

Partnership Committee

Date:	12 DECEMBER 2013
Title:	BIG PLAN II PROJECTS: SPORTS FACILITIES
Purpose of the Report:	To approve expenditure for the refurbishment of the tennis/ basketball courts at Pages Park
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1. RECOMMENDATION

To allocate funding of up to £10,000 from the Big Plan Projects budget for the refurbishment of the tennis and basketball courts at Pages Park

2. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the Big Plan II planned developments, a Masterplanning consultation was undertaken for Pages and Mentmore Parks, from this it was identified as a short term action to improve the basketball and tennis courts at Pages Park.
- 2.2 It states in the Big Plan II document a need to increase sports and leisure activities to avoid future health, social and economic problems and therefore develop existing and new facilities throughout the town.
- 2.2 At a meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee on the 4 November 2013 it was:

RESOLVED to approve the resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts at Pages Park with a colour finish and kerb edging and to install a steel tennis net and make repairs to chain link fencing, at a cost of approximately £15,850, subject to agreement on funding from the relevant committees.

and

RECOMMENDED to the Partnership Committee to allocate funding of up to £10,000 from the Big Plan Projects budget for the refurbishment of the tennis and basketball courts at Pages Park.

The funding balance of up to £6,000 was recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee on 25 November 2013 and it was resolved to allocate funding from the Capital Projects budget, play area refurbishment (800/4909)

3. CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 The existing tennis and basketball courts are in a very poor condition with a loose gravel finish and no tennis net. Its refurbishment would enable community members of all ages free use of good quality facilities and will be an important addition to the park. It is expected that the addition of a steel net will put a stop to the vandalism issues currently experienced and allow for continuous use of the courts.

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