



# Northern Area Committee

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## REPORT

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### **RELEASE OF "R2" FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN AMESBURY 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 Amesbury 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 proposed project because the amount sought exceeds the £5000 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 a sports court conversion, a youth meeting shelter and a skatepark at the Recreation Ground site. The works will involve converting an existing tennis court into a multi-sport ball court, installing the youth shelter and construction of various skate equipment on a large tarmac standing..

Three quotes were obtained for this project and the preferred supplier of the Town Council is Wicksteed Leisure at a cost of £74,985.00. Although this was not the cheapest quotation, Wicksteed offered the best package of equipment and surfacing. Also, the shelter is of the preferred design and the company has been used before and found to be acceptable. After studying the quotes provided, we concur with the Town Council's choice of contractor.

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 teenagers. The Town Council have designed this facility for all age ranges to use.

#### **R2 funds available**

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the town. There is approximately £122,859.57 (including accrued interest to 16/08/04) of children and youth adult money 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 £74,985.00. The Town Council has requested that the available R2 monies be released for this scheme.

#### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended that £74,985.00 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:** 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.

**Parish Affected:** Amesbury Town Council.