

### **AP 3.14 How the S.106 financial developer contributions for affordable housing are dealt with/ spent by WDC**

- The WDC housing service general S.106 affordable housing priority is the delivery of new homes on site - in accordance with the Council's planning policies.
- There are occasionally exceptional circumstances where a S.106 financial developer contribution for affordable housing is accepted instead of on-site delivery - e.g. due to the site location or a scheme solely for elderly people in an area with existing provision of sheltered/ elderly person housing. Financial sums for affordable housing may also be received via 'overage' payments.
- The record of these financial developer contributions for affordable housing is maintained by the Senior Infrastructure Officer in the Council's Planning and Sustainability service. The spend position is agreed between the housing service and the Senior Infrastructure Officer, to enable the funds to be spent broadly in the order in which they are received.
- The housing service makes Registered Providers active in the area aware of the availability of this funding - inviting the RPs to submit proposals if they wish to do so.
- The total sum of the S.106 financial developer contributions for affordable housing which has been spent to date is £1m this was spent in 2017/2018. This has been used to support a Registered Provider in the purchase of 8 existing dwellings - which became affordable housing.
- The Council currently holds approximately £3.17m in S.106 financial developer contributions for affordable housing.
- Two further proposals have recently been received from RPs for use of some of the available funding (£2.25 million). Details are confidential at this stage but Brian Daly has placed an item on the Forward Plan, with the intention of reporting the matter to Cabinet in November 2018.