

Decision Pathway – Report

PURPOSE: Key decision

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 05 June 2018

TITLE	Enhancement of six of the Ardagh Tennis Courts.		
Ward(s)	The Ardagh is located in the Bishopston & Ashley Down ward.		
Author:	Guy Fishbourne	Job title:	Sport & Physical Activity Manager
Cabinet lead:	Kye Dudd	Executive Director lead:	Alison Comley
Proposal origin: BCC Staff			
Decision maker: Cabinet Member			
Decision forum: Cabinet			
<p>Purpose of Report: To get an ‘in principle’ agreement that the Council approves a likely expenditure of c£550,000 towards the enhancement of six of the Ardagh tennis courts to be retained by the Council and for their inclusion into the parks tennis operating model, from a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c.£200,000 BCC funding: identified from Sports s106 funding and its sports capital programme budget c.£350,000 External funding : from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and Sport England 			
<p>Evidence Base:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Revenue savings for the Council:</u> BCC currently pays for repairs/maintenance of tennis courts, across its Parks and is in the process of developing a new parks tennis operating model which is based on a fee paying model and will include a tennis operator being responsible for the management and operation of the courts. Under this model, repair and maintenance will be the responsibility of the tennis operator and the equivalent of £1200 per court or £2400 if floodlit shall be paid to a tennis court sinking fund for their lifecycle and resurfacing costs. <u>Aspirations for the Ardagh to be considered within the parks tennis operating model:</u> as part of the CAT conditions the Council is seeking to retain six of the current eleven tennis courts to be incorporated into the parks tennis operating model. The inclusion of six tennis courts at the Ardagh contributes towards a more robust parks tennis operating model which supports the equal provision of sustainable and high quality sports provision across Bristol’s Parks. <u>Draft Built Sports Facility Strategy:</u> there is an identified need to work with LTA to enhance existing courts in areas of the city with low participation rates to encourage the use of existing publicly accessible stock and to increase informal play using an LTA fob access system. Priority should be given to making better use of existing facilities to enhance tennis participation via a grass roots development programme. The renovation of outdoor tennis courts at the Ardagh is identified through the draft Sports & Active Recreation Facility Strategy work which the Council has recently completed public consultation on. <u>Time scales:</u> A decision is required before further progress can be made on any project related to Council retained tennis courts at the Ardagh. Work on enhancing six of the tennis courts is dependent on securing external funding and agreeing which parts of the site will be included as part of the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) to the Ardagh Community Trust (ACT) 			
<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>Subject to a final decision being made on the CAT and its lease conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an ‘in principle’ agreement that the Council approves expenditure funded through BCC (up to £200,000) and external partners (£350,000), of what is projected to be c.£550,000 in total towards the enhancement of six of the Ardagh tennis courts, for their inclusion in the parks tennis operating model. 			

2. That Authority is delegated to Executive Director: Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Sport to initiate a procurement process and award the contract for construction works for the Ardagh tennis courts.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

- 1) Making Culture and Sport accessible to all. Promoting opportunities, attracting funding, protecting our city investment in culture and facilitating others much of the time, whilst continuing to offer good quality services which attract visitors.
- 2) In which services and opportunities are accessible to all.

City Benefits:

- 1) The inclusion of six tennis courts at the Ardagh contributes towards a more robust parks tennis operating model which supports the equal provision of sustainable and high quality sports provision across Bristol's Parks.
- 2) The inclusion of six of the Ardagh courts in the parks tennis operating model will provide greater financial support for sites across the city with higher concessionary users and/or potential lower throughput.
- 3) Improved tennis courts in Bristol's Parks will increase participation and contribute towards a high quality and sustainable Parks infrastructure.
- 4) A fee paying parks tennis operating model mitigates the Council from future repair, maintenance and lifecycle expenditure.

Consultation Details:

This proposal has been discussed with ward councillors, trustees of the Ardagh Community Trust, Lawn Tennis Association, Sport England, Parks Department and Property.

Revenue Cost	£ 0.00	Source of Revenue Funding	n/a
Capital Cost	Target £200,000	Source of Capital Funding	S106/Sports Capital Budget
One off cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

1. Finance Advice: This report requests the Council's agreement to retain 6 of the Ardagh tennis courts for inclusion in the next phase of parks tennis operating model and to contribute up to £200k towards the redevelopment of these tennis courts.

This £200k would come from S106 sports funding and from capital programme funding (sports scheme - NH05). It would be incurred only in conjunction with additional funding, projected to be up to £350k, to be secured with the support of Council partners the Lawn Tennis Association and Sport England.

The existing operating model is currently self-funding and, after the incorporation of these 6 courts and this initial investment, it is assumed that the next phase of this operating model will continue to be self-funding.

It has been advised that if the total investment costs are to exceed £500k then this request should follow the formal decision pathway for a key decision.

Finance Business Partner: Jemma Prince, Finance Business Partner - 29/1/18

2. Legal Advice: At this time all that is being requested is cabinet approval, in principle, to earmark £200k (from the S106 sports funding/capital programme) for enhancement of 6 Council tennis courts at the Ardagh. This commitment being conditional on securing £350k from LTA/Sport England. This raises no particular legal issues. Further decisions on the future operation and management of these courts, and the remaining 5 (identified for the CAT), have yet to be finalised. Third party operational arrangements for all 11 courts will require involvement of legal services. Consideration will need to be given to any conditions attached to LTA/SE funding before proceeding. The refurbishment works themselves will need to comply with the usual procurement rules

Legal Team Leader: Eric Andrews, Team Leader – 11/4/18

Implications on ICT: There are no identifiable IT implications in this initiative.

ICT Team Leader: Ian Gale 28/03/18		
4. HR Advice: Due to the nature of the request there are no anticipated HR implications.		
HR Partner: Celia Williams, HR Business Partner (Communities)		
EDM Sign-off	Zoe Wilcox	24 th January 2018
Cabinet Member sign-off	Cllr Kye Dudd	5 th April 2018
CLB Sign-off	Jacqui Jenson	17 th April 2018
For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off	Mayor's Office	4 th May 2018

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	YES
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	YES
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of	YES
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix G – Financial Advice - see page 2	NO
Appendix H – Legal Advice – see page 2	NO
Appendix I – Combined Background papers	No
Appendix J – Exempt Information	NO
Appendix K – See page 3	NO
Appendix L – ICT	NO