

Report

Subject : Release of "R2" financial contributions in Salisbury for new recreational facilities

Report to : City Area Committee

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RELEASE OF "R2" FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN SALISBURY FOR NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Report Summary:

The purpose of the report is to seek Members' approval to release developers' contributions associated with new residential development in Salisbury and collected under the terms of policy R2 of the adopted Salisbury District Plan.

Committee approval for the release of funds is required for the proposed projects because the amount sought for each project exceeds the £30,000 limit for monies to be released by officers under delegated powers.

The proposal

On 29th March 2005, a number of projects to be funded by R2 contributions were approved by City Area Committee (Community), as detailed in minute 147. The Committee further recommended that the Parks Manager be delegated to, in close liaison with relevant Ward Members, agree the final decisions on aspects such as the siting and design of projects.

Three of the projects are now being progressed. The details of what Members approved are set out below:

Project Number	Suggested by	Suggestion	Approx. Cost (£)	Revenue Implications
9	Officers	Refurbishment of play area at Pinewood Way	40,000	Nil
8	Officers	Refurbishment of play area at Greencroft	40,000	Nil
7	Officers	Provision of new play area at Hudson's Field aimed at children with special needs	95,000	Nil

Table 1: Costs of projects (29th March 2005)

The Parks Manager has now advanced these schemes through the design phase and tendering exercises have been undertaken in respect of each and this report is presented to seek Member approval of R2 monies for the specific projects. The table below sets out the revised costs of these schemes in light of the tenders.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



Project Number	Suggestion	Approx. Cost (£)	Revenue Implications
9	Refurbishment of play area at Pinewood Way	30,000	Nil
8	Refurbishment of play area at Greencroft	51,000	Nil
7	Provision of new play area at Hudson's Field aimed at children with special needs	95,000	Nil

Table 2: Revised costs of projects

Members will note that cumulatively the cost of these schemes is broadly equivalent to what was approved in March 2005, however underlying this there is a significant adjustment in the cost of the Greencroft and Pinewood Way schemes. The reason this occurred was due to the fact an almost standard value is used when highlighting the need to refurbish a play area. At this point the aim is to flag up that a project needs doing rather than giving the exact costs. Once approved in principle more detailed surveys are conducted to identify the extent of the work needed at any given site and send tenders out. In this instance more of the existing kit at Pinewood can be kept and re-painted, whereas more of the Greencroft kit needs outright replacement - hence the adjustment of costs.

R2 Funds Available

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the City. At 7th June, there was approximately £131,100 of youth/adult money and £150,400 of child money plus accrued interest available for expenditure on appropriate off-site recreation facilities because the relevant developments have started. Members should also note that there is a further £151,000 of R2 funds available for release once development on the respective sites concerned has started (see Table below).

	Funds available	Adult Funds available	Child Funds available
Funds where development has started	£281,777.56	£131,326.40	£150,445.16
Funds where development has not started	£151,457.22	£103,603.88	£47,853.34
Total funds	£433,228.78	£234,930.28	£198,298.50

Table 3: Salisbury Wards – Statement of Policy R2 Funds available

Recommendation:

It is recommended that £176,000 of the 'R2' contributions be released by this the council to fund the recreation schemes outlined above, and that the release of the monies be made following receipt of invoices for the works undertaken.

Background Documents:

Salisbury District Local Plan (2003), SDC

Implications:

- **Financial** : As set out in the report.
- **Legal** : None
- **Environmental** : No comments
- **Human Rights** : None
- **Personnel** : None
- **Community Safety** : None
- **Council's Core Values:** Providing excellent service, Communicating with the public, Open learning council and willing partner, Partnership working and community engagement
- **Ward(s) Affected** : All Salisbury Wards