



City Area Committee (Planning & Licensing)

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REPORT

RELEASE OF “R2” FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF HUDSONS FIELD PAVILLION

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 Local Plan. Committee approval for the release of funds is required for the identified project because the amount sought exceeds the £5000 limit for monies to be released by officers under delegated powers.

Background

On 28th January 2003 a number of projects to be funded by R2 contributions were approved by City Area Committee (Community), as detailed in minute 208. The Committee further recommended that the Parks Manager be delegated to, in close liaison with relevant Ward Members, agree the final decisions on the siting, design, etc of projects, where appropriate.

The Proposal

One of the projects previously agreed by City Area Committee in January 2003 – the Refurbishment of the Pavilion at Hudsons Field - has now been progressed to the point at which funds need to be released. The release is recommended following discussion and approval at City Area Committee, Community on 23rd March 2004, as detailed in minute 68 which states :-

RESOLVED - that the Committee approve the extensive refurbishment to Hudson's Field Pavilion as outlined in the officer's report, subject to planning consent being obtained if required.

Further to this approval, a competitive tendering exercise has now been undertaken for the works involved and this has resulted in a cost of £248,000 (excluding VAT which can be reclaimed) being identified for the works which includes an element of additional funds to be retained as a contingency. This amount is within the £250,000 limit which was established in the report to City Area Committee (Community) on 23rd March as an acceptable ceiling cost for the project.

R2 Funds

It is considered that the proposed scheme is an appropriate use of 'R2' contributions. In accordance with policy R2 this scheme will provide a facility which will support the use and enjoyment of an associated outdoor recreation resource that is publicly available for use primarily by both adult and youth sectors of the local community.

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the City. There is approximately £418,022 of youth/adult money plus accrued interest and £148,105 of child money plus accrued interest available for expenditure on appropriate off-site recreation facilities because the relevant developments have started. This scheme will be funded from the monies collected for Youth/Adult purposes.

Recommendation

It is recommended that £248,000 of R2 contributions be authorised for release by this Committee to meet the costs of the refurbishment of Husdons Field Pavilion subject to the presentation of relevant invoices for the works which are to be undertaken.

Background Papers:

Salisbury District Local Plan Adopted June 2003 Policy R2

Implications:

Legal: Contained in the report

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 jointly by Officers and Members, all schemes have been initially passed by City Area Committee (Community)

Wards Affected: St Marks