

Leicestershire County Council
Infrastructure Funding Statement
2023/24

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Policy Overview

Government legislation in relation to developer contributions requires any local authority that receives a financial contribution from a developer to publish an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) outlining income and expenditure during each financial year, from the year 2019/20 onwards.

The information within the statement is required to cover contributions secured through both Section 106 Agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Planning obligations represent an important funding stream for the provision of county wide services needed to deliver sustainable growth. They are also commonly referred to as 'section 106' and/or 'developer contributions'. A planning obligation is a legal obligation under Section 106 (s106) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and is entered into to mitigate the unacceptable impacts of a development proposal on the infrastructure of the surrounding area.

S106 agreements are most commonly agreed between a local authority and a developer and are typically related to a planning permission. In a two-tiered local government environment, it is usual that the county and the district councils would be a party to the legal agreement to secure the necessary infrastructure funding for county and district infrastructure, however, this is not always the case, and in some instances the county council is not included in the legal agreements and the agreements are between the owner/s and the district council; these are called Unilateral Undertakings (UUs). Contributions secured, received and spent from UUs are also included in this report.

Planning obligations assist in mitigating the impact of development to make it acceptable in planning terms. Planning obligations may only constitute a reason for granting planning permission if they meet the 3 statutory tests as set out in the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and in paragraph 57 of the NPPF. These tests require that obligations are:

- necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms,
- directly related to the development, and
- fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind.

Leicestershire County Council is responsible for the delivery and operation of much of the large-scale infrastructure required to support development such as highways, schools, libraries, and waste. The County Council's requirements for S106 contributions are set out in its Planning Obligations Policy document which was agreed in July 2019.

The County Council works closely with the seven district/borough Local Planning Authorities in the county to identify the impact of proposed development and ensure the infrastructure requirements needed to support development are identified through the Local Plan process.

Leicestershire County Council Context

Leicestershire County Council is responsible for the delivery of a range of services to meet the needs of its residents including those moving into new housing, and therefore seeks to secure planning obligations towards provision of new infrastructure where necessary.

Where a proposed development triggers a County Council infrastructure requirement, the Council will request that it be a signatory to the Section 106 Agreement, which will enable contributions to be provided by the developer directly to the County Council.

In some cases, it will receive contributions passed over from the District/Borough Council who may collect contributions from developers on the County Council's behalf (usually where the County Council is not a signatory to the S106 Agreement).

The Infrastructure Funding Statement will not report on contributions that have been collected or are held by the District/ Borough Councils (this will be in their own report). However, where contributions have been transferred to the County Council, this will be included in the reported expenditure.

Monetary Contributions

Table 1 – Total money to be provided through planning obligations

The following table shows the amount of money which has been agreed through S106 agreements completed between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 and will be available to spend in future years as developments are constructed.

Service Area	£
County Council Monitoring Fees	82,703
Education (including Early Years)	14,739,048
Highways	2,239,326
Libraries	73,103
Sustainable Travel	2,098,984
Waste	113,011
Total	19,346,175

Table 2 – Total money received

This table shows the amount of money the council received between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 from S106 agreements that were completed at any point in the past. This money is available to fund infrastructure that was identified within the individual S106 agreement for each development proposal.

The table below also identifies the monitoring fees which the Council is permitted to collect to administer the S106 process.

Service Area	£
County Council Monitoring Fees	102,598
Education (including Early Years)	11,043,604
Highways	5,235,563
Libraries	103,554
Sustainable Travel	2,396,407
Waste	187,043
Total	19,068,769

Table 3 – Total money spent

This table shows the amount of money spent between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 on infrastructure improvements throughout the county. Details of the individual improvements are shown later in the report.

Service Area	£
County Council Monitoring Fees	22,704
Education (including Early Years)	14,056,288
Highways	656,069
Libraries	95,026
Sustainable Travel	159,407
Waste	241,050
Total	15,230,544

Table 4 – Balance at the start of the financial year

This table shows the opening balance of money at the start of the 2023/24 financial year. This money may be allocated to specific schemes as detailed in the individual S106 agreements and will be spent as and when the Council develops and delivers the schemes.

Service Area	£
County Council Monitoring Fees	495,514
Education (including Early Years)	54,838,642
Highways	25,054,035
Libraries	670,395
Sustainable Travel	8,915,606
Waste	837,929
Total	90,812,121

Table 5 – Balance at the end of the financial year

This table shows the opening balance of money at the end of the 2023/24 financial year. This is an accumulation of money collected in the 2023/24 financial year and unspent monies collected from previous financial years. This money may be allocated to specific schemes as detailed in the individual S106 agreements and will be spent as and when the Council develops and delivers the schemes.

Service Area	£
County Council Monitoring Fees	495,514
Education (including Early Years)	53,665,795
Highways	24,666,012
Libraries	664,892
Sustainable Travel	9,942,726
Waste	933,570
Total	90,368,509

Table 5a – Money received for long term maintenance

Commuted sums are agreed in S106 agreements to provide money so that infrastructure can be maintained for a period to ensure that it successfully establishes. The County Council does not ask for any commuted sums in relation to any of the service areas that it is responsible for through S106 agreements and as such no money was collected in the 2023/24 period for this purpose.

Non-Monetary Contributions

Table 6 – Non-monetary contributions

Purpose	Number
Total number of affordable housing units to be provided through planning obligations agreed in 2023/24	0*
Total number of affordable housing units to be provided through planning obligations (whenever agreed) in 2023/24	0*
Total number of school places for pupils to be provided through planning obligations agreed in 2023/24	666
Total number of school places for pupils to be provided through planning obligations (whenever agreed) in 2023/24	600

**It isn't the function of the County Council to provide affordable housing. That is the role of the seven Leicestershire district councils, and this information will appear in their own individual IFS documents.*

Other related expenditure

Table 7 – Money spent on repaying forward funded projects

This is where the Council would borrow money to forward fund infrastructure in the absence of the receipt of the S106 funding for that project so that it can progress in a timely manner to address a need in a locality caused by an approved development scheme.

It is not Council policy to borrow money externally to forward fund projects; the preference is to wait for all S106 monies to be received before a scheme progresses. Therefore, no schemes were forward funded from external funds during the 2023/24 financial year.

Table 8 – Summary of money spent

This is a summary of all S106 monies spent in the 2023/24 financial year, department by department. The actual total amount of funding spent against these projects may also include revenue, capital, basic needs or grant funding, but only S106 monies applied to the projects are listed in the table below.

Education		
Location	Project	Spend
Belvoirdale Community Primary School	Intervention Space	£45,255.54
Birch Wood (Melton Area Special School)	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£158,062.51
Brockington College	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£304,134.84
Christ Church & Saint Peter's Cofe Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£34,459.99
Dorothy Goodman School Hinckley	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£159,999.45
Dove Bank Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£37,242.52
Farndon Fields Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£54,485.69
Forest Way School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£103,963.41
Frisby Church of England Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£426,890.55
Gilmorton Chandler Church of England Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£118,270.37
Highgate Primary School	Sports pitch	£260,735.43
Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form College	Health and wellbeing suite	£110,168.77
Hollycroft Primary School	Construction of new school	£3,408,545.92
Ibstock Community College	Feasibility studies	£58,980.05
Ibstock Junior School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£205,098.52
Iveshead School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£1,176,375.73
John Ferneley College	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£925,614.98

Education		
Location	Project	Spend
John Wycliffe Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£184,351.34
Kegworth Primary School	External works, including provision of a MUGA	£115,291.82
Long Field Spencer Academy	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£17,469.30
Lutterworth College	Remodelling design tech area to form 3 art rooms	£259,504.18
Old Dalby Church of England Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£138,800.98
Rawlins Academy	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£101,170.75
Rothley Church of England Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£93,965.74
St Peter's Church of England Primary Academy	New flooring	£58,094.78
The Cedars Academy	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£75,157.28
The Martin High School Anstey	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£128,743.34
	New sports hall	£52,308.31
The Robert Smyth Academy	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£1,330,656.81
Thythorn Field Community Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£110,342.98
Waltham on the Wolds Church of England Primary School	Hall extension	£784,977.61
Warren Hills Community Primary School	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£303,654.35
Welland Park Academy	Expansion to accommodate additional pupil demand	£266,201.09
Wellington Place Primary School	Construction of new school	£2,426,484.01

Education		
Location	Project	Spend
Wymeswold Church of England Primary School	Trim trail to Primary and Early Years area, and upgrade to ICT equipment	£20,829.32

Education total = £14,056,288.26

Highways		
Location	Project	Spend
Across Leicestershire	Replacement trees	£37,453.30
Across Leicestershire	Bus stop improvements	£141,585.08
A447/Leicester Road	Traffic signals (MOVA)	£7,307.39
Amber Way, Burbage	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£10.31
Aumberry Gap, Loughborough	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£5,298.76
Bagworth Road, Barlestone	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£1,588.57
Barkby Thorpe	Traffic calming	£220.48
Blaby Road, Wigston	Highway improvements	£87,466.94
Castle Acres (Fosse Park)	Traffic calming	£220.68
Castle Street, Hinckley	Waiting restriction signage	£6,538.25
Clickers Way, Earl Shilton	Traffic signals	£1,382.54
East Mids Gateway	Pedestrian and cycle improvements	£10,009.85
Glebe Farm, Lutterworth	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£266.04
Great Bowden	Traffic calming	£1,460.00
Greenhill Road, Coalville	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£2,229.52
High Street, Barwell	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£1,255.65
Hinckley Road, Sapcote	Footpath improvements	£25,711.54
Holliers Walk, Hinckley	Pedestrian crossing	£6,139.70
Kegworth	Bus shelter improvements	£142,848.56
London Road, Kegworth	Cycleway	£76,863.57
Long Lane, Kegworth	Waiting restriction signage	£589.15

Highways		
Location	Project	Spend
Market Bosworth Town Centre	Highway improvements	£8,473.28
Market Harborough	Cycling infrastructure	£2,294.50
Melton Road, Waltham	Speed reduction	£11,849.94
Memorial Square, Coalville	Traffic signals (MOVA) and pedestrian improvements	£60.64
Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley	Traffic calming	£41,396.02
Norman Way, Melton Mowbray	Traffic signals	£148.27
North End, Hallaton	Waiting restriction signage	£943.84
Park Lane, Castle Donington	Traffic management	£15,649.37
Pasture Lane, Gaddesby	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£1,406.48
Peckleton Lane, Desford	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£241.98
Rugby Road, Lutterworth	Waiting restriction signage	£465.43
School Lane, Ashby	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£1,977.56
Station Road, North Kilworth	Vehicle activated signage	£399.98
The Nook, Anstey	Bus shelter improvements	£7,142.29
Upper Bond Street, Hinckley	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£555.00
Wolsey Road, Coalville	Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)	£1,918.14
Wykin Road, Hinckley	Safe routes to school	£4,700.26

Highways total = £656,068.86

Libraries		
Location	Project	Spend
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Library	Books	£218.25
	Furniture and equipment	£50,418.47
Barrow upon Soar Library	Furniture and equipment	£2,288.49
Countesthorpe Library	Furniture and equipment	£2,615.24

Libraries		
Location	Project	Spend
East Goscote Library	Furniture and equipment	£267.80
Great Glen Library	Books Furniture and equipment	£1,226.65 £820.97
Groby Library	Books	£333.50
Kegworth Library	Books, furniture and equipment	£1,379.38
Kibworth Library	Furniture and equipment	£145.48
Leicester Forest East Library	Books Furniture and equipment Books, furniture and equipment	£1,103.56 £3,953.50 £28.32
Loughborough Library	Furniture and equipment	£1,353.00
Market Harborough Library	Furniture and equipment	£740.00
Measham Library	Furniture and equipment	£219.97
Melton Mowbray Library	Furniture and equipment	£910.39
Mountsorrel Library	Books Furniture and equipment	£1,825.99 £15,107.30
Narborough Library	Books Furniture and equipment	£87.36 £656.45
Newbold Verdon Library	Furniture and equipment	£595.48
Oadby Library	Books Furniture and equipment	£738.92 £1,779.50
Quorn Library	Furniture and equipment	£714.00
Rothley Library	Books	£163.40
Shepshed Library	Furniture and equipment	£451.50
Sileby Library	Books Furniture and equipment	£1,297.55 £3,288.09
South Wigston Library	Furniture and equipment	£297.51

Libraries total = £95,026.02

Sustainable Travel		
Location	Project	Spend
Across Leicestershire	Travel packs	£68,123.65
Across Leicestershire	Bus passes	£54,955
Market Harborough	Bus service (Centrebus 30)	£36,328

Sustainable Travel total = £159,406.65

Civic Amenities		
Location	Project	Spend
Barwell HWRC	Purchase of new containers	£26,705.27
	Site improvements	£26,165.00
Coalville HWRC	Site improvements	£75,002.11
Market Harborough HWRC	Purchase of new containers	£13,916.88
	Site improvements	£3,835.00
Melton Mowbray HWRC	Purchase of new containers	£45,589.81
	Feasibility studies	£7,568.00
	Site improvements	£24,793.91
Mountsorrel HWRC	Purchase of new containers	£5,735.00
	Feasibility studies	£11,738.98

Civic Amenities total = £241,049.96

Table 8a – Deferred Projects

Leicestershire County Council has several schemes / projects yet to be delivered across the county, which rely either wholly or in part on Section 106 funding, but there were no projects in the 2023/24 financial year that were deferred or delayed because of a lack of s106 funding.