

Western Area Committee

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REPORT

RELEASE OF "R2" FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN WILTON 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 Wilton 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 £5,000 limit for monies to be released by officers under delegated powers.

The proposal

Wilton Town Council has requested that the available contributions be used to pay for a new climbing frame at Bulbridge Play Area and a spring rider at Minster Street Play Area. These new items will replace the previous play equipment, which was removed last year after becoming dangerous to use and beyond repair.

Three quotes were obtained for the climbing frame and the preferred supplier of the Parish Council is Record Playground Equipment Ltd at a cost of £10,250.00. Although this was not the cheapest quotation, the equipment opted for by the Parish Council is of a traditional metal design which is more in keeping with the remaining playground items. Three other quotes were obtained for a spring rider. The Town Council's preferred supplier is Universal Play Ltd at a cost of £795.00. This was not the cheapest quotation however the spring rider chosen is suitable for both able bodied and special needs children. 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.

R2 funds available

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the Wilton. There is approximately £13,900.26(excluding accrued interest) of child funds available for expenditure on appropriate off-site recreation facilities because the relevant developments have started.

The total cost to purchase and install both items of equipment is £11,045.00. The Town Council has requested that the available R2 monies be released for this scheme.

Recommendation

- I It is recommended that £11,045.00 plus any interest accrued to a maximum of £14,000.00 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 Town Council.

Parish Affected: Wilton Town Council.