

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL
SPECIAL DELEGATION PROCEDURE

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COMMITTEE CONCERNED: City Area (Planning)

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SERVICE UNIT: Forward Planning

DATE: 20 June 2003

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 project because the amount sought exceeds the £5000 limit for monies to be released by officers under delegated powers.

The proposal

The Parks manager has requested that some of the available contributions be used to provide rubber safety surfacing at the Friary. The existing bark surfacing has not been successful in this location. The Parks manager has indicated that the original supplier (Redlynch Leisure) is preferred, and that they have quoted £24,900.

The playarea is still very new and under both a warranty and a defects liability period. Therefore the original installation company should be used in order to avoid any possible future claims issues. The existing play equipment has been installed into a bark safety surface. The installation method and levels are different from installing into a rubber surface, and in order to replace with the rubber surface, adaptations will need to be made to both the equipment and surrounding fence. To ensure the play equipment manufacturer is happy that the revisions will still meet safety standards and guidelines, it is appropriate to use the original company. It is for these reasons that 3 quotations have not been sought.

It is considered that the proposed scheme is an appropriate use of 'R2' contributions. In accordance with policy R2 it will provide an outdoor recreation facility that is publicly available for use by children and youths.

R2 funds available

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the city. There is approximately £90,000 available for expenditure on appropriate off-site recreation facilities because the relevant developments have started.

The total cost to purchase and install the equipment is £24,900. The Parks Manager has requested that the available R2 monies be released for this scheme.

Recommendation

It is recommended that £24,900 of 'R2' contributions be released by this Council to assist the funding of the recreation scheme outlined above, and that the release of the monies be made following receipt of invoices for the works undertaken.

Background Papers:

Salisbury District Local Plan Adopted 1996 Policy R2

Implications:

Legal: None

Financial: There are no budgetary considerations for the Council as the works will be 100% financed from Developer Contributions

Personnel: None

Environmental: None

Human Rights: None at this stage

Council's Core values: Excellent Service; Fairness and Equality; open, learning Council and a willing partner; Communicating with the public; Supporting the disadvantaged.

Consultation Undertaken: This proposal is being put forward by the Parish Council.

Ward(s) Affected: St Martin

(Please tick relevant box)

IMPLICATIONS	OFFICER	COMMENTS (incl)	NONE	NOT APPLICABLE
Legal	Jane Ferguson		√	
Financial	Alan Osbourne	Contained in report	√	
Audit	Diana Melville		√	
Environmental				√

Co-ordinated with

Reg Williams

Officer (s)

Parks

Unit (s)

APPROVED :

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