

Record of Officer Decision

This form is the written record of a key or significant operational decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision
Director¹	Director of City Development	
Contact person:	Natalie Curgenvan	Telephone number:
		0113 535 0988
Subject²:	Re-opening John Charles Outdoor Tennis Courts for use by the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association	
Decision details:	What decision has been taken? ³ The Head of Active Leeds approved the re-opening of outdoor tennis courts at John Charles Centre for Sport for use by the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association.	
	A brief statement of the reasons for the decision ⁴ Re-opening of outdoor tennis courts at John Charles for Yorkshire LTA performance centre only (Risk assessment has been completed) All leisure centres closed following Government advice. Some reopening of outdoor sports facilities, including tennis has been approved by Government and therefore public tennis provision has resumed within Parks and Countryside facilities. John Charles Centre for Sport entered into a partnership with Yorkshire Tennis in September 2019 to become a performance centre for regional players. CUTIV8 are responsible for running the performance programme at JCCS and currently have 12 core regional players, 5 who have obtained scholarship funding. The partnership has been a fantastic addition to the tennis programme at JCCS with an additional 40 hours court use per week which runs alongside the Active Leeds Development Programme. After the government announcement that outdoor courts are permitted to reopen from Wednesday 13	

¹ With delegated authority set out in Constitution


² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

³ Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.

⁴ Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal or Equality colleagues as appropriate.

	<p>May 2020 the G.B, LTA produced further guidelines for coaches, players and venues to assist in the process of courts being utilised and to enable performance players to commence training https://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus</p> <p>CULTIV8 have approached the service to ask if access can be gained to 2 of the 6 courts at JCCS for the regional performance players. After giving much thought to the way this could operate following government guidelines and putting a specific risk assessment in place it is clear this request can be done safely. The players are at a level where they are receiving individual coaching sessions, therefore only 2 people on a court at one time. JCCS have 6 outdoor courts which are located in sets of two's, therefore 2 courts can be allocated that are not side by side. CULTIV8 have seen that over venues are opening outdoor tennis facilities and are keen to get their players back on court and would like to access their home training facility at JCCS.</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time of making the decision</p> <p>This option is to allow coached activity only for performance athletes. There will not be any pay and play tennis (as public tennis courts are available elsewhere across the city).</p>
Affected wards:	Middleton Park
Details of consultation undertaken⁵:	<p>Executive Member</p> <p>Executive Member for Environment & Active Lifestyles (Cllr Rafique)</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Ward Members in Middleton Park</p> <p>Others</p> <p>YLTA</p>
Implementation	<p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p>Mark Allman, Head of Active Leeds</p>
List of	<p>Date Added to List:-</p> <p>N/A</p>

⁵ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

Forthcoming Key Decisions⁶	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision		
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s)		
	Signature		Date
Call In	Is the decision available ⁷ for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:		
Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ⁸ Mark Allman, Head of Active Leeds		
	 Signature Mark Allman		Date: 1 June 2020

⁶ Complete this section for key decisions only

⁷ Significant operational decisions are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in.

⁸ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.