

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure committee
Meeting date	17th November 2025
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Public Art s.106 Application and Update

1. **Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To APPROVE a request to apply for s.106 funding for Stratton Way project which will include new artwork in the underpass as well as the restoration of the current mural.

2. **Summary**

- 2.1 The Public art working group have updated their strategy to include community involvement and new art works which more closely align with s.106 guidelines. The group would like to re-apply for funding that was not previously granted by the Vale of White Horse District Council, after feedback it was made clear that the application should include new artworks that will benefit the residents in the new developments. The updated strategy also includes a proposal for art works that showcase St. Edmund, an essential figure in Abingdon culture and history. This idea originated from a residents' group which is passionate about the history of St. Edmund.

3. **Action required**

- 3.1 APPROVE the request to apply for s.106 funding for Stratton Way.
3.2 APPROVE the updated Public Art Strategy.

4. **Link to strategic plan and objectives**

- 4.1 KO2 To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.

KO4 To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

5. **Background**

- 5.1 The Public art working group applied for s.106 funding for the Stratton Way mural to be refurbished in June 2025. This application was not accepted by the

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district council and their feedback was given to the Business and Community Engagement Officer on 15th October 2025. The working group met with the district council Public Art Officer to discuss their options (see Appendix 1, Minutes of the Meeting). It was suggested that the group re-apply but include the underpass in the application and involve the local community. This was agreed by the group who are now seeking approval from the Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure committee.

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 Below is the funding available.

Application Ref	S106 Ref	Site	Towards	Balance
P06/V1890	07V17	Abingdon Service Station Drayton Road Abingdon Oxon OX14 5HT	No spend by date in agreement Work of Art Contribution INDEX: 1 January 2007 RPI	£5,400.00
P11/V2239	11V28	The Precinct Bury Street Abingdon Oxfordshire	Work of Art on the site - the Precinct, Bury St Index linked. No spend by date mentioned	£9,050.71
P14/V1196/ FUL	15V41	Land East of Drayton Road Abingdon	Work of Art Contribution - towards the cost of selection provision and associated costs of the work of art to be erected and installed on the Site and agreed with the Council Index Linked to pay date No spend by date	£41,520.00
P14/V1196/ FUL	15V41	Land East of Drayton Road Abingdon	Work of Art - towards the cost of maintaining the Work of Art Index Linked to pay date No spend by date	£2,906.40
P17/V1336/O	18V08	Land north west of Abingdon-on-Thames Land bound by Wootton Road, Dunmore Road and the A34 Abingdon-on- Thames	Art: £300 per dwelling 50th occupation Index linked to date payment due 10 year spend. To be installed on or in the vicinity (not defined) of the site by the District Council	£77,620.81

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Application Ref	S106 Ref	Site	Towards	Balance
P17/V0050/O	17V61	Land North of Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive	Public Art contribution - provision on site or within the vicinity of the development. £285,000 Paid in 2 instalments	£206,806.84
Totals				£343,304.76

6.2 Ideas and projects to move forward.

Project	Description	Estimated cost	Start Date
Stratton Way Refurbishment and Underpass	Refurb of the current Stratton Way Mural	Refurbishment - £10,000 New Art - £10,000	06/06/2025
Needle Abbey Close	Repair of plaque		
Walking trails from new developments			
Honouring St. Edmund	St. Edmund Bronze Statue in Market Place Timeline or boards like the information boards in the town centre. This board could focus on the Saints who have ministered and lived in our town.	£9,000 - £12,000	

7. **Climate change/green implications**

7.1 None

8. **Financial/budget implications**

8.1 None to the town council as the budget will come from the s.106 contributions.

9. **HR implications**

9.1 The Business and Community Engagement Officer will complete the application and oversee the project to completion.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

- 10.1 Minutes of meeting 3rd November 2025
- 10.2 Updated Public Art Strategy