

Appendix 1

Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) 'Parks Investment Programme' Funding

Background

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) park refurbishment programme will refurbish park courts across the UK having received £21.9m of funding directly from DCMS and an additional £8.4m from the LTA Tennis Foundation to deliver the programme by March 2024. The LTA parks programme will complement the recent LTA investment in the Nottingham Tennis Centre and it will contribute towards the ongoing delivery of the Nottingham's parks improvement programme.

Proposed Programme of Works

There are a number of tennis courts across Nottingham City in various conditions. The parks service in partnership with the LTA have assessed the condition of existing and historic tennis courts in Nottingham and have put forward a suggested programme of works to refurbish up to 16 courts across Nottingham and encourage greater use of the courts. The sites included in the programme are Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground, Clifton Playing Fields, King George V Playing Fields, Lenton Abbey Park, Strelley Recreation Ground and Victoria Embankment. Full details of proposed works and funding are in appendix 2.

Conditions of funding

LTA Grant Funding Condition of Grant	Response
All venues connected to LTA Rally - on line booking for courts and activities.	Venues will operate in the same way as Vernon Park and Valley Rd Park courts. This will include the inclusion of the new sites in the LTA Rally ON-LINE booking system
There is an established operating model – Courts & activities	We will be seeking a partner operator who will manage the courts and coaching activities. The operator concession will be tendered out inline with NCC'S procurement rules
There is a sustainability plan and secure Cap Ex plan that will a. ensure the courts are continually maintained throughout the year b. covers the annual operational and maintenance costs for Gate and locking systems c. will ensure courts are refurbished in the future through generating income or through ring fenced capital expenditure	Existing basic court maintenance will continue Annual operational and maintenance costs for gate and locking system will be covered by the parks development revenue budget and will be supported by income received from the operator in the future. Future court refurbishments will be carried out in partnership with the operator and the LTA. Income from the operator fee will be ring-fenced and used for future court refurbishment. See Appendix 3 for details of annual maintenance costs

An organised free offer to engage communities	This will be organised by the operator and delivered once the new operator is in place
A Recreational Competitive offer at each site (Local Tennis Leagues which is managed by the LTA is an easy off the shelf option that can easily be implemented)	This will be organised by the operator and delivered once the new operator is in place

Proposed Procurement Framework

LTA are procuring a framework for all necessary works as part of the planned investment programme. As a recipient of LTA funding it will be a requirement of the funding that to use the LTA'S framework.

Appendix 2 – Details of proposed LTA funding package and works and Councillor Consultation

Site	No of courts to be refurbished	Details of work	Total cost of works	LTA funding contribution	NCC funding contribution	Councillor consultation
Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground	1	Re-colour	£3,750	£3,750	£0	21.06.22 Email outlining proposed investment sent to Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Barnard, Cllr Campbell-Clark and RDO Celia Knight. All the cllr's have confirmed support for investment
Clifton Playing Fields	5	Re-colour 5 courts, net posts, replace panel fencing, replacement gate, access gate	£28,500	£28,500	£0	17.06.22 Teams meeting with Cllr Watson, Cllr Jones, Cllr Clarke and RDO Claire McCurdy. All Cllrs confirmed support of proposed investment.
King George V Playing Fields	3	re-surface, nets/posts, fencing, gate	£65,500	£65,500	£0	22.06.22 Email outlining proposed investment sent to Cllr Dinnall, Cllr Saghir and SRDO Lysle-Anne Renwick Cllr Saghir confirmed support for investment
Lenton Abbey Park	2	install gate, replace nets/posts	£6,000	£6,000	£0	21.06.22 Email outlining proposed investment sent to Cllr Trimble, Cllr Longford, Cllr Kotsonis and RDO Minerva Hartley. Cllr Kotsonis, Cllr Longford and Cllr Trimble confirmed support for investment
Strelley Recreation Ground	21	re-colour, net posts,	£4,750	£4,750	£0	22.06.22 Email outlining proposed investment sent to Cllr Jackson, Cllr Smith and SRDO Michelle Graley. 08.07.22 Teams meeting

						with Cllr Smith. 12.07.22 Phone call with Cllr Jackson. Cllr Jackson and Cllr Smith confirmed support for investment
Total £Value of this decision			£108,500	£108,500		
Victoria Embankment*	3	re- construction, net posts, fencing, gate	£193,375*	£73,375*	£120,000*	17.06.22 Email outlining proposed investment sent to Cllr Edwards and Cllr Heaton and RDO Liam Searle. Cllr Edwards confirmed support for investigating match funding opportunities if they arise
		Totals	£193,375	£73,375	£120,000 TBC	
Note *	The Victoria Embankment project is identified as a future Tennis Court Improvement project but will be subject to confirmation of match funding and therefore this project is not included in the value of this decision and is referenced for an in principle decision only . This project will be brought forward once match funding is confirmed in a future decision.					

Appendix 3 Maintenance of Tennis Courts and Sinking Fund Requirements

Maintenance requirements are minimal. No intensive upkeep is necessary. However, failure to keep the upper surface free of moss, algae and debris by moss/weed killing and power washing will cause surface water drainage problems and reduce the total service life of the court. The maintenance procedures are designed to ensure the:-

- Playing surface is kept clean to preserve its playing characteristics.
- Free drainage of surface water is maintained throughout the life of the court.
- Court looks attractive and well cared for at all times and achieves a reasonable life span.

These objectives are achieved by:-

- Sweeping or vacuuming leaves and other debris from the surface.
- Periodic power washing of the surface.
- Applying both moss and weed killer when required.
- Re-coating periodically.

Caution should be applied when playing in hot weather as the courts may be susceptible to softening, especially in the first season after construction.

An unusual nuisance that may sometimes be experienced is damage caused by bird droppings. This is usually only a significant problem:-

- During the first year or two of the court's life.
- In summer and where branches overhang the court.

Another rare cause of surface damage is that caused by worms. In warm weather, they then adhere to the surface and shrink causing very similar damage to bird droppings

Life Cycle Costs

The table below shows the total cumulative budget over a life cycle of 12 years. Including initial construction cost and the subsequent maintenance, repair and renovation costs incurred during the court life cycle.

Year	Moss and weed kill	Power washing	Re-colour coating including moss, weed killer & power wash	Renovating Asphalt surface course and re-colour coating	Replace fence/gates	Minor repairs
1						
2	£150	£350				£150
3	£150	£350				
4	£150	£350				£150
5	£150	£350				
6			£1,600			
7	£150	£350				
8	£150	£350				£150
9	£150	£350				
10				£8000		

11	£150	£350				
12	£150	£350			£3,800	£150
Total Running Costs	£1,350	£3,150	£1,600	£8,000	£3,800	£600

Court Replaceent

The tables below show the amount of money recommended to be invested each year to cover re-coating and renovation costs respectively. The combined rate of 5% for interest & inflation has been taken into account in these figures.

Re-colour Coating

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Contribution	£300	£300	£300	£300	£300	£300
Balance Brought Forward		£300	£615	£946	£1,293	£1,658
Interest @ 5%		£15	£31	£47	£65	£83
Expenditure						£2,041
Accumulated Fund	£300	£615	£946	£1,293	£1,658	

Court resurfacing

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Annual Contribution	£1200	£1200	£1200	£1200	£1200	£1200	£1200	£1200	£1200	£1200
Balance Brought Forward		£1200	£2400	£3600	£4800	£6000	£7200	£8400	£9600	£10800
Interest @ 5%		£45	£92	£142	£194	£249	£306	£366	£430	£496
Expenditure										£12,496
Accumulated Fund	£1200	£2445	£3692	£4942	£6194	£7449	£8706	£9966	£11230	

Notes:

- Figures are based on the average cost of a new court in a block of three. For more than one court costs should be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- Figures exclude VAT, inflation and overheads (e.g. fees)
- Figures are subject to regional variation
- The figures are only to be used as a guide and painting and resurfacing costs may vary at the time of undertaking of the works.
- The general guidance is for the courts to be painted every 5-6 years and resurfaced every 10 years. If courts show signs of cracking, fretting or subsiding then they will need to be repaired as soon as possible.

Appendix 3.1 Sinking Fund Allocation

Site	No of courts to be refurbished	Details of work	Total cost of improvement works	Annual Maintenance Costs	Sinking Fund amount per annum	Estimated revenue Income
Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground	1	Re-colour	£3,750	£650	£370	£0
Clifton Playing Fields	5	Re-colour 5 courts, net posts, replace panel fencing, replacement gate, access gate	£28,500	£1,300	£1,850	£10,000
King George V Playing Fields	3	re-surface, nets/posts, fencing, gate	£65,500	£650	£1,110	£7,500
Lenton Abbey Park	2	install gate, replace nets/posts	£6,000	£650	£740	£5,000
Strelley Recreation Ground	2	re-colour, net posts,	£4,750	£650	£740	£5,000
Total			£108,500	£3,900	£4,810	£27,500
Total maintenance & Sinking fund costs				£8,710 per annum		