

FULL COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH 2021

RESURFACING OF THE HARD COURTS AREA, BAILEY PARK

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To commit additional funds to enable this project to go ahead.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In October 2020, members considered the potential underspend in 2020/21 resulting from the pandemic and other factors. At this time, members committed £35,000 for the resurfacing of the hard courts area in Bailey Park.
- 2.2 This figure was based on estimates received by a local sports club from a national firm for polymeric surfacing and adjusted accordingly to reflect a tarmac surface only and procuring locally.

3. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 Officers from MCC and the Town Council have contacted several firms to obtain quotes for this work. Two companies declined to quote and one company did not reply despite telephone and email reminders. However, three quotes have now been received ranging from £62k (initially over £80k but revised down), £54k and £45k.
- 3.2 The company that submitted the £45k quote is local surfacing company that has teamed up with an established sports ground engineering specialist.
- 3.3 Clearly, this is £10k over the allocated budget with no contingency. MCC is not able to contribute towards this project but will undertake the line marking which will be carried out following a consultation with potential users to ensure that appropriate playing areas are marked out. This is a contribution to the value of circa £1500.
- 3.4 Sports Wales grants have been explored. Either grants are not available to public authorities or are to help existing sports organisations impacted by the pandemic rather than developing new facilities.
- 3.5 There are three main options available.
- Option 1 – allocate an additional £12,000 from reserves to enable this project to go ahead asap and be available for use in late Spring/Summer. £2000 contingency factored into the budget.
 - Option 2 – resurface two-thirds of the area to keep the project within budget. This will limit the end use of the area as it will be smaller in size
 - Option 3 – postpone the project at this time until additional funding can be secured through grant funding.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To agree option 1