

**RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 3rd DECEMBER 2014 EXECUTIVE :**

<b>Applicant :</b>	<b>Offchurch Sports Club</b>		
<b>Description of scheme:</b>	The project is to resurface the tarmac on the all-weather netball court as it has reached the end of its useful life, having been down for approximately 13 years. The court has become very smooth and dangerous with people slipping over when playing netball and tennis, especially when the court is damp or wet. Resurfacing the court will make it usable again all-year round for netball and tennis league matches and practice sessions as well as cricket practice.		
<b>Evidence of need:</b>	Letters of support have been provided from the Joint Parish Council, Warwickshire County Netball Association and Leamington Netball Club. Currently there are Health and Safety issues experienced with damp and wet weather conditions which reduces court availability; this is evidenced in two of the letters of support and also by an emailed complaint from an individual club member.		
<b>3 years accounts received?</b>	2012 - 2014 accounts have been received, along with a recent bank balance receipt dated 22nd October 2014. This evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.		
<b>Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit</b>	<b>Year ended</b> 31/3/14	<b>Year ended</b> 31/3/13	<b>Year ended</b> 31/3/12
	-£237	£604	£4,328
<b>Available Funds ( cash and reserves )</b>	<b>Year ended</b> 31/3/14	<b>Year ended</b> 31/3/13	<b>Year ended</b> 31/3/12
	£7,243	£7,474	£6,910
<b>Details of membership, fees etc:</b>	Membership fees per annum: netball membership £25 adult and £15 junior, tennis membership £75 Family, £50 adult and £15 junior, cricket membership £50 adult and £20 junior		
<b>Details of usage:</b>	<p>Offchurch Sports Club is a non-profit making organisation, "open to all", which provides Netball, Tennis and Cricket facilities, which are used by members or people hiring the facilities ranging from children and youth, up to people in their 70's. The Netball court that requires resurfacing is used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball has 2 league teams which plays matches from September to April at least once a week. There is also a practice of at least once a week. Training also takes place during the summer once a week. At least one Netball Saturday tournament is run every year including several teams from the local area.</li> <li>• Tennis has 3 league teams, which generally play from April to September, once or twice a week. Practice will take place almost every day and night of the week during the summer and will take place to a lesser extent during the winter although there is a hardcore of members who play throughout the year, using the court floodlights in the winter.</li> <li>• Cricket has one team that plays friendlies on Sundays from April to October. There is a practice every the week during this period.</li> </ul> <p>There are also ad-hoc hires, such as to NFU for tennis and cricket each year and the Clubhouse is used for Quiz nights, BBQ's, Rounders evenings and other club social activities.</p>		
<b>Details of Organisations equalities policies:</b>	<p>The club have provided a copy of their equality policy, the main point is as follows:</p> <p>"The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social / economic status."</p>		
<b>3 quotes provided:</b>	Yes - three quotes have been received.		
<b>Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?</b>	<b>Evidence</b>		
<b>Reduce anti-social behaviour</b>	The facilities at Offchurch Sports Club for training, coaching, friendly games and league matches for Netball, Tennis and Cricket, offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to participate in sport and have a clear focus/goal, thereby reducing the possibilities for anti-social behaviour caused by boredom/no focus during leisure time.		
<b>Reducing obesity, particularly in children</b>	With the facilities offered at Offchurch Sports Club across Netball, Tennis and Cricket, the active participation in these sports helps to reduce obesity in the community, particularly in children; there are approximately 30 children and youth members currently using the club facilities.		
<b>Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities</b>	The present poor condition of the court has reduced opportunities for the community to participate in Netball and Tennis with practice sessions and league matches being cancelled due to Health & Safety risks, especially in damp or wet weather conditions. By resurfacing the court, and thereby removing the Health & Safety risks caused by the court there will be increased opportunity for players to participate in sport all year round.		
<b>Engaging and strengthening communities</b>	Whilst the project does not directly impact on this, the Club and also the Cricket, Netball and Tennis sections, including the league teams, are all run by a wide range of volunteers from across the community. With the facilities offered and active participants at Offchurch Sports Club, across the wide spectrum of ages, the club encourages participation, strengthening the local community and reducing rural isolation.		
<b>Targeting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:</b>	Offchurch Sports Club is "open to all" offering low cost sports facilities to encourage all to take part regardless of background.		
<b>Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)</b>	£10,770		
<b>Funded by:</b>	<b>Status</b>		
<b>Parish Council</b>	£0	A financial contribution has been requested with a response that a small contribution of around £200 is likely; this has been included as a caveat in the recommendation report	
<b>Own Funds</b>	£5,545	Cash reserves have been evidenced through the provision of a recent bank balance print-out	

<b>Total RUCIS</b>	<b>£5,225</b>
<b>equates to</b>	<b>48.5%</b>