

## ALICE PARK TRUST SUB-COMMITTEE – 23 DECEMBER 2019

### QUESTIONS FROM TONY HICKMAN

- As previously agreed, I retain 50% of the money collected from users of the tennis courts and pay the remainder over to the Council. What will the new arrangements be?
  - *The Courts will be operated by a tennis provider who will take the income, manage the courts and the programme and provide coaching sessions and structured playing opportunities as well as pay and play sessions. They will work with the Lawn Tennis Association to deliver their proven park tennis initiatives and products.*
- If someone using the tennis courts has an issue such as a problem with the facilities or someone over-running then they tend to speak to me at the café, particularly over weekends (which is the most popular time for the courts to be used). How will this work under the new arrangements?
  - *The tennis provider will be responsible for dealing with any issues that arise.*
- Six tennis courts seem too many in this location as they are hardly ever all in use. Would it be possible for two of the courts to become a “MUGA” (Multi-Use Games Area) which would also be likely to generate more income for the Trust.
  - *The Council is working closely with the Lawn Tennis Association on the project and modelling suggests that there is adequate demand for 6 courts. MUGA’s are ordinarily open access, free to use areas that don’t generate income. They are commonly used for impromptu football/basketball games a type of usage that doesn’t have a proven charging model. If the 6 courts don’t end up being fully utilised, then this is something that can be looked at in the future.*