

Title of Report:	Sport & Wellbeing Facilities Required Maintenance Expenditure
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development
Date of Meeting:	20th October 2020
For Decision or For Information	Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, healthy & engaged communities
Outcome	Citizens will have access to Council recreational facilities and protected natural environments which help them to develop their physical, emotional and cognitive health.
Lead Officer	Head of Sport & Wellbeing

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£102,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
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1.0 Purpose of Report

To update Members on priority works / maintenance / repair required at Sport & Wellbeing Facilities and seek approval for expenditure of more than £10k at a number of sites / facilities.

2.0 Background

To ensure that the Leisure and Development Directorate remained within budget for the financial year 2019 / 2020, maintenance works were limited to what was deemed essential only. Due to the restrictions during Covid-19 lockdown, this 'essential maintenance only' approach continued throughout Q1 and Q2 of the financial year 2020/2021.

3.0 Priority Projects as at October 2020

Council Officers have now identified a number of priority projects which now require prompt action in order to enhance or restore facilities for the health and wellbeing benefit of Council's citizens.

The projects which exceed the threshold of authorised spend and are summarised as follows:

Serial	Project	Estimated Cost
1	Additional Lighting at Rasharkin Community Centre.	£14k
2	Tennis Courts at Anderson Park Coleraine.	£11k
3	Quay Road Playing Fields, Ballycastle.	£20k
4	Hockey Pitch at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.	£5k*
5	Tennis Courts @ Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre	£8k*
6	Ballycastle Synthetic Tennis Courts	£30k
Total Estimated Cost		£85k

*Note that projects 3 and 4 are listed with project 5 as the three projects will be tendered as a single package to secure the most competitive price for the works which are generally similar at the three sites.

4.0 Project Details

The Priority Projects which exceed the threshold for authorised spend of £10k are detailed below;

4.1 Additional Lighting at Rasharkin Community Centre and Site.

Rasharkin Community Centre and associated facilities including a soccer pitch, play park, MUGA and car parking occupies a considerable site footprint. The Community Centre itself is Council owned, but operated by Community Volunteers. With its existing facilities and pathways the site offers a safe space for families and residents of the area. These facilities and pathways would be greatly enhanced with the provision of additional street lighting, improving the overall safety of the site and reducing the potential for anti-social behaviour. The

costs of works are 14k, having received a contract cost using Council's Procurement Framework.

4.2 Tennis Courts at Anderson Park Coleraine.

The surface of the tennis courts at Anderson Park, Coleraine is painted bitmac. The painted surface is badly worn and slippery in areas. Initial quotations have been sourced to repaint the full 4 court surface. The works will ensure future longevity of the playing surface and meet the requirements of the local tennis club. The costs of works are 11k, having received a contract cost using Council's Procurement Framework.

4.3 Quay Road Playing Fields, Ballycastle.

The sand on the Astroturf pitch at Quay Rd is compacted to such an extent that full rejuvenation is required. Rejuvenation is a process whereby the original properties of the synthetic pitch are restored. During rejuvenation the old sand is extracted and replaced with new, thus improving the porosity of the surface and reducing the potential of waterlogging and flooding.

As the Shared Education Campus project is not due for full completion until 2024 (with the 2G pitch completing in 2022) the Astroturf provides a much needed facility for training for all local football and GAA teams. Plus the local primary and post-primary schools regularly use the facility. The Astroturf pitch at Quay Rd is currently closed due to the condition of the 'carpet'. The estimated cost of the works is £20k following a specialist inspection.

Members should note that additional drainage works and minor maintenance will commence at the Quay Rd site to increase the playability of the grass surfaces.

4.4 Hockey Pitch at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre (listed for information).

The Astroturf pitch at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre has numerous areas of significant deterioration. Full rejuvenation is not required, however a specialist 'deep clean' is necessary, in order to extend the longevity of the 'carpet', and improve its current playability. Following the 'deep clean' sand top dressing will occur followed by brushing to ensure surface regularity. The estimated cost of the works is £5k following a specialist inspection.

4.5 Tennis Courts at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre (listed for information).

The sand on the Astroturf Tennis Courts at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre is also compacted to such an extent that full rejuvenation is required. The benefit of the rejuvenation process is outlined at 4.3. The estimated cost of the works is £5k following a specialist inspection.

*Note that projects detailed at 4.4 and 4.5 are listed with project 4.3 as the three projects will be tendered as a single package to secure the most competitive price for the works which are generally similar at the three sites.

4.6 Ballycastle Synthetic Tennis Courts.

The surface of the Ballycastle Tennis Courts is a polymeric compound (exhibiting characteristics similar to rubber). Following extensive use, the surface of 4 of the 6 courts has deteriorated and is now in a poor state of repair.

The two other courts are deemed fit for purpose and do not require repair works at this time.

This proposal therefore focuses on the repair of the surface of the 4 polymeric courts:

- Deep cleaning.
- The application of polymeric structure protector.
- The application of a specialist non slip textured paint.

Following a specialist inspection, the estimated cost of the works is £30k.

Members are to note that the estimated cost for the full replacement of one court with a new polymeric surface is £25k. The proposed works will therefore extend the longevity of the existing surfaces and not necessitate the full surface replacement.

5.0 Budget

The budget from which the cost will be allocated is the 'Estates Life Cycle Budget', which is the Estates' annual budget set aside for capital expenditure for the upgrade works of Council facilities.

6.0 Next Steps

Subject to Council's agreement, Sport and Wellbeing and Council's Estates department will aim to complete the works within a 3 month period of Council's decision.

7.0 Recommendation

Members are requested to approve the expenditure of £85k for the projects listed in this report.