

This section includes:-

- a) A Statement to Bristol City Council Cabinet by David Mayer regarding Section 106 monies that had been collected as part of a planning permission on another development site in Stoke Bishop which was specifically collected to provide Children's Play facilities on Stoke Lodge (Parkland), hence confirming that Bristol City Council considered that the community (including children were entitled to use the Parkland as of right.
- b) A letter from Bristol City Council confirming their agreement with the contents of the above statement

Statement by David Mayer
to Bristol City Council Cabinet Meeting 25.11.10
Regarding Stoke Lodge Parklands, Stoke Bishop.

With reference to **agenda item 5** to be debated tonight, and for the avoidance of doubt or future confusion, I would specifically draw Cabinet Members attention to Appendix C, note 3 of the paper which states:

"Parks figures for Easton, Ashley, Lawrence Hill, and Westbury, Henleaze, Stoke Bishop contain approximately £170,000 of monies that are specific to particular parks and have not been apportioned as per Para 6"

This note is of vital importance with regard to Stoke Lodge and is necessary, because the section 106 monies collected as part of the 1995 planning application and approval on neighbouring land can only be spent as specifically defined in the agreement and the Cabinet has no authority or discretion to vary that contract. The sum "ring fenced" and being held in trust by the council specifically on behalf of Stoke Lodge Parkland for Play facilities is **£101,650.00**, including accrued interest to date.

We hope the Cabinet members find this clarification useful and we welcome the proposal to administer the distribution of these monies via the Neighbourhood Partnership and we will be making the appropriate application in due course as part of the ongoing proceedings.

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Dear Mr Mayer

I write to respond to your statement to the recent Cabinet meeting, and to thank you for taking the trouble to attend and bring the issue of the Section 106 money for Stoke Lodge Playing Fields to our attention. I have sought clarification from the Planning Obligations Project Manager on this point, and can confirm that the £101,650 to which you refer can only be spent on play facilities on Stoke Lodge playing fields. Therefore it is ring fenced solely for that purpose and will not be subject to the apportionment set out in paragraph 6 of the Cabinet Report.

I hope that this provides the confirmation that you seek, and look forward to the Neighbourhood Partnership taking the opportunity to prioritise the implementation of a play facilities scheme on Stoke Lodge playing fields.

Yours sincerely,

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