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RELEASE OF OPEN SPACE FUNDS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

March 2004: Review of the Winchester District Open Space Strategy and Funding System.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report sets out the details of a new sports pavilion and youth facility at the King George V playing field. The Parish Council has requested the release of Open Space Funding to help fund the project. As the application for Open Space funding is in excess of £10,000, Cabinet approval is needed. It is recommended that the amount requested be released.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That **£200,000** be released from the amount held for Denmead in the Open Space Fund to The Parish Council of Denmead toward the cost off a new sports pavilion.

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- 1.1 The Parish Council of Denmead has recently submitted details of an open space scheme at the King George V Field, requesting the release of £200,000 from the District Open Space Fund toward their new replacement pavilion. As the application exceeds £10,000, the release of funds requires Cabinet approval.

2 Details of the Scheme

- 2.1 This building will replace the existing pavilion built in the 1960's which is both inadequate in facilities and not cost effective to repair.
- 2.2 This need was identified both in the Open Space Strategy 2004-2005 and the Parish Council's Business Plan. It will be a purpose built facility to meet the recreational needs of the inhabitants of Denmead and also to provide a centre for the youth of Denmead. It will provide up-to-date, unisex changing facilities, a first-aid room, a dedicated youth room, a multi-purpose small hall and ancillary offices, public WC's and garaging for the Parish Council's landscape management equipment and rest room facilities for the landscape management staff.
- 2.3 The subsequent demolition of the old pavilion will also allow for a new junior football pitch to the north. Pitches on the new s106 land to the south will also be improved.
- 2.4 Funding
The total anticipated cost of the project is £741,436. The rest of the cost will be financed as follows

Parish Reserves		£143,936
WCC Capital Programme Grant		£147,500
Public Works Loan		<u>£250,000</u>
	total	£541,436
	Cost of scheme	£741,436
Open Space Funding required		£200,000

- 2.5 The building work started on the 4th January and is progressing well. The WCC Capital Programme Grant has been approved and the £250,000 public works loan from the ODPM is expected to be approved shortly.

3 Officer Assessment

- 3.1 The schedule for Denmead in the Open Space Strategy 2004-5 recognises that there are large shortfalls in both play and sport provision and makes particular reference to the need for a new pavilion on the KGV Recreation Field.
- 3.2 The Open Space Project Officer has met with representatives of the Parish Council and Planning Officers to discuss the details of the scheme and considers that the scheme is satisfactory in planning, cost and design terms. The scheme was subject to competitive tender and the lowest bid accepted.
- 3.3 There is currently £231,180.65 reserved in the Open Space Fund for use in the parish of Denmead. This release would therefore temporarily empty the fund for Denmead.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

4 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

- 4.1 Supporting new and improved community facilities accessible to all within their communities
- 4.2 Ensuring that all new open spaces are designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities
- 4.3 Work with others to meet the needs of young people in the district.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Available within current resource levels

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

- 1. Denmead Parish Council Business Plan.
- 2. Plan (A3 Portrait @ 1:1250 Scale) attached .