Item 15.2 CDG1175 Currie Courts Improvements Update for March 2024

Reporting: Growth & Strategy Manager – Helen Thomas

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on activity on project CGD1175, previously referred to as the Community Gym, for March 2024. This includes:

- Resurfacing of tennis and netball courts
- Budget
- Community communications
- Grant negotiations

DISCUSSION:

Resurfacing of tennis and netball courts

Quotes for the resurfacing of the tennis and netball courts have been evaluated and a recommendation made to Council in the confidential section of its April meeting. Approval of this recommendation will lead to negotiation with the preferred supplier and should result in an executed contract of engagement before the end of May 2024.

The scope of works recommended for completion include:

- Removal of existing acrylic surfaces on two top courts and two bottom courts
- Application of new acrylic surface on two top courts and two bottom courts
- Line marking on all four courts to allow for a mix of sports, including tennis and netball
- Installation of synthetic turf on the third bottom court, including a shock pad underlay, with markings for 5-a-side soccer or futsal
- Supply and installation of new hardware for designated sports, e.g. tennis nets
- Replacement of fencing around all five courts

Budget

As reported to previous meetings, the Commonwealth grant administrators have indicated that it will be possible to re-scope the grant deed to include only the resurfacing of courts and the construction of associated car parking. The project team are confident that the cost of resurfacing two courts, including associated freight, travel and accommodation, will be covered by this grant. The full cost of works recommended will be submitted for consideration by the grant administrator, in the hope that they will agree to an increased scope in lieu of the construction of a community gym and wellbeing facility. It is proposed that any amount not covered by the Community Development Grants Program be funded with the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Round 4 funding. This would be consistent with Council's resolution 275/23 to commit any non-CGDP funds to sport fitness and sport recreation projects.

Community communications

Delay in the evaluation of quotes and staff absences meant meetings with key stakeholders were not held in March. Invitations will be issued in April for meetings in May. This timeframe will still allow for inclusion of stakeholder feedback in the resurfacing of all courts, including the proposed synthetic turf pitch.

Grant negotiations
Conversation with the Commonwealth grant administrator is ongoing. Provision of an indicative budget and timeframe has been deferred until Council considers the scope of work it wants to be completed in resurfacing and improving the courts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
The activities detailed above are included within approved budgets, except where indicated otherwise.

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Commit to the court improvement works outlined above, including resurfacing of four hard courts, installation of synthetic turf on the fifth court, provision and installation of associated hardware, and re-fencing of courts.

2. Resolve to commit LRCI funds to cover any gap between CDGP funds and the cost of the recommended court improvement works.

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CARRIED unanimously

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