoring Officer’s comments:** *none for the purposes of this report.*

7 Conclusion and Recommendations

7.1 This report seeks approval for £20,000 of s106 funding be made available for the Council to make a contribution towards the funding of the Emily Davison statue within Epsom Town centre.

Ward(s) affected: (All Wards);