



# Western Area Committee

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## REPORT

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### **RELEASE OF "R2" FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN WEST TISBURY 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 West Tisbury and collected under the terms of policy R2 of the adopted Salisbury District Plan.

Committee approval is required for the additional release of funds for a sizable project, previously approved by this committee on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2002. Further approval is required as the amount now sought is greater than that originally released by this Committee.

#### **The proposal**

On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2002 the following proposal was made to Western Area Committee;

'West Tisbury Parish Council has requested that the available contributions be used to provide a new play area with play equipment for infants at "Stubbles" behind Union Road. Planning permission has been granted for change of use on this land to a playground on 21 February 2000 (application number 1999/2255). The proposal includes the purchase of the land and the play equipment and also the refurbishment of an existing stone wall. This is an appropriate use of R2 as without the repair or total replacement of the wall the area would not be suitable for the creation of a new play area. The preferred supplier of the parish council is "Castles in the Air" and the equipment would be a "boat" style activity unit and the equipment would comprise a slide, climbing nets, crawl tube and climbing wall.'

Western Area Committee concurrently recommended that '£13,160 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.'

Since this recommendation was passed West Tisbury Parish Council have experienced several setbacks that have either resulted in delaying the project and /or adding to the cost these include:

1. Delays in the completion of the land purchase
2. Locating a further contractor to repair the stone wall as the original contractor left the area
3. Waiting for suitable weather and ground conditions in order to prepare the ground-works
4. A previously unidentified cost/need for stone ballast under the wet pour surface, this was therefore not included in the original specification. Additional stone was also needed to be imported for this task
5. Due to the play equipment being originally quoted for over two years ago, the quote chosen was no longer valid and therefore needed to be re-quoted for.

These delays have resulted in an additional cost to the scheme of £2,268.

West Tisbury Parish Council has requested that the available contributions be used to pay for the additional cost of this scheme at "Stubbles".

It is considered that these additional costs are an appropriate use of 'R2' contributions. In accordance with policy R2 it will improve an outdoor recreation facility that is publicly available for use by smaller children.

### **R2 funds available**

Available financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the village currently totalling approximately £11,361 plus interest available for expenditure on appropriate off-site recreation facilities because the development has started. The District Council have already released to West Tisbury Parish Council £9,428 towards this scheme. The £11,361 available is over and above the monies already released. With the additional costs of £2,268 a further £6,000 will need to be released for this scheme. Although a proportion of the available money is for youth/adult facilities, it is acceptable to use this element of the money for this scheme as the recreation ground in Tisbury is easily accessible for youths and adults and the proposed facility would improve the smaller children's provision in this part of the parish.

The total cost of the additional works is £2,268 +VAT. The Parish Council has requested that the available R2 monies be released for this scheme.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that £2,268 of 'R2' contributions be approved for release by this Committee for the funding of this 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 2003 Policy R2

### **Implications:**

**Legal:** Contained in the report

**Financial:** There are no budgetary considerations for the Council as the works will be 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:** West Tisbury Parish Council