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Report

Report subject: R2 Projects Timetable and Funding Update

Report to: City Area Committee (Community)

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1. Introduction:

- 1.1. The Committee will be aware that policy R2 of the Local Plan enables the Authority to collect contributions from developers to provide recreational facilities in the associated area.
- 1.2. The City is generally treated as one area, so in principle monies collected can be used for recreational purposes in any part of the City.
- 1.3. Some legal agreements are more specific, stipulating exactly what the contributions are to be used for, others are more general allowing the monies to be spent in a more flexible manner location wise.
- 1.4. The contributions are collected and held by the Forward Planning Department. Projects are then identified and bought to fruition by the relevant spending Officer, which for recreational purposes in the City is usually the Parks Manager.
- 1.5. There are quite strict guidelines as to what the R2 contributions can and can't be spent on.
- 1.6. The contributions can be held for up to 5 years. If they are not committed by that time the developer can, in theory, request a return of his contribution.
- 1.7. At the meeting on 22nd August 2007 the committee requested that a report be presented to this meeting setting out a programme for the implementation of projects and the funds currently held to fund these (minute 23 (5) refers).

2. Current Position:

- 2.1. As a result of the meeting on the 22nd August, the approved project table has been updated as below:



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



3. **Approved Projects - in suggested order of implementation, taking into account that certain projects had been approved and carried forward from the previous programme:**

	Site	Suggestion	Approx Cost (£)	Revenue Implications p/a	Comments / Implementation Date
1	Harnham o s	Refurbish the sports pavilion	15,000	nil	Underway imminently, completion Xmas '07
2	Essex Square	Refurbish playarea	20,000	nil	Completion by Easter '08
3	Christie Miller Estate	Refurbish playarea	25,000	nil	Completion by Easter '08
4	Q E Gardens	Refurbish playarea	40,000	nil	To be considered and confirmed as part of the management plan process for the site. Completion by June '08
5	Gainsborough Close	Refurbish the kick about area	20,000	nil	Completion by June '08
6	Wyndham Rd o s	Provide a youth shelter	8,000	£250	Completion by June '08
7	Hudson's Field	Provision of a sportswall	18,000	£1,750	To be considered and confirmed as part of the management plan process for the site. Completion by July '08
8	Hudson's Field	Provision of a new playarea aimed at children with special needs	95,000	Contained in 7 above	To be considered and confirmed as part of the management plan process for the site. Completion by July '08
9	Bishopdown Farm	Provision of a sportswall	18,000	£250	Completion by July '08
10	Bishopdown o s	Refurbish the sports pavilion	15,000	nil	Completion end August '08 in time for new football season
11	Churchill Gardens	Provide a fully enclosed kick about area utilising the tarmac area adjacent to the skatepark	Up to 40,000	£250	To be considered and confirmed as part of the management plan process for the site. Completion by Easter '09
12	Victoria Park	Provide a youth shelter	8,000	£250	To be considered and confirmed as part of the management plan process for the site. Completion by July '09
13	Victoria Park	Refurbish the crazy golf facility	30,000	nil	To be considered and confirmed as part of the management plan process for the site. Completion by July '09
Projects which have been approved but which cannot be programmed currently as further reports are required:					
14	Harnham cycleway	Cycleway linking Livestock Market to Harnham	TBC	TBC	Subject to report from the Joint Transportation Unit
15	Harnham area	Provide an all weather sports pitch	25,000	TBC	Requested by Cllr Tomlinson. Subject to further report from working group and reliant on funding from further 3 rd parties.
16	Britford Lane area	New Playarea	45,000	£1,200	Subject to agreement on lease of land from 3 rd party.

Notes:

- The value of projects 1 -13 is £352,000 in total. This will be the maximum value of these projects, in some cases it is likely that savings will accrue as a result of tenders.

4. Provisos:

- 4.1. Items 2, 3 and 5 are general fund sites/facilities. The rest are all special expense sites/facilities.
- 4.2. Provided a project has been identified and approved, this will enable the Council to resist any claims by a developer to return contributions. A project does not necessarily have to be physically underway or completed, however, there does need to be a firm commitment to undertake the project and to spend the money.
- 4.3. It is likely that some of the suggestions at 3 above will require further reports and/or consultations before implementation can proceed.
- 4.4. All the projects listed above meet the criteria for R2 expenditure. The revenue implications highlighted would need to be met from either the special expense account or general fund as revenue funding is outside the remit of R2.
- 4.5. It is current policy that any R2 project over £30,000 will need to have the funding approved by the relevant Planning Committee in due course.

5. R2 Funding Available (City Area):

- 5.1. As at 5th September 2007, there is a total potentially available of £462,134. This is based upon monies already collected, monies currently being collected and monies which will potentially become available as a result of known, approved planning consents yet to be instigated.
- 5.2. Of this sum, £321,749 is available to spend now.
- 5.3. Based upon the costs highlighted at 3 above, there is therefore sufficient funds to implement projects 1-13.
- 5.4. However the funding of projects 14-16 is a little less certain based upon the known current position. This is because there are a number of planning consent contributions included in the figure at 5.1 above which will never be received as the developments will be cancelled etc for whatever reason. On the other hand, it is a certainty that further developments will come forward over the next year or so which are not known about currently to possibly balance this out. This is speculation though at this time of course.

6. Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- 6.1. The Committee consider the projects listed at 3 above and:
 - 6.1.1. Provisionally approve the projects and timetable (subject to further detailed reports where necessary)
 - 6.1.2. Note the financial position regarding R2 contributions at this time, and
 - 6.1.3. Where appropriate, delegate final decisions regarding siting, designs etc to relevant Ward Members and the Parks Manager.

7. Background Documents

Salisbury District Local Plan Adopted 2003 Policy R2

8. Implications:

- 8.1. Legal - None at this stage
- 8.2. Financial - As outlined in the report
- 8.3. Personnel - None at this stage
- 8.4. Environmental - None at this stage though planning consent may be required for certain projects
- 8.5. Community Safety - None at this stage
- 8.6. Human Rights - None at this stage
- 8.7. Wards Affected - Most in the City