

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 6

SALISBURY AREA BOARD
20TH January 2010

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF DEVELOPER OFF SITE CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek Area Board approval of Salisbury City Council's request for release of £95,000 of developer contribution money held by Wiltshire Council for the refurbishment of the children's play area at Queen Elizabeth Garden's.

2. Background

- 2.1. Salisbury District Council on the 25th July 2006 approved a play area scheme for Hudson's Field costing £95,000 to be funded from developer contributions.
- 2.2. Salisbury City Council has requested that this money be reallocated to fund the refurbishment of the children's play area at Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Salisbury. The scheme will include disabled play equipment provision.
- 2.3. The proposed play area scheme is a new scheme and needs a new approval.
- 2.4. As the request is for more than £30,000 the area board are requested to approve the application.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Sufficient developer contribution money was transferred to Wiltshire Council to fund the commitments made by Salisbury District Council including this one. The Developer Contribution money is held in a ring fenced account.
- 3.2. The developer contribution money is not sufficient to fund the whole scheme. Salisbury City Council has additional funding available which has to be spent by the end of the financial year 2010/11.
- 3.3. To achieve this, the order must be placed in the next couple of weeks.
- 3.4. If this additional funding is lost the scheme will not be able to proceed in its present form.
- 3.5. The proposed use of the contribution money to refurbish the children's play area at Queen Elizabeth Gardens complies with the requirements of the Planning Policy R2 under which the contribution money was obtained.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

None

4.2. Financial Implications

The money is ring fenced and will not affect Wiltshire Council revenue or capital budgets.

Failure to complete the project before the end of the financial year will result in the loss of £25,000 funding to Salisbury City Council meaning that the scheme would not proceed in its present form.

4.3. Legal Implications

None

4.4. HR Implications

None

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

None

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that: Salisbury Area Board approve Salisbury City Council's request for £95,000 developer contribution money ring fenced to Salisbury City to fund the refurbishment of the children's play area at Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Salisbury.

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Appendices: Emailed Request from Salisbury City Council
Background papers: Salisbury District Council Report 25th July 2006

Email received 14th June 2010 by Steve Ibbetson, Wiltshire Council with previous email trail attached.

Hi Steve

Thank you for this. This is seriously disappointing as our other £25k referred to was subject to spending before the end of the financial year. We run a significant risk that we will now lose this which obviously has a dramatic impact on the tender exercise itself. Is there any reason the Area Board wishes to discuss this particularly bearing in mind it has always been earmarked for this project and has various committee approvals going back to the District Council? Are they suggesting they may not approve it at all? Thanks

Reg

From: Ibbetson, Steve [mailto:Steve.Ibbetson@wiltshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 14 January 2011 16:35
To: Reg Williams; Kennerson, Colin
Cc: Brown, Ian; Harper, Stuart
Subject: RE: Salisbury City

Good afternoon

It now unlikely that this will go to next weeks area board and will go to the area board meeting on 17th March to enable a proper debate of the subject.

Regards

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From: Reg Williams [mailto:RWilliams@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk]
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Hi Colin

Hope you are well and sorry not to have been back sooner on this. For all sorts of reasons the Queen Elizabeth Gardens playarea project was delayed but I am pleased to say it is now moving along at some pace. We sent out the tender documents to 6 playarea companies we have worked with before Christmas and have a return date of 19th January. We do wish to turn this around

quickly so that it is built by the end of the year and all the tendering companies have agreed this is achievable. Can you confirm that we can proceed and award the contract as planned and outline how we can access the £95k earmarked for this project? The tender we are letting will be for £115k, the balance is coming from another source. Many thanks

Reg

From: Kennerson, Colin [mailto:Colin.Kennerson@wiltshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 June 2010 10:36
To: Reg Williams
Cc: Ibbetson, Steve
Subject: Salisbury City

Good morning Reg

Thank you for your time yesterday and the information you were able to share with Steve Ibbetson and myself we found very useful and informative.

Just to confirm that we have no concerns over the transfer of funds from Hudson Field to the Queen Elizabeth Gardens scheme, and Steve will prepare the report to authorise this change. You gave us a breakdown of how you will proceed and estimated times for tenders to sent to contractors/suppliers within 4/6 weeks and you then hoped to award the contract early in September. We would request that you make a formal application for the release of the funds prior to the awarding of the contract, this will enable us to create an audit trail and this would then require copies of all the tender doc's, quotes and order placed etc

The information on the Broken Bridges Scheme is again very helpful and we will be contacting Anne Trevitt to confirm the current status of this

I will be working on the funds available report and sending you a breakdown of the various pots available to Salisbury City shortly

Best regards

Colin

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