



## **Southern Area Committee**

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# **REPORT**

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### **RELEASE OF "R2" FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN DOWNTON 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 Downton 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**

Downton Parish Council has requested that the available contributions be used to pay for four mini-tennis courts at Downton Leisure Centre. The works will involve extending and re-surfacing an existing mini-tennis court facility.

Three quotes were obtained for this project and the preferred supplier of the Parish Council is First Serve at a cost of £8,420.00. This was the cheapest quotation submitted and after studying the quotes provided, we concur with the Parish 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. No membership is required and courts can be booked on an hourly basis at the leisure centre reception.

#### **R2 funds available**

A financial contribution has been received from a development in the parish (S/1996/1700) and the developer involved has agreed to the money being spent on this project. Approximately £5382.55 (including accrued interest to 23/12/04) has been allocated from the development to this project.

The total cost to purchase and install the equipment is £8,420.00. The Parish Council has requested that the R2 monies allocated for this scheme be released.

#### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended that £5382.55 (plus any accrued interest up to the payment date) 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:** Included in report.

**Financial:** There are no budgetary considerations for the Council as the works will be financed from Developer Contributions and Downton Tennis Club.

**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:** Downton Parish Council.