

## **MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN** **SAVING PROPOSAL ASSESSMENT**

**DIRECTORATE:** Economy and Environment  
**SERVICE AREA:** Green Spaces and Transport

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### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**SAVING PROPOSAL TITLE:** Additional Income from new tennis facilities within Parks Locations

**BUDGET AREA:** Outdoor Facilities

**TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS AREA:** £247,812

**% OF TOTAL BUDGET IN SAVINGS PROPOSAL:** 2.02%

**TOTAL SAVING:** £ 5,000

**Please provide a brief description of how the saving will be achieved:**

There are a number of tennis courts across the county borough, which are available for general use by the public. Following recent investment by the Council at both The Showfield, Blackwood and Ystrad Mynach Park, Tennis Wales has agreed to invest (match fund), at no cost to the Council (resurfacing, painting etc) in four additional sites (Rhymney, Morgan Jones Park, Pontymister and Ynysddu) to increase and promote participation in the sport. Subsequently, these sites will then be fitted with an 'E' gate, members of the public can book a court via an app on their smart phone, pay and they will be provided with a unique code to enter on the keypad on the entrance gate. This system will be able to provide usage figures and monitor the last users should any damage or issues be subsequently reported.

The fees suggested by Tennis Wales are: -

- Family subscription - £39.00 per year;
- Student subscription - £19.00 per year;
- Pay & play - £4.50 per hour.

Based on this system being in operation in other neighbouring local authorities, Tennis Wales have been able to provide some potential additional income figures which are the basis of this savings proposal.

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### **2. PUBLIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE PUBLIC:**

These proposals will provide users and the public with newly refurbished facilities which will hopefully encourage more use and get more people more active and enjoying physical exercise.

**Long-term guidance:** Participation in sport promotes long-term health and well-being  
PREVENTION maintaining an active lifestyle helps to prevent ill health in later life.

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**Prevention guidance:** N/A

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**DOES THE PROPOSAL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT MORE GREATLY ON PEOPLE WITH PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS?** (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation)

\* Yes  No

**DOES THE PROPOSAL IMPACT ON PEOPLE WHO FACE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE?** (low income/income poverty, low wealth/or no wealth, material deprivation, area deprivation, socio-economic background, cumulative impact – information on [Policy Portal](#))

\* Yes  No

**DOES THE PROPOSAL HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE WELSH LANGUAGE?** (opportunities to use the language, promote the language and/or treating the Welsh language less favourably than the English language)

\* Yes  No

**NB \*** If **YES** to any of the above, please complete an [Integrated Impact Assessment](#) (IIA). For further advice and guidance please see the [Policy Portal](#). A Saving Proposal Template or an IIA, if relevant, must be submitted to be included as hyperlinks to all decision reports related to the proposed savings. IIAs are not required for nil impact proposals.

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**PLEASE DETAIL ANY CONSULTATION THAT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL.** Summarise any feedback received.

**This proposal was considered as part of the Council’s wider consultation on draft savings proposals (January/February 2023). Only a few expressed views in relation to this proposal. There was some support on the basis that other leisure services are already charged for. Whilst income generation was considered a positive way forward, there were mixed views regarding income generation through increased charges for services that are accessed by residents and the community.**

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**IS FURTHER CONSULTATION REQUIRED BEFORE THIS PROPOSAL CAN BE IMPLEMENTED?**

Yes  No

**NB\*** Please seek guidance from Corporate Policy, who can advise on whether a formal consultation is required and adherence to the Gunning Principles.

**TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE PUBLIC IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL (please tick):**

Nil       Minor       Moderate       Significant       Critical

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### **3. ORGANISATION IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING COULD IMPACT UPON THE ORGANISATION:**

The implementation of this proposal will provide newly refurbished facilities for residents and a commercial opportunity to generate additional income for the Council.

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**PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT UPON MEMBERS OF STAFF:**

These proposals will not have any direct impact on any existing members of staff.

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**NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STAFF IN BUDGET AREA AFFECTED: N/A**

**NUMBER OF POSTS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED SAVING: N/A**

**PLEASE SPECIFY HOW THIS WILL BE MANAGED: N/A**

**HOW MANY POST(S) .....(please state)**

- ALREADY VACANT:
- VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE:
- RETIREMENT:
- REDEPLOYMENT:
- REDUNDANCY:

**PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHEN THIS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:**

This proposal will not affect the employment status of any members of staff.

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**WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER DIRECTORATE, SERVICE AREA OR TEAM WITHIN THE COUNCIL? (please tick)**

Yes       No

**WILL THE PROPOSED SAVING HAVE AN IMPACT ON ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNER, OR VOLUNTARY SECTOR PARTNER?** (please tick)

Yes  No

If **yes**, please consider the 5 ways of working, in particular *integration*.

**DESCRIBE:**

- THE AREA(S) AFFECTED; AND
- HOW THE PROPOSED SAVING WILL IMPACT

**Integration guidance:** N/A

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**HAVE ANY OPTIONS BEEN CONSIDERED TO MITIGATE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANY MITIGATION** (e.g. gradual reduction in service, income generation, transferrable skills of staff, commercialisation of the service etc.)

Not applicable.

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**TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE AND THE IMPACT RATING DEFINITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THE ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT RATING APPLICABLE TO THIS SAVING PROPOSAL** (please tick):

Nil  Minor  Moderate  Significant  Critical

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#### **4. LINKS TO POLICY AND CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

**DOES THE SAVINGS PROPOSAL LINK TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?**

If so, please specify and state what the implication may be.

**POLICY AREA:**

**CORPORATE PLAN and WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES (please state which objectives) YES**

**WHAT IS THE LINK?**

This proposal links to the Sport and Active Recreation Strategy and the wellbeing objective to create a country borough which supports a healthy lifestyle

**WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?**

It will encourage residents to become more active, more often and increase participation in physical exercise with an aim to improving and creating a healthy lifestyle.

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**POLICY AREA:**

**STATUTORY DUTIES (including the requirement to provide services in Welsh) NO**

**WHAT IS THE LINK?**

**WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?**

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**POLICY AREA:**

**WELSH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE or STRATEGY - NO**

**WHAT IS THE LINK?**

**WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT?**

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**5. OTHER RISK(S) AND SENSITIVITIES**

**HAVE ANY OTHER RISKS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SAVING PROPOSAL?**

**Yes**  **No**

**IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW:**

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**PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW ANY OTHER MITIGATION:**

Not all risks can be mitigated. Some may need to be tolerated in the context of budget pressures.

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**6. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

**PLEASE USE THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL HAS NOT BEEN CAPTURED.**

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**HEAD OF SERVICE:** Robert Hartshorn

**DATE OF COMPLETION:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023