

## WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

**TO: RESOURCES SUB COMMITTEE 2 FEBRUARY 2000**

**SUBJECT: SHRUBLAND COMMUNITY PARK**

**FROM: REGENERATION PROJECTS CO-ORDINATOR**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1\_ To ask for Councillors approval to waive the Standing Orders in relation to contract tenders in order that the first phase of Shrubland Community Park may be completed by the end of March 2000.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In December 1999 Advantage West Midlands (AWM) offered to increase the SRB 5 spend for 1999/2000 by £100,000 to Regenesis to finance projects before the end of the financial year.
- 2.2 Shrubland Community Park was identified as a suitable project that already has considerable support from the local community. The 17 November 1999 Old Town Working Party already agreed to use about £70,000 from the Old Town Environmental Improvement budget towards the community aspirations for the Shrubland Community Park. However, the total sum to complete all of the works identified as priorities by the community at a public design day held in October 1999 is in the region of £180,000. The offer of additional resources from AWM was seen as a way to fund the complete set of works. It is proposed that SRB5 funding could be used to achieve the creation of a pocket park adjacent to the canal (with assistance from Ford who will supply voluntary labour) and for the exiting play equipment to be moved next to the Westbury Centre and upgraded.
- 2.3 The Leisure Committee agreed to approve the scheme for Shrubland Community Park at its meeting on 11 January.
- 2.4 AWM requires Regenesis to spend the money by the end of March 2000. This puts considerable constraints on the time available to complete the SRB funded part of the project making it impossible to seek three competitive quotes and complete the work on time. Councillors are asked if they will waive the Standing Orders with respect to the moving and upgrading of the play equipment by allowing the company who originally supplied the equipment to be used to undertake this work.

### **3. KEY ISSUES STRATEGIES**

- 3.1 This work will directly impact on and help to achieve the Economic Development Key Issue Policy EC 6 which supports the implementation of the results of the Community Audit Regeneration Strategy of Old Town.

#### **4. DECISIONS REQUIRED**

- 4.1** Do Councillors agree to waive the standing orders to enable the play equipment at Shrubland Recreation Ground to be moved and up graded by the end of March to ensure SRB 5 funding rules are complied with?

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Leisure Committee 11 January 1999

Shrubland Community Park SRB5 Project Development Form

Notes of Old Town Working Party 17 November 1999

SRB5 Bid

SRB5 Delivery Plan

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