

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 5 September 2022

Title: West Witney Sports Ground - Tennis Court Coating

Contact Officer: Project Officer - Nicky Cayley

Background

The tennis courts at West Witney Sports Ground were colour coated in May this year by the Council's chosen contractors. The company has an excellent track history and Witney Lawn Tennis Club was initially pleased with the result of the work.

Current Situation

The Project Officer was contacted by the Chairman of Witney Lawn Tennis Club on 5 August to say that the club felt that the courts were slippery when damp and that several players had fallen which was not the norm. The appendix to this report has comments from a member who had a recent slip.

The Project Officer contacted the contractor, who arranged for the M.D of the paint manufacturer to come out to site, where he met with the Project Officer and the Chairman of the tennis club.

The paint manufacture inspected the court and explained that the paint used on the West Witney Courts was part of a larger batch that had been used on other courts as well and no other reports of slips had been received. His verdict was that the paint was of the required standard and in their view, within the required slip tolerance. He raised the prospect that the tarmac underneath the surface may have degraded over time.

In order to establish whether the slipperiness is within tolerated standards, the courts should have a "slip test" carried out. Two quotations are attached for the Committee's consideration.

If the slip test results are not within the tolerated standards, then Officers will need to go back to the contractor to discuss further.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

There are no environmental risks associated with this project.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

The safety of tennis club patrons is the Council's prime concern.

Financial implications

Quote 1 is £1,250 plus Vat and quote 2 is £1, 100 plus VAT.

The Project Officer understands that the Tennis Club has used company 1 in the past.

As the tennis court resurfacing came in under budget, money is available from the general reserves to cover the cost of this if the Committee wishes to go ahead.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the quotations as attached.