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- The reason for the repayment

Please provide these details for the following years:

2017-2018

2018-2019

2019-2020

Please also provide details of any unspent money that dates back to before 2017-18.

Response:

Please see attached.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk

S106 contributions: 2017/18 to 2019/20

Response dated: 10 September 2020

Thank you for your request for information, dated 12 August 2020 in which you asked for the following information.

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- *The purpose of the payment*
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- *The amount that has been repaid and the reason for the repayment.*

Please provide these details for 2017-2018; 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

Also, please provide details of any unspent money that dates back to before 2017-18.

OUR RESPONSE

Given that the Council tends to prioritise the spending of older S106 contribution before those received more recently, we have responded to the two parts of your request in reverse order. We have taken the following approach.

- a. Value of payments: The year 'received' (e.g., 2017/18) covers the period 1 April to 31 March. In most cases, this relates to the year in which full payments or latest/final instalments were received. However, for particularly large-scale contributions relating to major growth sites, we have broken down the payments into the years in which instalments were received.
- b. Purpose of payments: We have grouped the purposes for which S106 payments were received into broad types of infrastructure identified in planning obligations strategies.
 - 'Environmental mitigations' relate to contaminated land and air quality management. 'Waste facilities' are for the provision of refuse and recycling bins for new homes.
 - Some contribution types (shown in the tables shaded grey are collected only from the major growth sites (e.g., on Cambridge's Southern Fringe or at North West Cambridge): 'community development' includes funding for community development officers, youth workers and, in some cases, community chests. 'health centres' contributions include funding for interim health centre arrangements for the growth sites; and 'swimming pool' contributions support pool provision/improvements in Cambridge.
- c. Use of contributions: The 'committed' column is based on: contributions secured for specific purposes and generic ones (agreed prior to April 2015) allocated to projects through the Council's formal decision-making processes. It includes commuted sums for future maintenance (e.g. of play areas and open spaces).

This response is a snapshot of our current records, which are regularly reviewed and updated. The figures in the tables have been rounded to the nearest £.

Part One: Unspent money dating back to before 2017-18

The unspent S106 money shown in Table 1 includes S106 contributions committed to specific and/or agreed projects **and** remaining unallocated generic S106 funds (agreed before April 2015). The Council aims to use contributions as soon as possible, certainly within 10 years of receipt of the full payment (or sooner where earlier S106 expiry dates are stipulated). We run annual generic S106 funding rounds to assign unallocated contributions to appropriate new projects.

Table 1: Unspent S106 contributions received prior to 2017/18

Contribution type	Committed S106 contributions	Unallocated S106 contributions
Community facilities	£713,229	£465,659
Environmental mitigations	£70,351	£0
Informal open spaces	£736,473	£163,548
Indoor sports	£78,731	£698,194
Outdoor sports	£752,264	£838,957
Play area provision	£447,160	£148,007
Public art	£274,384	£438,334
Public realm	£14,932	£69,018
Waste facilities	£42,431	£0
Miscellaneous	£40,000	£0
<i>From growth sites only:</i>		
Community development	£6,440	£0
Health centre facilities	£60,292	£0
Nature conservation	£399,666	£0
Sports development	£8,819	£0
Swimming pools	£429,411	£0

As context, please note that over £25.5 million of S106 contributions received by the City Council prior to 2017/18 have been spent.

Part Two: Use of S106 payments received in 2017-18 to 2019-20

Tables for each of the three years are set out below. The 'committed' column represents money that has been assigned to projects but not yet recorded as spent and the 'unallocated' column represents S106 funding that has been neither committed nor spent.

Table 2: S106 payments received in 2017/18

Contribution type	Received	Spent	Committed	Unallocated
Affordable housing	£1,750,000	£0	£1,750,000	£0
Community facilities	£267,479	£2,649	£243,667	£21,163
Informal open spaces	£36,310	£16,244	£12,550	£7,516
Indoor sports	£66,995	£0	£9,281	£57,714
Outdoor sports	£58,948	£0	£10,330	£48,618
Play area provision	£152,720	£15,196	£135,106	£2,418
Public art	£76,435	£8,433	£2,500	£65,502
Waste facilities	£210,678	£163,084	£47,594	£0
<i>From growth sites only:</i>				
Allotments	£20,123	£0	£20,123	£0
Community development	£73,293	£12,127	£61,166	£0
Health centre facilities	£62,795	£0	£62,795	£0
Police & Social Services space at Clay Farm centre	£21,577	£21,577	£0	£0
Sports development	£8,698	£8,001	£697	£0

Amount received in 2017/18 that has been repaid: £0.

Table 3: S106 payments received in 2018/19

Contribution type	Received	Spent	Committed	Unallocated
Community facilities	£27,435	£0	£25,722	£1,713
Environmental mitigations	£12,809	£0	£12,809	£0
Informal open spaces	£958,888	£0	£958,888	£330
Indoor sports	£11,262	£0	£10,895	£367
Outdoor sports	£52,963	£0	£52,638	£325
Play area provision	£311,833	£12,324	£299,509	£0
Public realm	£6,034	£0	£6,034	£0
Waste facilities	£8,191	£8,191	£0	£0
<i>From growth sites only:</i>				
Allotments	£69,694	£0	£69,694	£0
Community development	£95,107	£0	£95,107	£0
Police & Social Services space at Clay Farm centre	£23,505	£23,505	£0	£0
Sports development	£14,231	£0	£14,231	£0
Swimming pools	£87,905	£0	£87,905	£0

Amount received in 2018/19 that has been repaid: £0.

Table 4: S106 payments received in 2019/20

Contribution type	Received	Spent	Committed	Unallocated
Community facilities	£698,777	£0	£545,526	£153,251
Informal open spaces	£592,838	£0	£591,976	£862
Indoor sports	£93,865	£0	£92,907	£958
Outdoor sports	£73,682	£0	£72,834	£848
Play area provision	£182,029	£0	£180,903	£1,126
Waste facilities	£89	£89	£0	£0
Miscellaneous	£2,882	£0	£2,882	£0
<i>From growth sites only</i>				
Allotments	£13,951	£0	£13,951	£0
Community development	£180,193	£0	£180,193	£0
Health centre facilities	£67,755	£0	£67,755	£0
Sports development	£20,165	£0	£20,165	£0

Amount received in 2019/20 that has been repaid: £0.

We hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. For more information about the City Council's use of S106 contributions, please visit www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106.

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