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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 26 September 2011, Cllr C A Wise, the Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder, made the following decision. Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY 5.15 P.M. ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2011.**

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

Allocation of Developers Contributions for a Sportswall at Testwood Recreation Ground

REASONS:

To make effective use of this important open space, in accordance with officer recommendations and following the involvement of the Town Council.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

Not to fund: rejected on the basis that there is clear demand.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION: SEPTEMBER 2011

ALLOCATION OF DEVELOPERS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A SPORTSWALL AT TESTWOOD RECREATION GROUND

ITEM FOR DECISION

The request is from Totton and Eling Town Council for the allocation of developers' contributions for open space to provide a purpose built "sportswall" at Testwood Recreation Ground. This site is popular with casual users but there is no kick about provision. Young people are using the wall of the pavilion as a rebound wall, which is not appropriate. After consultation with the young people, the need for a proper "sportswall" was identified. This facility has options for football, tennis, cricket, netball and basketball and being open access and free of charge, will have wide benefits.

POLICY FRAMEWORK

Testwood Recreation Ground is an established and essential part of public open space in the Town. The proposal will enhance the use of an existing facility, to better meet the needs of the community.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The sum requested is £14,000, within a total cost of £15,000. An award of £1,000 has been secured from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association. There are sufficient funds in the total amounts held in developer's contributions for this proposal to take place.

CONSULTATION INPUT

There has been direct feedback from the young people who are users of the site. Consultation has been undertaken with local members and appropriate members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel. Comments are as set out in the consultation returns.

PROPOSED DECISION

That an allocation of £14,000 be made from developers' contributions for open space held for the benefit of Totton and Eling, to enable the construction of a "sportswall" at Testwood Recreation Ground.

REASONS

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ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Not to fund: rejected on the basis that there is clear demand.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

Any declarations of interest are included in the consultation return.

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Cllr Colin Wise,
Portfolio Holder Finance and Efficiency

DATE: *26th September* 2011

Date: Notification of this Decision given - 26 September 2011
Last date for call in - 3 October 2011

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor	Comments
Cllr Penny Jackman Chairman Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel.	Support the request
Cllr Steve Davies Vice-Chairman Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel.	Support the initiative
Cllr David Harrison Shadow Portfolio Holder Health and Leisure	Supportive of the proposal

Local Members

Cllr Chris Lagdon	An excellent idea and good use of developers' contributions
Cllr Dean Britton	Fully support the decision, it will be an excellent facility for this part of the town