

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 29th JULY 2015 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :	Kenilworth Tennis, Squash and Croquet Club		
Description of scheme:	<p>Refurbishment of five tennis courts that are at the end of their life span, project work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing two tennis courts with pro sand-dressed artificial grass surface • Treating three hard tennis courts for moss, cleaning, putting a binder coating to the surface and painting • Making necessary fence improvements around four of the courts to make them safe and secure for use • Installing a new gate and replacing an existing gate • Purchasing a sandbrusher to prolong the lifespan of the four astro courts 		
Evidence of need:	<p>There is a visible need; the two show courts have reached the end of their playing life and need to be resurfaced, the three hard courts are in dire need of moss treatment, re-binding and re-painting. None of the courts will last another Winter Season. The Tennis Coach, James Roe, has provided a letter stating that in his professional opinion that courts are at the end of life span and the works that are required to keep them in use.</p>		
3 years accounts received?	<p>2012 - 2014 accounts have been received, along with recent bank statements for the three accounts held covering the period April to May 2015; this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.</p>		
Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	<p>Year ended 30/09/14</p> <p>£30,434</p>	<p>Year ended 30/09/13</p> <p>£32,975</p>	<p>Year ended 30/09/12</p> <p>£44,048</p>
Available Funds (cash and reserves)	<p>Year ended 30/09/14</p> <p>£56,890</p>	<p>Year ended 30/09/13</p> <p>£56,066</p>	<p>Year ended 30/09/12</p> <p>£179,908</p>
Details of membership, fees etc:	<p>There are membership fees, covering a wide range of categories across the sports of tennis, squash and croquet, including; junior, student, single person, family memberships. A full list of subscriptions has been provided, however, as a brief summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis only membership – ranges between £42 for a child to £280 for an adult • Squash only membership – ranges between £37 for a child to £245 for an adult • Combined membership – ranges between £47 for a child to £315 for an adult • Adult group coaching sessions - members are £5 per session, non-members £6 per session • Holiday camps – £16 per day per child for members, non-members £17 per day • Junior nights are every Friday from May to July - £3 for non-members and non-members can attend three sessions per year 		
Details of usage:	<p>The Club has 222 junior members and 478 adult members; the majority of members are from Kenilworth and the surrounding areas. The number of non-members who use the tennis facilities is hard to quantify but should be in the region of 100 to 200 people, non-members also attend many activity sessions that the club run, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenilworth School & Sixth Form play home tennis matches (free of charge) – 10 home matches per season, approx. 40 school students involved. • St Nicholas C of E Primary School (Year 3 & 4 pupils) hold weekly PE lessons all year round at the club (free of charge) - approx. 60 pupils per week • All Kenilworth Primary Schools are offered a free session for their reception children - held either at the school or at the club (Headteachers choice) • Weekly tennis cardio sessions for adults (held all year round) - can be attended by members and non-members, approx. 10 adults attend each week, half of which are normally non-members • Tennis holiday camps for children are held every day over the school holidays - camps are open to members and non-members, they are publicised through school newsletters and by giving out leaflets to all Kenilworth Schools, approx. 30 to 50 children attend each day over the school holidays, approx 40% of these children are non-members • Weekly adult improvers and beginners tennis courses, held every week (4 separate sessions) during term time -open to members and non-members, approx. 10 to 20 adults attend each session, approx 30% of these will be non-members 		
Details of Organisations equalities policies:	<p>A copy of the Kenilworth Tennis, Squash and Croquet Club Equality and Diversity Policy has been provided, however, in summary; the aim of the policy is to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect and that members, non-members, visiting clubs and teams are not denied access to the club because of a discriminatory reason.</p>		
3 quotes provided:	<p>Yes - three quotes have been received.</p>		
Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?	Evidence		
Reduce anti-social behaviour	<p>The club encourages many young people in the area to join or to use the facilities as a non-member in organised tennis events and there is also community usage of the club for example;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenilworth School and Sixth Form use the courts for their match courts • An annual community event is hosted (The Great British Tennis weekend) where the club is open free of charge (this year there was 100+ members of public on the Saturday and 70+ juniors on the Friday night) • Hold weekly tennis improvement sessions for adult non-members • Hold junior coaching sessions during the week for non-members who are also able to attend Friday night junior nights <p>Provision of these activities helps towards reducing anti-social behaviour; if the courts aren't refurbished and become unusable there is a risk that activities will cease and that anti-social behaviour will potentially increase.</p>		

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

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- Kenilworth School and Sixth Form use the courts for their match courts
- St Nicholas C of E Primary School hold weekly PE lessons all year round at the club
- All Kenilworth Primary Schools are offered a free session for their reception children
- An annual community event is hosted; "The Great British Tennis weekend"
- Hold weekly tennis improvement sessions for adult non-members
- Hold junior coaching sessions during the week for non-members

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Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities

Five tennis courts are now at the end of their life span, without refurbishment these courts will need to be withdrawn from use and activities provided will cease. This would naturally decrease opportunities for the community to participate in sporting activity ranging from adult members, non-members and local school children.

Engaging and strengthening communities

The club is managed and run by a wide range of volunteers from the local community and the activities that are available also bring together a wide range of people; this all helps to engage and strengthen the community. If the courts aren't refurbished and become unusable activities will cease which will potentially disengage and weaken the community.

Targeting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

There is free-of-charge community usage of the club for example;

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Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£58,190 This is the net amount; the club will be claiming back vat therefore the award is excluding vat

Funded by:

Status

Parish Council

£100

Own Funds

£28,895

Total RUCIS

£28,995

equates to

49.8%