

Agenda Item: 14
Report to: Amenities Committee
Date: 13th January 2021
Subject: Tennis research
Summary: To note information provided about the short and long term costs of tennis provision at Kings Hill Sports Park.

Recommendation

The Committee is to:

- Note the information provided about the costs of tennis provision.**

1. Background

At the Amenities Committee meeting on 11th November 2020 the following resolution was made:-

- AM20/95.** It was **RESOLVED** that work be undertaken in relation to the potential costs/charges for the tennis courts.

2. Local Venue Charges

Below is a comparison chart of the local tennis provision to Kings Hill:

Tennis Venues Locally			
Company	Location	PAYG Fee	Membership Cost (Annual)
Offham Tennis Club	Offham	N/A	£78
Trottscliffe Lawn Tennis Club	West Malling	N/A	£75
Borough Green Rec Ground	Borough Green	£5	N/A
David Lloyd	West Malling	N/A	Membership Only – costs vary

Ightham Tennis Club	Ightham	N/A	£70
Meopham Lawn Tennis Club	Meopham	£9	£73
Maidstone Tennis Club	Maidstone	£6	£132
Kings Sports Centre	Rochester	£8.60	N/A
Offord LTC	Offord	N/A	£115

3. Capital Costs

It is expected that the developer shall provide the initial nets and posts for the courts. This shall be confirmed in early 2021.

4. Planned Maintenance Costs

Daily tasks such as leaf blowing, litter picking, wiping and checking of equipment is estimated at 1-2 hours per day by council staff. Rough labour cost at £20 per day.

Power brushing and weed killing carried out by an approved contractor is approximately £660 per quarter = £2640 per annum.

5. Long term maintenance Costs

The surface will require replacement every 20-25 years at an estimated cost of £47,500.

Additional colour coats can be installed every 2 – 5 years to keep courts at optimum performance at an estimated cost of £12,500.

Replacement of nets every 1-2 years at an estimated cost of £500.

6. Future financial planning

The council is minded to consider the future sinking fund requirements for Kings Hill Sports Park to include a savings plan for the long term maintenance costs.

7. Decisions Required

To note the information provided about the costs of tennis provision.

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