

# Report

**Subject:** RELEASE OF "R2" FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE LOWER RECREATION GROUND IN TISBURY PARISH (Phase 1)

**Report to:** Western Area Committee

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### Report Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval to release developers' contributions associated with new residential development in Tisbury parish 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.

It should be noted that work on the project began prior to the release of funds by Western Area Committee due to an oversight on the parts of both Tisbury Parish Council and Salisbury District Council. As a result Tisbury Parish Council have a number of creditors that require payment for work undertaken and products supplied as part of the project.

### The proposal

Following an annual ROSPA report on the Lower Recreation Ground play area which highlighted a number of defects with the equipment, including Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) non-compliance, Tisbury Parish Council decided, following an option appraisal, that it was most cost effective to purchase new play equipment rather than try to refurbish the existing. In carrying out the option appraisal the parish council followed the competitive tendering process to obtain three quotes for the replacement of existing equipment and improvements to the surfacing at the Lower Recreation Ground, with the three companies given the same brief. The quotes obtained can be seen in the Table 1 below.



Awarded in:  
Housing Services  
Waste and Recycling Services



Company	Quote submitted
HAGS	£50,104.36
Castles in the Air (CITA)	£41,788.00
Record	£55,927.80

**Table 1: Quotes submitted for the work on the Lower Recreation Ground**

In order to cover additional contingencies the release of an additional £6,650 was requested by the parish council.

This figure also covers the cost of employing a project manager. A project manager would not normally be funded from R2 contributions as the aim is for developer contributions to be used directly for outdoor recreational facilities, however in exceptional circumstances, where it adds value to a large project and the project cannot progress without it, funding for a project manager may be acceptable. In this case the use of R2 funds for the payment of a project manager is justified as they added value to the project by liaising with contractors, council officers, government agencies etc, conducting feasibility studies and producing technical scale drawings. Two competitive quotations were obtained for the role of project manager in line with district council regulations. The Parish Council resolved to limit payment for a project manager to £2,800.

The remainder of the £6,650 was to allow for contingencies related to the poor ground conditions of the site. When the original play area was constructed the play area had been levelled using waste building material. This has resulted in the project incurring extra costs for work to rectify problems related to the original stabilising of the site.

The funds requested (£41,788 and £6,650) are for Phase 1 of the Lower Recreation Ground project.

### R2 Funds Available

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments within Tisbury parish. As of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006, there was approximately £43,000 of 'youth/adult' money and £24,000 of 'child' money available for expenditure on appropriate off-site recreation facilities because the relevant developments have started (see Table 2 below). As the equipment to be provided has an age range of 6-14 both 'child' and 'adult/youth' funds can be used to fund the project.

	Funds available	Youth/Adult Funds available	Child Funds available
Funds where development has started	£67,635.63	£43,378.12	£24,257.51

**Table 2: Tisbury parish – Statement of Policy R2 Funds available**

Members should also note that approximately £17,000 of these R2 funds had to be used before 15 May 2005. Tisbury Parish Council have provided a sales and installation contract for the work at the Lower Recreation Ground dated 15/04/05 which demonstrates that work was ongoing before the funds expiry and therefore allows the funds to be used for the project.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. as the cheapest of the three quotes received the CITA quote be accepted and £41,788 be released in respect of the works identified on the original quotes.
2. a further £6,650 be released to satisfy additional contingencies of further groundworks and the project manager.

### Background Documents

Salisbury District Local Plan (2003), SDC

### Implications:

- **Financial:** As set out in the report.
- **Legal:** None
- **Environmental Health:** No comments
- **Human Rights:** None
- **Personnel:** None
- **Community Safety:** None
- **Council's Core Values:** Providing excellent service, Communicating with the public, Open learning council and willing partner, Partnership working and community engagement
- **Ward(s) Affected:** All Salisbury Wards