

CABINET

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REVIEW OF THE OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION SCALES

REPORT OF HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

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RECENT REFERENCES:

[CAB2334](#) : Review of the Open Space Strategy and Funding System, 17 May 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks approval for revised open space contribution levels for 2013 / 2014 in line with the annual Retail Price Index increase of 3.2%

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the updated contribution scales set out in paragraph 2 of the Report be approved for use with the Open Space Funding System for residential planning applications determined between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014 (except in cases where the decision notices have already been issued).

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#### DETAIL:

##### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Open Space Funding System has now been operating for 20 years in the southern part of the District, and for more than 16 years throughout the rest of the District.
- 1.2 The System will come to an end when the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) comes into force in the District, which is expected in late 2013/early 2014. In the meantime, however, the City Council as local planning authority will continue to require the provision of useable open space for new housing development, either by on-site provision, or (where this is not possible) by a financial contribution in lieu in order to allow the provision of new (or the improvement of existing) public open space off-site but in the same neighbourhood.
- 1.3 Until CIL is introduced, therefore, the current Open Space Funding System will continue to operate, and the District will continue to rely on the annual assessment of play areas and sports grounds contained in the Open Space Strategy.
- 1.4 For the new financial year 2013/14, the level of contribution needs to be increased so that it remains in line with inflation and it is proposed therefore to increase contributions by 3.2%.

##### 2 Level of Contributions

- 2.1 There are separate contribution scales for children's play and sports provision, with a Scale A (High) and Scale B (Low) applying to each type of facility. The scale of contributions is determined by whether there is a shortfall of *land* for play and sport facilities (which justifies the high scale A), or the need for improvements to facilities on existing recreational land (justifying the lower scale B). Where no additional land or improvement can be justified, no contribution will be sought.
- 2.2 The contribution scales proposed for 2013/2014 have been increased by 3.2% in accordance with the Retail Price Index (RPI) for February 2012. The new contribution scales proposed are therefore:

### For Children's play

Dwelling Size	A (High)	B (Low)
	£	£
1 Bed	657	596
2 Bed	1096	987
3 Bed	1314	1178
4+ Bed	1754	1579

### For Sports Grounds

Dwelling Size	A (High)	B (Low)
	£	£
1 Bed	657	596
2 Bed	1096	987
3 Bed	1314	1178
4+ Bed	1754	1579

- 2.3 These contribution levels would be sought for all permissions for new dwellings determined between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014 (save where the decision notice has already been issued), in accordance with the appropriate scale recommended for each Parish or Winchester Town.

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

#### 3 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

- 3.1 Consistent with the aim of providing opportunities for everyone to become more active through organised sport and other recreational activities (Active Communities) and to promote and develop a comprehensive 'green infrastructure' framework for the District (High Quality Environment).

#### 4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The provisional balance by Parish of receipts held in the fund as at 31 March 2013 was £1.3m. This balance is provisional as year end adjustments such as the apportionment of average interest earned on balances over the period have yet to take place.

#### 5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 5.1 Failing to review the Contribution Scales to take account of inflation would mean that there would be a risk that the money collected under the System would be inadequate to pay for the facilities required..

#### 6 BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

### APPENDICES:

1. Provisional Amounts held for each Parish and Winchester Town at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

**Balances as at 31.3.13**

	Play	Sport	Total
Badger Farm			0.00
Beauworth	585.69	798.34	1,384.03
Bighton	3,093.80	2,743.60	5,837.40
Bishops Sutton			0.00
Bishops Waltham	21,366.78	91,787.67	113,154.45
Boarhunt	1,398.25	13,093.31	14,491.56
Bramdean	0.32	811.39	811.71
Cheriton	885.23	15,604.20	16,489.43
Chilcomb	1,851.22	2,660.53	4,511.75
Colden Common	3,504.28	-736.06	2,768.22
Compton & Shawford	42,129.76	68,229.01	110,358.77
Corhampton & Meonstoke	9,709.13	26,409.94	36,119.07
Crawley	805.60	-509.19	296.41
Curdridge	3,607.11	5,359.28	8,966.39
Denmead	149,477.89	52,882.20	202,360.09
Droxford	2,031.47	3,164.17	5,195.64
Durley	19,484.08	-17,275.98	2,208.10
Exton	4,917.35	4,917.35	9,834.70
Hambledon	1,757.83	17,748.37	19,506.20
Headbourne Worthy	16,866.14	20,179.85	37,045.99
Hursley	4,576.56	7,211.61	11,788.17
Itchen Stoke & Ovington	14,222.05	54.49	14,276.54
Itchen Valley	227.98	2,139.28	2,367.26
Kilmeston			0.00
Kingsworthy	2,574.45	18,283.94	20,858.39
Littleton	4,763.78	4,903.84	9,667.62
Micheldever	5,486.74	33,788.33	39,275.07
New Alresford	8,177.37	0.00	8,177.37
Northington			0.00
Old Alresford	982.35	1,160.50	2,142.85
Olivers Battery	219.24	219.22	438.46
Otterbourne	1,701.40	342.80	2,044.20
Owlesbury	1,249.68	-875.22	374.46
Shedfield	-17,531.68	23,965.40	6,433.72
Soberton	270.18	0.00	270.18
Southwick	0.00	6,972.95	6,972.95
South Wonston	24,363.69	36,289.32	60,653.01
Sparsholt	1,594.47	-920.38	674.09
Swanmore	26,163.81	20,370.68	46,534.49
Tichborne			0.00
Twyford	8,926.83	5,773.76	14,700.59
Upham	2,679.87	0.00	2,679.87
Warnford	2,336.27	4,741.96	7,078.23
West Meon	-1,661.98	5,262.08	3,600.10
Wickham	-8,081.28	69,208.71	61,127.43
Winchester Wards	206,279.75	217,197.86	423,477.61
Wonston	-739.24	8,926.13	8,186.89
Unallocated	1,345.47	1,345.48	2,690.95
	573,599.69	774,230.72	1,347,830.41