

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023

Report Title	STRATFORD PARK TENNIS COURTS			
Purpose of Report	To approve the refurbishment of Stratford Park Tennis Courts.			
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to approve the refurbishment of Stratford Park Tennis Courts The Committee RECOMMENDS to Strategy and Resources Committee and to Council that the refurbishment is included within the Capital Programme to be considered in February 2022.			
Consultation and Feedback	Cllr Chris Brine, Interim Head of Community Services, Lawn Tennis Association			
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Options	None			
Background Papers	N/a			
Appendices	Appendix A - Equality Impact Assessment			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Stratford Park Leisure Centre currently has 6 tennis courts situated within the park that are currently managed by Everyone Active. The surface, fencing and nets on the courts all need improving.
- 1.2 In 2005, Stroud District Council (SDC) were initially approached by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) about making improvements to the courts. Due to financial reasons from the LTA the improvements were unable to be completed.
- 1.3 In June 2022, the LTA restarted their Park Renovation Investment programme following a successful bid for funding from the Department of Culture Media & Sport (DCMS) and informed SDC that Stratford Park was one of its priority projects.
- 1.4 The refurbishment of the courts will involve the following:-
 - All 6 courts being resurfaced
 - New posts and nets to all 6 courts
 - New fencing (where required)
 - Gate Access Entry System added to each block of two courts
 - Online Central Booking system
- 1.5 The total cost for the redevelopment works above totals £127,670.10.

- 1.6 On 6th December 2022, SDC were informed that Stratford Park Tennis Court Project had been awarded £115,670.10 towards the refurbishment of the courts by the LTA project board and was one of its priority projects for the South West.
- 1.7 SDC have also been awarded £5,000 towards the project from Active Gloucestershire, meaning the total costs to SDC for the refurbishment of the courts is £7,000 which will come from existing health & wellbeing budget.

2. ABOUT THE GATE ENTRY SYSTEM

2.1 Part of the refurbishment of the courts includes the installation of gate access technology to the 6 courts. This new technology will allow us to: -

- Open the courts up to new and wider audiences
- Allow instant payment for court bookings via online club sparks booking system. (<https://www.lta.org.uk/play/book-a-tennis-court/>)

2.2 There will be changes to how residents can book and pay for the courts.

2.2.1 Pay

- Pay as you play (prices to be confirmed).
- 12-month Annual membership (price to be confirmed). This would allow members to book up to 5 hours per week and bookings can be made up to 14 days in advance with no additional costs.

3. TENNIS DEVELOPMENT

3.1 SDC & the LTA will be working in partnership with a local tennis provider to drive the development of tennis on the courts following the refurbishment. This would include the following: -

- Coaching programme for children & young people.
- Coaching programme for adults.
- Training of local coaches to support the above programmes.

3.2 SDC in partnership with Active Gloucestershire will be conducting a capital investment impact analysis on the redeveloped courts and tennis development plan. analysis of the users at the site and evaluating the impact of the redevelopment.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The refurbishment of the tennis courts at Stratford Park Leisure Centre is long overdue and with the support of the LTA, we will be able to provide 6 top quality tennis courts which will enable more people to play tennis locally.

4.2 To approve the refurbishment of the 6 courts at Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

There are financial implications associated with this report. The project cost (P.1.5) will be majority funded by The Lawn Tennis Association with a small contribution from Active

Gloucestershire. The remaining £7k will be found within the existing Health & Wellbeing Budget.

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5.2 Legal Implications

Under SDC's Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules officers must undertake a full competitive procurement for the carrying out of these works through the Council's portal using an Invitation to Tender.

Officers will work with One Legal to secure the funding from the LTA and Active Gloucestershire and to prepare the documents necessary to put the works contract in place.

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5.3 Equality Implications

An EIA has been carried out by Officers in relation to the decision made in this report and no equality implications arise.

5.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.