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Report

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

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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 2 October 2007, a number of projects to be funded by R2 contributions were approved by City Area Committee (Community), as detailed in the minutes. The Committee further recommended that the Parks Manager be delegated to, in close liaison with relevant Ward Members, to agree the final decisions on aspects such as the siting and design of projects.

The Harnham Cycleway will provide a safe and sustainable link from Harnham to the pitches at the rear of Netherhampton Road Livestock market which, are available for the use of people throughout the city and as such is an appropriate use of R2 funds. The scheme is now being progressed. The details of what Members approved are set out below:



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Project Number	Suggested by	Suggestion	Approx. Cost (£)	Revenue Implications
14	Officers	Harnham Cycleway	80,000	Nil

Officers have now advanced this scheme through the design phase and tendering exercises will be undertaken in respect of each and this report is presented to seek Member approval of R2 monies for the specific projects.

R2 Funds Available

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the City. At 7th Jan 2008, there was approximately £172,735 of youth/adult money and £125,842 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 £177,813 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	£298,578.10	£172,735.66	£125,842.44
Funds where development has not started	£177,813.00	£141,599.96	£36,213.04
Total funds	£476,391.10	£314,335.62	£162,055.48

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

Recommendation

It is recommended that £80,000 of the 'R2' contributions be released from the Adult funds by this the council to fund the cycle path schemes outlined above, and in accordance with the approved project list agreed at City Area Community Committee, 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 Health:** 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