



SOUTH EAST DEVON
HABITAT REGULATIONS
PARTNERSHIP

South East Devon Habitat Regulations Executive Committee

Financial Report

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Legal comment/advice:

There are no legal implications arising.

Finance comment/advice:

No additional comment to the financial update contained in the report.

Public Document:	Yes
Exemption:	None
Review date for release	None

Recommendations

It is proposed that the Executive Committee:

- 1. Notes the quarterly update on the overall financial position including contributions received, contributions not received because arrangements may be in place for contributions to be with-held, expenditure and anticipated contributions (from signed S106).**
- 2. Receives an update on 5 year income forecasts of developer contribution receipts at the HREC meeting in January 2018. This will clearly identify where these have been retained by the collecting authority where any agreement is in place for contributions to be with-held.**

Equalities impact: Low

Risk: Low

This is an update, repeated quarterly, on the current financial position of developer contributions (both collected and anticipated) for Habitat Regulations mitigation across the three partner authorities.

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Executive Committee on the overall financial position of developer contributions received by the partner authorities as mitigation payments towards measures identified in the South East Devon European Site Mitigation Strategy ("the Strategy").

1.2 The report set out details of the contributions received from inception until the end of the first quarter of the 2017 financial year.

1.3 The report also contains details of anticipated income from contributions where planning permission has been granted but the contribution has not yet been paid. Details of total expenditure to the end of the first quarter of the 2017 financial year are also provided.

1.4 Updated housing forecasts are not currently available from all partner authorities. Therefore, to avoid inaccuracies, this report does not include a 5 year income forecast of developer contributions. This will instead be included in the next report, due January 2018.

Table 1 Developer contributions received (less expenditure) to end Q1 2017, according to zone of origin/charging period.

Charging zone/period	Total received as at end Q1 2017	Total expenditure as at end Q1 2017	Balance as at end Q1 2017
SANGS	£ 839,480	£ 528,133	£ 311,347
JIA on site ¹	£ 654,074	£ 274,048	£ 380,026
Dawlish Warren On site	£ 278,857	£0	£ 278,857
Exe Estuary On site	£ 90,318	£0	£ 90,318
Pebblebed Heaths On site	£ 66,683	£4,976	£ 61,707
Total	£ 1,929,412	£ 807,157	£ 1,122,255

Table 2. Position of all developer contributions from planning consents granted but not yet received, as at the end of Q1 2017.

Charging zone/period	Position as at end Q1 2017
SANGS	£ 890,743
JIA on site	£ 326,552
Dawlish Warren on-site	£ 53,110
Exe Estuary on-site	£ 85,486
Pebblebed Heaths on-site	£ 108,821
Total	£ 1,464,712

¹ Includes £83,056 for "Cross Site Measures" from Cranbrook 587 Agreement

2. Exemption from Contract Standing Orders

2.1 The Habitat Regulations Delivery Manager sought an exemption to East Devon District Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSO). The exemption related to the contract for the Exe Estuary zonation review and Codes of Conduct work to the Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP).

2.2 The exemption was approved according to CSO procedure, on the grounds of a limited marketplace. The total contract value is £17,000:

- The EEMP have established long-standing working relationships with different user groups on the Exe and have consulted with these groups on other, related projects in the past.
- By awarding the contract to the EEMP, we are able to take advantage of an existing, well respected link directly to the user groups who will be involved with and affected by the work.
- This allowed easy contact with the user groups and also provided interaction with the groups via a known, trusted and identifiable organisation.
- It was considered to be much more difficult to establish these links via a consultancy and for the outcome to be respected and adhered to by the varying user groups

3 Additional costs.

3.1 In response to a high level of public interest in the Exe Estuary zone review, the EEMP agreed to extend the public consultation and arrange additional meetings. This resulted in additional costs of £2,186.06, taking the total cost for the zone review to £9,186.06².

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² The invoice was received in August 2017 and will be accounted for in the January 2018 financial report.

Natural England comment:

We note progress made towards delivery of cross-site measures (via JIA contributions) but that little expenditure has been made against on-site measures. This is concerning given that the original intention was to focus on delivery of on-site measures to ensure mitigation kept pace with housing numbers, accepting the complexities and therefore likely time delays in delivering SANGS.