

Report No.3

Report to Policy & Resources Committee 11th March 2014

Outstanding invoice for Reeds Farm Play Area

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek authority to pay an outstanding invoice relating to the installation of the play area at reeds farm.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2009 funds were sought for the installation of a play area to serve the residents of Reeds farm
- 2.2 The North Wiltshire District Council (NWDC) made a successful application for lottery funding supported by an agreed contribution of £4,500 from Malmesbury Town Council.
- 2.3 The play area was successfully installed and subsequently passed over to the Town Council.
- 2.4 An invoice was eventually raised by NWDC for the agreed sum of £4,500 but did not contain sufficient information to enable the expenditure to be identified against the project.
- 2.5 During the course of seeking further information the Wiltshire Unitary Council was formed and the issue held in abeyance.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 Wiltshire Council has recently sent a renewed request for payment of the agreed contribution.
- 3.2 Enquiries have been made of Wiltshire Council to ascertain if the payment may be taken from accumulated section 106 funds. However, as this is now an existing play area the fund cannot be utilised.
- 3.3 Payment would need to be set against the funds earmarked for improvements to play areas.

4. Financial Implications and risks

- 4.1 The Council has a responsibility to pay the contribution.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Committee is recommended to authorise the Town Clerk to make the payment to Wiltshire Council.

