

S106 Task and Finish Group review – work outline

Objective: There are THREE objectives to this Task and Finish group:

- What funds there are in the HDC accounts accumulated for WSCC responsibility areas, and what categories, allocations, time sensitivities there are associated with the funds;
- To understand how the requests are arrived at; and
- How disbursements are agreed and monitored by HDC in conjunction with WSCC.

Methodology:

Using the database of S106 funds, HDC officers will identify what the available funds are, which funds are time limited and what those limits are, order the end use data into several general categories, then which parishes have the 106 funds and which funds are earmarked for a locality or not. The locality earmarked funds also must be cross categorised into major headings – including any particular conditions. The data matrices should provide clear layout and record as to the composition/ allocation of the funds to WSCC categories, time limits, and location links. (The funds will encompass allocations for schools/ education, libraries and fire service as well as allocations to highways matters). The main emphasis on data sorting and categorisation will mainly concentrate on highways allocations but the other main categories will be covered in less detail. Once the data has been collected, categorised and tabulated the group will provide the tables to WSCC.

Prior to meeting WSCC members will meet with HDC planning officers. This meeting is to provide members with an understanding of how the respective officers come to formulating the 106 funding levies, including an explanation of the mechanisms used to arrive at the numbers to be provided.

The HDC group will then invite the relevant WSCC officers and cabinet member to review the data. The meeting agenda will include the review of the data, a discussion over the allocation of the funds and reviewing how funds are spent. Whilst not putting into place a POP type arrangement at least there should be some mutual oversight of how funds are spent and control that funds are spent in accordance with the original plans/ allocations.

Outcome: to ensure both WSCC and HDC officers and members are clear:

- The record of s106 funds held and characteristics of said funds;
- The mechanisms used to determine WSCC desiderata in s106 funding terms;
- To secure adequate monitoring of the funds and understanding as to where they should be spent;
- Setting in place a monitoring or measuring system to ensure the funds are spent in time and in line with the original requirements or those agreed to mutually later.

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