

Decision Maker: EXECUTIVE

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS
Committee on Thursday 15 June

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Key

Title: LONDON CRICKET TRUST NON-TURF PITCHES FUND

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Ward: Penge & Cator, Biggin Hill, Orpington, St Mary Cray

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The London Borough of Bromley has been approached by London Cricket Trust offering a £40k grant to fund the installation of four NTPs (Non-Turf Pitches) in four parks across the borough. This report seeks approval to accept the funding and proceed with the works.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Members of the RRH PDS:

- 2.1 Review the contents of the report and provide any comments to the Executive.

That Members of the Executive:

- 2.2 Agree to accept the England and Wales Cricket Board/ London Cricket Trust Grant, agree to proceed to procurement for the installation of the Non-Turf Pitches, and agree to the scheme being added to the capital programme.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

Summary of Impact: Following completion of the NTP (Non-Turf Pitch) installations usage will be either open and freely accessible or bookable at sites where designated sports managers or operators are put in place. Installation of these NTPs will increase physical activity in the wider community, with associated health benefits.

Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:
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 - (4) For residents to live responsibly and prosper in a safe, clean and green environment great for today and a sustainable future.
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Financial

1. Capital cost of proposal: Externally funded £40k from London Cricket Trust
 2. Ongoing costs: None
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: N/A
 5. Source of funding: ECB/LCT via the DCMS (Department of Culture, Media & Sport)
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance
 2. Call-in: Applicable: Executive Decision.
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Procurement

Summary of Procurement Implications: A preferred installation contractor will be selected via the council's procurement portal based on fixed price quotes.

Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: N/A
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: N/A

Customer Impact

Estimated number of users or customers (current and projected): Unknown

Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Council officers have been approached by the LCT (London Cricket Trust) regarding their NTPs (Non-Turf Pitches) installation programme across London boroughs. They and Kent Cricket want to increase cricket provision in the borough.
- 3.2 London Cricket Trust are currently delivering the 5th phase of the NTP installations and are now seeking confirmation of sites for the 6th phase of the programme. The 1st phase of the programme commenced in 2018, and to date the majority of London boroughs have already benefitted from the programme.
- 3.3 Bromley Council has been earmarked a grant of circa £40,000 to install NTPs at four sites in the borough. There is no capital match funding requirement and London Cricket Trust has said that the pitches that will be installed have an estimated life expectancy of 20 years. At the end of the 20 year period there is no requirement for the Council to replace the NTPs.
- 3.4 The maintenance of the NTPs is minimal (estimated at less than £500pa), and mainly relate to refreshing the markings. Any costs after the initial five years (within the first five years LCT manage any defects and maintenance), will be covered by the income received from bookings to use the NTPs.
- 3.5 Ideally the ECB would like to keep the grass to 25mil during the cricket season which surrounds installations. However, they understand that LBB/ldverde do not want to incur additional revenue maintenance cost year on year. Therefore, the ECB have agreed there will not be a requirement for any additional grass cutting other than what takes place currently at the sites earmarked for installations.
- 3.6 All NTP installations are 30m x 2.4m wide and can be used by established cricket clubs and casual usage alike. The activation of sites will be supported by a Kent Cricket SE London development officer encouraging as much usage as possible. This will ensure that the sites receive bookings and a small income.
- 3.7 Subject to approval the council will request quotes via the procurement portal from up to 6 nationally recognized suppliers securing at least 3 quotes selecting the successful contractor based on best value.
- 3.8 Once the NTPs have been installed an SLA/memorandum of understanding will be agreed between Bromley Council, Kent Cricket, London Cricket Trust, English Cricket Board and any site operator regarding roles and responsibilities in relation to the capital funding and operating requirements.
- 3.9 London Cricket Trust shared two successful case studies of NTP installation in other London boroughs, Sanderstead Recreation Ground in Croydon and Seven Kings Park in Redbridge. The Croydon site had two NTPs installed in 2019. The investment in these facilities has contributed to achieving the council's Outdoor facilities strategy ambitions, and the NTPs have generated enough income for the council to reinvest in future maintenance of the facilities. The Redbridge site was already established in terms of cricket provision. However, LCT have developed new starter kits which have engaged several local schools in using the site.

3.10 The below table outlines the sites earmarked for NTP installations, DSM stands for Designated Sports Managers who manage some of the sites:

Location of NTPs to be installation	Post Code	IMD	Operator	Activities & Clubs Onsite
Alexandra Rec Ground	SE26 5ND	6	None	FC Seymour Villas and Bowls Club in place, Football is the dominant sport
Biggin Hill Rec Ground	TN16 3LB	7	None	Pavilion is vacant subject to property review, opportunity to link up with local school Charles Darwin regarding Cricket activity
Goddington Park	BR6 9DH	8	DSM	Football already extensively played across the site (Orpington FC)
Poverest Park	BR5 2AB	7	DSM	Predominately a football site

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

4.1 The cost of using the sites will be low cost with some free provision.

5. TRANSFORMATION/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Making Bromley Even Better Priority:

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6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 All capital installation works will be funded from the ECB/LCT grant. This project will require the Executive to agree an addition to the Capital Programme before this funding can be utilised.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report to Members of the RRH PDS and the Executive requests approval for the acceptance of grant funding totalling circa £40,000 (circa 10k per site NTP installation) from the English Cricket Board/London Cricket Trust. This report comes before the Executive as a drawdown of such a grant must be approved in this way in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

7.2 Although there is no statutory duty on Councils to provide NTPs, this use of the ECB/LCT grant accords with the corporate strategy of Making Bromley Even Better.

7.3 The installation of the NTPs will be small value works contracts to be procured as correctly detailed in the Procurement Implications.

7.4 The English Cricket Board have asked the Council to enter into a Memorandum of Association rather than a grant agreement as regards the roles and responsibilities of each party in relation to the operation and expected levels of use for each pitch. Legal Services will assist officers in concluding this documentation with the ECB.

8. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This report seeks to draw down a grant of £40k from the English Cricket Board and London Cricket Trust to fund the installation of four NTP's across the borough and add these works to the Capital Programme. The Approval of Executive is required to add the proposed works to the Capital programme.
- 8.2 In addition, the report indicates the intent to proceed to procurement for a suitable Contractor to undertake the works at an estimated value of £40k.
- 8.3 The proposed procurement is a works contract and the value falls below the thresholds set out in Part 2 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, so is only subject to Part 4 of the Regulations.
- 8.4 It is proposed to use a closed Request for Quotes process, using the Councils e-tendering system, in line with the requirements of 8.2.1 of the Councils Contract Procedure Rules for a contract of this value.
- 8.5 The procurement must comply with PCR 2015 principles of transparency and equal treatment. Any time limits imposed, such as for responding to adverts and tenders, must be reasonable and proportionate.
- 8.6 The Councils specific requirements for authorisation to proceed to procurement are set out in 1.3 of the Contract Procedure Rules with Officer Approval only required for a contract of this value. Approval to proceed is sought via this report as it aligns to the decisions for drawdown of grant and addition to the Capital Programme. Any subsequent Contract Award decision will be within the threshold of Officer decision.
- 8.7 In accordance with 2.1.2 of the Contract Procedure Rules, Officers must take all necessary professional advice.
- 8.8 As the resulting contract will be over £30k, an Award Notice will need to be published in Contracts Finder.
- 8.9 The procurement actions identified in this report are provided for within the Councils Contract Procedure Rules and can be completed in compliance with their content.

9. CUSTOMER IMPACT

91. It is anticipated there will be a significant uptick on the number of participants at these sites with the support of Kent Cricket in terms of 'activating' the Non-Turf Pitches.

Non-Applicable Headings:	Personnel implications; Property implications; Carbon reduction; Ward Councillor views.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Appendix 1 – Pictogram (Impact LCT has had regarding installation of NTPs across London Boroughs)