

Agenda item 9

For decision – proposed use of s.106 funds

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Background

In February 2016, Councillors gave in-principle approval to use Section 106 funds of circa £38,000 for marketing Frome as a destination for walkers and cyclists. The s.106 agreement relates to the re-development of the former Mendip Lodge Hotel. The funds have to be spent by 13 January 2019.

This report proposes the detailed use of these funds; it has in-principle agreement from Mendip District Council's Frome Councillors and MDC's Section 106 team.

As such, we now require a Council Minute to confirm FTC's formal support for the proposed spend of these funds.

Summary of proposal

We are proposing to spend the full £38,213.89 of the Section 106 funding to:

- Part-fund an intern role that is focused on tourism projects in Frome
- Increase promotion of Frome as a destination for walkers and cyclists
- Implement town signage improvements
- Support the Changing Places project
- Support Frome's Walkers Are Welcome application
- Generally, providing better walking & cycling routes around Frome

Recommendation

Agree the proposed use of these s.106 funds