

CAPITAL APPROVAL OFFICER DELEGATED DECISION FORM

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Service Area:	<i>Leisure</i>
Decision Maker:	<i>Chief Executive/ Mandy Bishop</i>
Date of Draft:	<i>12 08 2020</i>

Details of Decision:

To fully approve capital amounting to £243,000 from the provisional capital programme item Public Tennis in Bath.

Reason/Rationale for the Decision:

To deliver the Council's Fit for Life Strategy and get more people active through playing tennis. The tennis courts in Alice Park will be refurbished with new fencing and access gates. The programme of works will be undertaken in early 2021 with the facilities opening in Spring 2021. The current plan is to retain all 6 courts as tennis courts, but to provide multi use markings on 2 of the courts to generate alternative income streams when the courts are not in full use. An online booking system will allow people to book in advance for low cost. The site will be managed by a procured operator who will be responsible for programming and on-going maintenance.

Financial and budget implication:

This decision will approve capital programme for expenditure.

The profile of spend anticipated is:

Project Spend Areas	Total Approval	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Future years
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Conversion/refurbishment	243		243				
	-						
	-						
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	-						
	-						
Total Approval	243	-	243	-	-	-	-

The capital expenditure is funded by a mixture of CiL and grant funding from Sport England and the Lawn Tennis Association. £230k CiL funding as previously agreed at 2019/20 budget for leisure and recreation in Bath. £12k LTA funding and £1k Sport England Funding.

The revenue impact from this decision is: No revenue impacts as the life time costs of maintenance will be covered by the operator's business plan.

Revenue Cost / Income Cat	Total Approval	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Future years
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Maintenance Costs	-						
	-						
	-						
	-						
	-						
Service Supported Borrowing Calculation	-						
Other 1 - described in 6a) below	-						
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Total Approval	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[If relevant:] There is a revenue reversion risk associated with the expenditure on this project, should the further programme not receive approval and an asset not ultimately be developed. This risk is considered to be [low / medium / high] and is mitigated by [add relevant mitigation information].

Other key risks to the project and their mitigations include: [As per PID]

RISKS

Key Risks to Project	Mitigating Actions
Conditional grant offers from SE and the LTA do not follow through.	Project will not progress until all funding has been secured.
The tennis courts are on land belonging to Alice Park Trust	Lease agreed with the Trust for 25 years. An ongoing dialogue will be maintained with the Trust. The Council as Trustee has received approval from the charity commission to permit it to enter into the lease and will report to the Council.
Planning permission is required for the floodlights which improve the business case	Local consultation and pre app advice will be sought
Risks around outsourcing and finding a suitable operator - unbudgeted maintenance costs would sit with the Council until this time	Link with Procurement. Outsource the operation to a 3rd party who is skilled in the operation of tennis park facilities and transfer the risk of income and upkeep of the facilities to the 3rd party. The risk of

Additional space for further narrative.

Other issues addressed in reaching this decision: <i>(select as appropriate)</i>			
Social Inclusion		Disability Equality	
Customer Focus		Other Equality	
Sustainability		Human Rights	
Human Resources		Corporate	
Property		Other Legal	
Young People			

Details of Other Options Considered:

If nothing is done then the courts will become unusable.

Details of Consultation: *(select as appropriate, but always requires s151, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, and appropriate Service Portfolio Holder to be ticked)*

Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency	✓	Service Portfolio Holder	✓
Ward Members		Service Users	
Parish/Town Council(s)		Trades Unions	
Local Residents		Charter of Trustees of Bath	
Community Interest Groups	✓	Other Services in B&NES	
Monitoring Officer		Section 151 (Finance	✓
Head of Paid Service (CX)		Other	
Youth Council			

Other Relevant Comments:

The LTA are very supportive of the scheme as part of the wider tennis strategy for B&NES. Ward members and the Alice Park Trust are also very supportive. Informal consultation carried out by the café operator suggests that resurfacing of the courts would be very well received. Iconoclasts tennis club would base themselves at the site and are very supportive of the plans.