

Report

Subject : Release of "R2" Financial Contributions in Amesbury for New Recreational Facilities in Amesbury

Report to : Northern Area Committee

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Report Summary:

The purpose of the report is to seek Members' approval to release developers' contributions associated with new residential development in Amesbury 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 £30,000 limit for monies to be released by officers under delegated powers.

The proposal:

Amesbury town Council has requested that the available contributions be used to pay for the new play park at the Recreation Ground, Recreation Road, Amesbury. The work will involve providing a stimulating and comprehensive play park for all ages

Three quotes were obtained for the play area and the preferred supplier of the Parish Council is Wicksteed Leisure at a cost of £76,770. This was not the cheapest quotation but gave the most items preferred out of the three quotes, and they offered a substantial discount and a greater range of equipment.

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 youths



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



R2 funds available:

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the village. There is approximately £96,113.45 of youth adult money, plus accrued interest 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 £76770.00. The Parish Council has requested that the available R2 monies be released for this scheme.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that £76770.00 plus any interest accrued to a maximum of £80,000 of the '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 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 by the Parish Council.
Parish Affected : Amesbury Town Council