



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING & TRANSPORT

TOPIC – OPEN SPACE FUND RELEASE TO NEW ALRESFORD TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF 3 TENNIS COURTS AT ARLEBURY PARK

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Panel (individual Ward Members are consulted separately where appropriate). In addition, all Members are notified.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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SUMMARY

New Alresford Town Council is seeking financial assistance from the open space fund for the reconstruction of a block of 3 tennis courts at Arlebury Park tennis courts. This Portfolio Holder's Decision Notice seeks authority to the release of £36,000

DECISION

That the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport approve the release of £36,000 from the Open Space Fund, held by the City Council, to New Alresford Town Council (NATC) to enable them to proceed with the reconstruction of tennis courts at Arlebury Park.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 1.1 The tennis courts at Arlebury Park have fallen into disrepair and are now in a sub standard condition. This condition has reached a point where total reconstruction has become the most cost effective option.
- 1.2 The courts have been maintained to a high standard but are constantly in use by the community and, due to both the demand and the condition of the courts, NATC and the Tennis Club consider it beneficial and prudent to carry out these works now.

- 1.3 This is a community partnership project involving NATC and the Alresford Tennis Club.
- 1.4 The project involves the reconstruction of a block of 3 tennis courts on the existing site together with the construction of a tennis hut and additional fencing to enclose the whole area. The overall cost of the project is expected to be £88,000.
- 1.5 This funding application of £36,000 applies only to the reconstruction of the tennis courts and separate tenders have been sought for this element of the project. AMB Sports Ltd have been selected as not only the lowest tender but because they represent the best overall value.
- 1.6 Funding: the cost of the project is broken down below with details of funding agents

Phase 1

Reconstruction of 3 tennis courts	£62,461
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Phase 2

Tennis Hut with ancillary services and extended fencing	£26,000
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Total	£88,461
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Funding Agents

WCC Open Space Fund	£36,000
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Winchester City Council	£20,000
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NATC	£18,000
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Alresford Tennis Club	£10,000
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Hampshire Playing Fields Assoc.	£2,000
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Hampshire Lawn Tennis Assoc.	£2,000
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Total	£88,000
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Difference in costs and funding will be met by the Tennis Club.

- 1.7 As tennis is a thriving sport in New Alresford it is anticipated that there will be a second project in future years to build an additional 2 or 3 courts which will extend the current site.
- 1.8 NATC will be compiling a forward plan strategy which will encompass this and other projects. It is anticipated that Open Space Funding will be requested, should it be available, to assist in future stages of sports development.
- 1.9 At the beginning of January 2008, there was a total of £167,223 in the Open Space Fund for NATC. £131,220 in the sport 'pot' and £36,003 in the play 'pot'.

1.10 This report seeks Cabinet approval to the release of £36,000 from the Open Space Fund sport 'pot'.

1.11 A fund release of £36,000 would reduce the amount held in the open space fund sport 'pot' for NATC from £131,220 to £95,220.

APPENDICES:

None

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

N/A

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Keith Wood – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport