

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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Subject:

Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Parks Refurbishment Programme Funding

Total Value:

£108,500 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

1. To approve the programme of LTA Tennis Court Improvements as detailed in Appendix 1 & 2
2. To accept the grant funding from the LTA and amend the capital programme to reflect the fully funded capital expenditure as detailed in Appendix 2 .
3. To note that the procurement of contracts will be via the LTA's Framework contract as this is a condition of the LTA grant funding.
4. To approve the establishment of a ring fenced revenue sinking fund to be used to cover any future maintenance costs. As detailed in Appendix 3 & 3.1
5. To delegate authority to Director of Neighbourhood Services to sign orders and contracts relating to the programme of work.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)** As part of the city's ongoing delivery of the existing Open Space Strategy "Breathing Space" and the playing pitch strategy the parks team have been working in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to confirm a programme of park Tennis court improvements. The programme will refurbish park courts across the UK having received £21.9m of funding directly from the Department of Culture Media and Sport and an additional £8.4m from the LTA Tennis Foundation to deliver a national programme by March 2024.

This investment follows recent LTA Tennis Court improvements that have been carried out at Vernon Park, Valley Road Park and Lenton Abbey Park. In all cases the Tennis courts have been improved and have helped to regenerate the quality of the Tennis offer in these Parks. The new investment will continue to help regenerate Tennis in a number of Parks that historically have all had Tennis courts but in many cases the facilities have deteriorated in recent years.

The Funding from the LTA will help to regenerate the old Tennis Courts. The new courts will be included in the LTA'S online booking system and will be accessible via an annual subscription / membership fee. The Fees will be ringfenced and used to help fund any future repairs to the courts.

**Briefing notes documents:** LTA Parks Investment Appendix 1 2 3 & 3.1.docx

**Other Options Considered:** Not to accept the LTA funding has been rejected as this is the only dedicated facility development funding for these facilities and if rejected the City will miss the opportunity to delivery a programme of Tennis coaching and activities delivered directly by the LTA. The LTA have recently taken over the management of the Nottingham Tennis centre and these local community based Tennis facilities will help the LTA to engage with our communities and help to promote and develop Tennis within communities that may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in the sport.

**Background Papers:** None

**Published Works:** None

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** None

**Consultations:** Date: 21/06/2022  
Ward Councillors: Eunice Campbell-Clark, Michael Edwards, David Trimble, Nicola Heaton, Sally Longford, Mohammed Saghir, Wendy Smith, Cheryl Barnard, Audrey Dinnall, Samuel Gardiner, Phil Jackson, Pavlos Kotsonis  
Ward Councillors have been consulted and have approved the proposed improvements. See Appendix 2 for full consultation details.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The Improvements will help to improve the visual appearance of the parks and will also help to reduce the perception of anti social behaviour within the parks.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: No EIA has been completed as there is no reduction in service and the improvement's will help to improve local facilities for the community.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

18/10/2022

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

I have not been able to access the appendices through this system; I am working from appendices sent to me by the Head of Public Realm on 30th August 2022.

I understand from the Head of Public Realm that the LTA are aware of, and will take no issue with, some requirements of the conditions of funding not being in place at this stage, for example there is no operator to manage the courts and no access or use of the on-line booking system. It would be prudent for the LTA to confirm this position in writing. Once in place, the agreement with the operator must ensure compliance with the LTA Conditions of Funding.

I have not seen any documents that confirm it is a condition of funding that the Council uses the proposed LTA framework and note, in any event, comments from Procurement colleagues.

Any formal decisions relating to the Victoria Embankment will require a separate decision in due course and if appropriate. Advice provided by Tony Heath, Senior Solicitor on 1st September 2022. Advice provided by Anthony Heath (Senior Solicitor) on 01/09/2022.

Finance Advice:

Please see file attached.

Advice provided by Meagan Milic (Commercial Business Partner) on 05/09/2022.

Advice documents: [Appendix 4 Finance Comments.docx](#)

Procurement Advice:

Procurement have no issues with the recommendations and the programme of works set out in appendix 1, however once the LTAs framework is finalised and ready to use, further scrutiny will be needed to ensure it is compliant with Public Contract Regulations and that requirements set out in the attached LTA Framework Document can be delivered. Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 04/08/2022.

**Signatures**

<b>Audra Wynter (Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Parks)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 10/10/2022</b>
<b>Frank Jordan (Corporate Director, Resident Services)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 29/09/2022</b>