

# CITY PLAN POLICY ENV2 / IPG12

## ELECTED MEMBER CONSULTATION

### VICTORIA PARK: NETBALL / BASKETBALL PROVISION

#### Introduction

Members are invited to support the allocation of £48,984 of ENV2/IPG12 receipts towards the upgrading, extension and ongoing maintenance of netball/ basketball courts in Victoria Park.

#### Location

Adjacent to the existing tennis courts in Victoria Park, Victoria Park Drive North, Glasgow G14 9NW.

#### Background

A Steering Group comprising representatives from the Victoria Park Community Trust, Glasgow City Council (NRS), Basketball Scotland and Glasgow Netball Association, have for some time been lobbying for the upgrading of the free-play netball / basketball courts which sit adjacent to the recently upgraded tennis courts in Victoria Park.

This in part a response to the increasing popularity of both “street” 3 v 3 basketball, which for the first time will feature as a bona fide sport at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, and netball, a largely indoor sport which craves greater visibility and access to facilities from which to stimulate participation.

Over the past 12 months Glasgow Life has provided support and assistance to the Steering Group to explore and scope out options for the development of the Victoria Park facility, and to act as the applicant in seeking to secure capital funding contributions from external agencies (**sportscotland** and FCC Communities).

#### Project Description

Design Consultants Sportslabs Ltd were commissioned in November 2024 to help assess the feasibility of a series of optional layouts for new netball / basketball provision at Victoria Park. Five potential layouts were identified in all, three of which have been discounted, leaving two which remain as viable options depending upon the outcome of further site investigations and a review of operational implications.

This proposal focusses on securing an ENV2/IPG12 contribution that will allow for the delivery of the Steering Group’s preferred option, referred to as Option 1 on the attached pdf, which is for the extension of the existing hard standing area 7 metres to the north, to accommodate of 2 x full sized netball / basketball courts. The existing non-porous macadam surface will also be resurfaced with porous macadam to match the extended zone, thereby providing effective drainage to the entire playing area. The court envelope will be enclosed by the addition of chain-link fencing on three sides, which will aid ball retention and minimise the potential for cross-contamination from dogs, soil brought on court from players, etc.

To make the space accessible, including for those with disabilities, a new footpath is proposed along the north elevation of the courts which will facilitate entry to the court envelope from the main park entrance on Victoria Park Drive North. This path will be extended west along the north elevation of the courts to contribute to wider stakeholder aspirations to create a perimeter footpath parallel with Victoria Park Drive North, and with a small spur southward, also connect to the path beside the former bowling greens which links to the entrance gates for the existing tennis courts.

The new courts will enhance and improve the provision of free and accessible sport and recreation facilities in Victoria Park, contributing to the health and wellbeing of the local community. It will also act as the focus for the delivery of a programme of activities from local partners, including clubs affiliated to the Glasgow Netball Association and Basketball Scotland.

Glasgow Life will continue to be responsible for maintaining the upgraded asset. Access for the causal user will be free of charge, and animation of the courts for formal group activities will be conducted in conjunction with the Victoria Park Community Trust.

## Capital Costs

The extension of the court footprint 7m to the north brings the court area into closer proximity with the mature trees along Victoria Park Drive North, so there is a requirement for an arboriculture study to determine if this proposal constitutes any risk to the health of those trees, and what mitigation measures, if any, are required to safeguard the newly constructed surface from root ingress.

Design Consultants Sports Labs Ltd has supplied Glasgow Life with a pre-tender cost estimate for the upgrading and 7m extension of the existing netball / basketball area:

<u>Court Works</u>		<u>£</u>
Contract Preliminaries	-	3,801
Site Preparations	-	12,466
Base Works	-	34,695
Line Marking Netball/ Basketball	-	1,500
Fencing System	-	10,800
Equipment	-	10,600
Reinstatement	-	1,250
12 months maintenance	-	1,500
KSI & Performance Testing	-	3,200
Contingency (5%)	-	<u>3,990</u>
Sub-Total	-	83,802
Footpath Works	-	12,000
Arboricultural Study	-	3,500
Tree Mitigation Works (contingency)	-	5,000
Design Fees	-	<u>6,500</u>
Sub-Total	-	27,000
Total Costs (exc. VAT)	-	<b><u>110,802</u></b>

## Capital Funding

FCC Landfill Communities Fund	-	£32,000 (awarded 13.09.24)
<b>sportscotland</b>	-	£29,114 (awarded 08.01.25)
Victoria Park Community Trust	-	£10,500
<b>ENV2 / IPG12</b>	-	<b><u>£39,188</u></b> (see Receipts below)
TOTAL		£110,802

## ENV2 / IPG12 Funding Sources

It is proposed that an ENV2 / IPG12 capital sum of £39,188 be sourced from the following Outdoor Sport (£31,748) and Amenity Greenspace (£7,440) receipts.

Ref No	Address	Ward No	Outdoor Sport (informal) capital	Outdoor Sport (informal) revenue	Amenity capital	Amenity revenue	TOTAL (£)
ENV2 0161	Curle St / Northinch St	12	14,549	3,637	-	-	18,186
IPG12 0018	Sawmill Rd / Castlebank St	12	17,199	4,299	-	-	21,498
ENV2 0795	27 Broomhill Ave	12	-	-	7,440	1,860	9,300
<b>TOTAL Cap</b>			<b>31,748</b>	-	<b>7,440</b>	-	<b>39,188</b>
<b>TOTAL Rev</b>			-	<b>7,936</b>	-	<b>1,860</b>	<b>9,796</b>

### Notes:

- The Amenity Greenspace funding will be used to support the footpath works in accordance with ENV2/IPG12 policy.
- A revenue sum of £9,796 is allocated alongside the capital allocation of £39,188 to act as a contribution towards the cost of ongoing maintenance of the facility over 10 years.

## Assessment against ENV2/IPG12 Policy

Greenspace Category: **Outdoor Sport (Informal)**

Distance Thresholds: **ENV2 Receipt No 0161:** 350m from Victoria Park  
**IPG12 Receipt No 0018:** 1km from Victoria Park

City Plan ENV2 / IPG12 policy supports the strategic use of Outdoor Sport ENV2 / IPG12 funds within the same City Plan Sector. The targeted Informal Sport receipts in Ward 12 have been identified due to their proximity to the recipient site.

Other Opportunities: There are no other known opportunities within the Ward that could provide a comparable level of benefit in terms of informal sport provision.

Justification: Victoria Park is a district park serving Ward 12 and beyond and it is local user groups who are demonstrating evidence of latent demand for the provision of upgraded multi-use courts at a location that is already a focus for sport and recreation. This proposal will help deliver additional opportunities to take part in outdoor sport in a highly accessible format.

Greenspace Category: **Amenity Greenspace (Informal)**

Distance Thresholds: **ENV2 Receipt No 0792:** 750m from Victoria Park

The targeted Amenity Greenspace receipt in Ward 12 has been identified due to its proximity to the recipient site.

Other Opportunities: Whilst there may, in time, be other opportunities identified to utilise the targeted receipt, the proposed use of amenity funds to deliver an extended pathway will improve accessibility for all within Victoria

Park and in turn enhance the park's role as a key open space destination.

Justification: As above. The requirement for footpath access into the enlarged basketball / netball court area provides an opportunity to extend the accessible footway to link up with the existing path network. The proposed use of the closest amenity greenspace receipt is considered a sound use of available funds.

## **Member Consultation**

In accordance with ENV2 / IPG12 policy, consultation is required with elected members representing the multi-member Ward No 12. Any comments in support or otherwise, including requests for further information should you require it, should be submitted to Ms Aoife Nolan (Asst Special Projects Officer), [aoife.nolan@glasgowlife.org.uk](mailto:aoife.nolan@glasgowlife.org.uk); no later than Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

*(Please note that should the delivery of the preferred layout – Option 1 attached - prove to be impractical following a review of the outputs of further investigative work referred to in “Project Description” and “Capital Costs”, the intention will be to reduce the length of the extended area to provide 1 x full-size netball / basketball competition court together with 2 x netball / basketball training areas as per the indicative layout shown in Option 2 attached. Any reduction in capital cost will see a proportionate amount of ENV2/IPG12 funding returned to GCC for re-allocation in support of the delivery of other projects).*

## **Council Approvals**

This proposal was approved by the City Council's ENV2 Project Assessment Group on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Subject to a favourable response from local elected members, formal approval for use of the said funds will be sought from the City Council's Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity.

## **Timescales**

Over the next few months Glasgow Life will continue to support the Steering Group by co-ordinating all tasks associated with the project, including the commissioning of the arboriculture study, the production of design information, and the production of tender documentation, upon which contractor prices shall be obtained over the summer.

The deadline for use of external funding already secured is that a site start must be made no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, but the aspiration is to commence works on site as soon as practical ahead of that date.

## **Recommendation**

In accordance with City Plan ENV2 policy, elected members are invited to support the allocation of £48,984 of Outdoor Sport and Amenity Greenspace receipts in support of the upgrading, extension and ongoing maintenance of netball/ basketball courts at Victoria Park.