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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 25th September 2025 at 6.30pm in the Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Cllr Michael Heaslip (Chair)	Present	Cllr Bernadette Jones (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Mary Bainbridge	Present	Cllr John Mills	Present
Cllr Beth Dixon	Absent*	Cllr Billy Miskelly	Absent*
Cllr Sue Martin	Present	Cllr Patricia Poole	Present
Cllr Sean Melton	Absent*	Cllr Mike Rollo	Present

Also in attendance: WTC Finance Officer/DPO, Cllr Hilary Harrington.

E25.33 Absences

Absences notified prior to the meeting were noted from Cllr Beth Dixon, Cllr Billy Miskelly and Cllr Sean Melton.

E25.34 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bainbridge declared an interest in allotments, as her husband is an allotment holder.

E25.35 Exclusion of Press and Public

None.

E25.36 Public Participation

None.

E25.37 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from 10th July 2025 and affirmed them a true record.

E25.38 Public Questions

None.

E25.39 Questions and Statements from Members

None

The Chair allowed a question from Cllr Harrington regarding an update on the progress of the Public Rights of Way applications. The status of the applications was explained, with the next stage being a visit to Cumberland Council Whitehaven offices to inspect the Definitive Map. This would then be followed by obtaining HMLR searches to identify landholders and submitting the applications & notices.

E25.40 Motions on Notice

None

E25.41 Budget 2025-2026

- a) Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.
- b) **Resolved:** Committee deferred discussion of the 2026-27 budget and any earmarked reserve requests to the next meeting for further consideration.

E25.42 Street Displays

a) Floral Display Tender

Comment was made that the council should look for ways to more widely advertise the tender after only receiving one respondent for the current contract. Committee was informed that the council is now registered on the GOV.UK "Find a Tender" portal for publishing notices of tenders.

Resolved: To start the tender process for a five-year contract for the floral displays in the town centre.

b) Self-watering Mangers

Committee discussed the placing of the mangers within the town centre and the effectiveness of the self-watering solution. The placement would be factored into any plans included in the tender for the new contract. The self-watering mangers currently in use were found by the Estates team to be an improvement on the regular mangers during the summer.

Resolved: To include the purchase of new self-watering mangers in the 2026/27 budget to replace existing stock.

E25.43 Environmental Activities

Resolved: To not enter Cumbria in Bloom or Britain in Bloom in future years.

E25.44 Streetscene

a) Miners' Memorial

Committee noted the report for information.

b) Defibrillator at Siddick

Comment was made regarding the need to budget for maintenance of the unit. It was also asked if there had been any vandalism of the council's other defibrillators. Committee was informed that there have been no reports of any vandalism or interference with the council's AEDs to date.

Resolved: To install a solar/wind powered defibrillator at the suggested site in Siddick at a cost of £4,500 from the Streetscene budget line.

c) Workington Quayside

Resolved: To agree to take on maintenance of the Quayside planters and benches at a current annual cost of £1,000 to the Streetscene budget line.

d) Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meetings

Committee received an update from Cllr Mills. The previous meeting via Teams had to be cancelled as the officer due to conduct the meeting was called to an active incident. It was suggested that rather than holding separate meetings, the police could be invited to conduct them as part of WTC full council meetings.

Resolved: Chief Officer to contact the police to suggest hosting the NPP meeting 2/3 times a year as part of WTC full council meetings.

E25.45 Play Areas

a) Play Area Equipment

Resolved: To request permission from Full Council to purchase and install additional accessible play equipment at a cost of £10,500 from the Play Areas budget line.

b) Garnet Crescent

Committee noted the report for information.

c) New Play Area

Committee noted the report for information.

Cllr Bainbridge left the meeting.

E25.46 Allotments

A review of the allotment estate showed that there were different prices per square metre being charged to tenants of different plots on the same allotment site; some varied significantly for unknown reasons and a lot of the pricing is historical. It was resolved therefore to charge the same rate per square metre, based on the current average for each site. It was noted that some would increase and some decrease and it was agreed that any increase of 25% or more for a given allotment plot would be spread over two years, and as a consequence, the total income to the Council from allotment rents in 2025-26 would fall by approximately £200.

a) Resolved: To implement the new ppm² pricing system for allotment plot rents, using the current base average rate for each site.

b) Resolved: To allow a concession of 50% of the increase amount for the first year for all plots showing an increase of 25% or more in the rental rate.

Committee discussed the logistics of the use of a petrol waterer for supplying allotments with water and the need for its use in Vulcan Park.

Resolved: Officers to submit a more detailed report including the specifications and proposed uses of the petrol waterer to the next meeting.

Cllr Bainbridge returned to the meeting.

E25.47 Estate Development

a) Green Hub

Comment was made that given the amount needed to carry out the works on the Green Hub, Committee should reevaluate the details of the intended use of the building to see if this has changed since the initial report and would still be giving the council value for money.

Resolved: Officers to present a new report on the Green Hub proposed use to committee at the next meeting.

b) Tennis Courts

Committee noted the report for information.

c) Planting Projects

Committee noted the report for information.

d) The Ranch and Fields in Trust

Resolved: Recommend to Full Council that Officers begin the application process for Field in Trust status for the Ranch Playing Fields.

e) St John's Churchyard

Resolved: To include maintenance of the churchyard in the wider maintenance transfer currently being discussed with Cumberland Council.

E25.48 Environmental Consultations

a) Harrington Bathing Waters Consultation

Resolved: Officers to submit a response on behalf of the council supporting the designation.

b) Call for Sites

It was asked who can submit sites for consideration. Committee was informed that anyone can submit a site as an individual or group, provided they have the landowner's permission to do so.

Resolved: Officers to submit a separate response on behalf of the council for each piece of council owned land in the "Open space/community use/greenspace" use class.

E25.49 Workington Nature Partnership

Committee noted the report for information.

The Chair is still waiting for a meeting with Cumberland Council planning Officers with regards to the silting of Ellerbeck and Harrington reservoir.

The meeting ended at 8:07pm.

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report
Environment

As At
31-Oct

		Current Year 2025/26							Balance at 31-Oct-25
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 31-Oct-25	Committed Expenditure	
120	Environment								
4700	Street Displays	26,000	0	0	0	26,000	21,873	2,912	1,215
4705	Environmental Activities	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	661	0	2,339
4710	Green Grants	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	1,608	0	1,392
4810	Streetscene	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	3,151	4,754	2,095
4830	Vulcan Park	19,000	0	0	0	19,000	5,636	9,009	4,355
4840	Play Areas	45,000	0	0	0	45,000	31,028	11,918	2,054
4850	Allotments	24,700	0	0	0	24,700	8,453	10,037	6,210
4860	Estate Management	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	6,317	327	3,356
4870	Estate Development	201,000	0	0	0	201,000	116,956	10,527	73,517
4730	Nature Partnership	25,500	0	0	0	25,500	54	23,500	1,946
		367,200	0	0	0	367,200	195,737	72,985	98,478

Committed Expenditure Listing for 2025/26

Order Number	Month	Order Date	Supplier Name	Description	Code	Centre	Net Amount	Invoiced	Balance
2303	1	26-Nov	Tivoli Group Limited	Soapery - Remove and dispose of footbridge	4850	120	766.80		766.80
2317	1	21-Jan	S J McGuckin Ltd	Cable for VP Lights	4830	120	1,140.00	450.00	690.00
2348	1	16-Apr	MKM BS Workington	Allotment Fencing	4850	120	47.20		47.20
2351	1	22-Apr	MKM BS Workington	Materials for VP Picnic Benches	4870	120	500.00	216.40	283.60
2383	1	01-Apr	Npower Ltd	Street Lighting at Frostoms 25/26	4810	120	254.48		254.48
2385	1	01-Apr	Business Stream	Water - Vulcan Park 25/26	4830	120	322.32	100.30	222.02
2386	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - VP Bowling Bower	4830	120	270.00	206.55	63.45
2387	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Vulcan Park Trade Waste Collection 25/26	4830	120	2,704.00		2,704.00
2388	1	01-Apr	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Café & Lights 25/26	4830	120	1,920.67	702.57	1,218.10
2389	1	01-Apr	Card Saver Limited	Allotment Virtual Terminal Fees 25/26	4850	120	142.40	43.80	98.60
2390	1	01-Apr	Clover (First Data Europe Limited)	Allotment Virtual Terminal Fees 25/26	4850	120	599.88	300.48	299.40
2391	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - Annie Pit 25/26	4850	120	1,522.52	1,164.71	357.81
2392	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - Cranbourne Street 25/26	4850	120	804.32	615.28	189.04
2393	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - Salterbeck 25/26	4850	120	479.84	367.08	112.76
2394	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - Siddick 25/26	4850	120	541.80	414.98	126.82
2395	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - Soapery 25/26	4850	120	844.20	645.81	198.39
2396	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - Stoneleigh 25/26	4850	120	729.76	558.23	171.53
2397	1	01-Apr	Water Plus	Water - Annie Pit Allotments 25/26	4850	120	1,462.46	886.10	576.36
2400	1	01-Apr	Water Plus	Water - Siddick Allotments 25/26	4850	120	271.26	158.63	112.63
2401	1	01-Apr	Water Plus	Water - Stoneleigh Allotments 25/26	4850	120	181.08	79.49	101.59
2402	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Play Area Inspections 25/26	4840	120	1,418.33		1,418.33
2403	1	01-Apr	FuelGenie Business Account	Fuel for Estates Team Machinery 25/26	4860	120	1,345.00	1,017.53	327.47
2427	5	21-Aug	NBB Recycled Furniture	Picnic Benches	4870	120	2,322.00	729.00	1,593.00
2441	7	09-Oct	ITSA Goal Ltd	Goal Posts for Vulcan Park	4870	120	2,108.27		2,108.27
2445	7	23-Oct	Kompan Scotland	Accessible Play Area Equipment	4840	120	7,558.88		7,558.88
2446	7	27-Oct	Wicksteed Leisure	Accessible Play Area Equipment	4840	120	774.86		774.86
n/a	1	01-Apr	Arborscape	Floral Displays 2025	4700	120	25,318.00	22,406.00	2,912.00
n/a	1	01-Apr	Cumberland Council	Workington Nature Partnership Officer Salary Contrib	4730	120	23,500.00		23,500.00
n/a	1	01-Apr	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Queen's Hut 23/24	4830	120	675.00		675.00
n/a	1	01-Apr	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Queen's Hut 24/25	4830	120	812.22		812.22
n/a	1	01-Apr	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Queen's Hut 25/26	4830	120	974.66		974.66
n/a	2	22-May	Project	Activity Markings in Vulcan Park	4870	120	2,000.00		2,000.00
n/a	2	22-May	Project	IBCs for Siddick & Stoneleigh	4850	120	4,700.00		4,700.00
n/a	4	10-Jul	Project	Vulcan Park Tree Survey	4830	120	1,650.00		1,650.00
n/a	5	01-Aug	Project	Works to Stoneleigh Allotments	4850	120	4,000.00	1,822.30	2,177.70
n/a	5	01-Aug	Project	Works to Siddick Allotments	4870	120	3,000.00	729.00	2,271.00
n/a	5	01-Aug	Project	Works to The Ranch Playing Fields	4870	120	3,000.00	729.00	2,271.00

Committed Expenditure Listing for 2025/26

Order				Description	Code	Centre	Net Amount	Invoiced	Balance
Number	Month	Order Date	Supplier Name						
n/a	6	25-Sep	Project	Siddick Defibrillator	4810	120	4,500.00		4,500.00
n/a	6	25-Sep	Project	Accessible Play Area Equipment	4840	120	10,500.00	8,333.74	2,166.26

DRAFT Budget 25-26

Environment	Base Budget 24-25	Proposed Base Budget 25-26	Non-recurring items 25-26 only	Proposed Base Budget 26-27	Variation to Base Budget +/-	Non-recurring items 26-27 only	Budget use	Notes (estimated but not exhaustive breakdown)
Environmental activities	£0	£3,000		£8,000	5,000	£0	Litter picks Competitions and activities Green hub programme	
Green Grants	£3,000	£3,000		£3,000	0	£0	Funding requests.	
Streetscene	£13,500	£10,000		£39,000	29,000	£15,000	Benches Bus shelters Defibrillators Footway lighting Quayside maintenance Street displays	£15,000 new mangers (one off)
Vulcan Park	£0	£19,000		£20,000	1,000		Vulcan Park costs	
Play areas	£0	£10,000	£35,000	£15,000	5,000		Play area costs	
Allotments	£0	£16,000	£8,700	£16,000	0	£6,000	Allotment costs	Removal of green waste Water charges Pest control Card saver / virtual terminal fees Non-recurring water butt costs (one off)
Estate management	£0	£10,000		£40,000	30,000		Estate management costs	General maintenance for all areas and buildings The Ranch - £7,100 Ride on service - £500 Bowling bower and green - £3,000 Tennis courts maintenance - £3,600 Potential acquisition maintenance
Estate Development	£0	£53,000	£148,000	£30,000	-23,000	£35,000	Estate development costs Non recurring replacement of Brewery House (one off)	
Nature Partnership	£23,500	£25,500		£25,500	0		Workington Nature Partnership.	£23,500 standard contribution £2,000 materials/general support
Street Planting	£17,500	£26,000		£0	-26,000	£0	Now in streetscene	
Estate Development (Park, Play Areas, Ranch and Allotments)	£99,500	£0		£0				
Park Maintenance (Park, Play Areas, Ranch, Bowling green)	£30,000	£0		£0				
Allotments maintenance	£16,000	£0		£0				
Total Environment	£203,000	£175,500	£191,700	£196,500	£21,000	£56,000		
Total Environment 26-27			£252,500					



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 11
Meeting date: Thursday 13th November 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Streetscene – Bus Shelters	

1. RECOMMENDATION

Committee are asked to consider if they wish to take over responsibility of bus shelters from Cumberland Council.

Bus shelters are a statutory function of parish councils and should have been returned to the Council when it was re-established in 1982, but that was missed.

2. DETAIL

Bus shelters within Workington are:

No.	Name	Location	Material	Notes
1	Crooklands	High Harrington	Metal and perspex	
2	Opposite Galloping Horse	High Harrington	Metal box	
3	Kiln Green	High Harrington	Metal box	
4	Brewery House	High Harrington	Brick, timber frame, metal roof	
5	Salterbeck cemetery	Workington	Metal	
6	Mossbay Road, Casson Road	Moss Bay Road	Brick	
7	Mossbay Road, end of Solway House Rd	Moss Bay Road	Brick	
8	Mossbay Road, The Ranch	Moss Bay Road	Metal and Perspex	WTC owned
9	Opposite Moorclose Depot	Westfield Drive	Metal and glass	
10	Bowness Court	Ashfield Road	Metal and Perspex	
11	Laybourne House	Ashfield Road	Metal and Perspex	
12	Hunday Court	Ashfield Road	Metal and Perspex	

13	Stainburn Road, outside Briery	Stainburn Road	Metal and glass	
14	A596	Outside Northside School	Metal and Perspex	
15	A596	Opposite Northside School	Metal and Perspex	
16	A596	Northside	Brick	
17	A596	Helder Street, Siddick	Brick	
18	A596	Opposite Helder Street, Siddick	Brick	
19	Derwent Howe	Morrisons	Metal and Perspex	WTC owned
20	Derwent Howe	Morrisons	Metal and Perspex	WTC owned
21	Salterbeck Road	Outside RBL	Brick	

The shelters are mainly brick or metal so running costs are minimal and could be met by the current Streetscene budget.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

Unknown at present



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 12
Meeting date: Thursday 13 th November 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Estate Management	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider the purchase of a pump watering system.

2. DETAIL

The Estates team have requested to purchase a petrol waterer. This is similar to a normal IBC but petrol powered for large-scale watering. It will allow the team to travel throughout the town, covering the Council's vast estate, and across Vulcan Park where the hose pipe doesn't reach.

Cost is £1,880 ex VAT.



Description

This 900 litre (200 gallon) skid-mounted watering unit is ideal for use on the rear of vehicles or trailers.

Six metres (20 feet) of heavy-duty 1/2" hose is supplied with on/off lever tap and quick fit coupling for simple lance changeover. Two lances are also included; a short lance for tubs and flower beds; and a telescopic lance complete with rose head for basket watering up to 6 metre reach.

Specification

Tank Capacity	900 Litres (200 gallons)
Mounting	Skid for mounting on rear of vehicles or trailers
Dimensions	Width 1000mm (39"), Height 1270mm (50"), Length 1650mm (66")
Weight guide	Empty 87 Kilos - Full 985 Kilos (Approximately)
Pump	2" centrifugal petrol pump - 3 Hp Honda engine Flow rate: up to 450 litres per minute (adjustable)
Hose	6 metres (20') heavy-duty 1/2" hose complete with 'on/off' lever top, quick-fit couplings for simple lance change over.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

£1,880 from Estates Management budget line.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 13a
Meeting date: Thursday 13th November 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Estate Development – Green Hub	

1. RECOMMENDATION

To consider options for the Green Hub and consider requesting to Full Council to fund the project from the current Environment budget.

It is not an option to simply allow the building to fall into disrepair. The Council has a duty to maintain and development it's assets for the good of the community.

2. DETAIL

Community Green Hub – Sustainability Proposal
Vulcan Park, Workington.

Executive Summary

This project proposes the renovation of a derelict, historically important building in Workington into a free-to-use Community Hub. Once restored, the building will host workshops and events delivered by not-for-profit organisations. Activities will focus on:

- **Healthy Eating & Nutrition** – tackling food poverty and poor health outcomes.
- **Climate Action & Sustainability** – empowering residents with practical skills for greener living.
- **Creative Skills & Crafts** – improving wellbeing, reducing isolation, and building confidence.

The Hub will be free to use for not-for-profit organisations, accessible, and designed to meet the needs of a community experiencing some of the highest levels of deprivation in Cumbria.

This project offers a unique opportunity to:

- Save and restore a piece of Workington's built heritage.
- Provide vital support services in a safe and inclusive setting.
- Create long-term benefits for health, skills, sustainability, and community pride.

Needs Analysis

Community Context

Workington is within the top 10% most deprived areas nationally (Index of Multiple Deprivation, 2019). Local challenges include:

- High levels of income deprivation and child poverty.
- Poorer-than-average health outcomes, including diet-related illnesses.
- Limited access to affordable, safe community spaces.
- A shortage of low-cost or free educational and social activities.

The Building

The building identified for renovation is currently derelict but historically important. Left unused, it risks structural decline and eventual loss. Its restoration offers both a heritage preservation project and a community regeneration initiative.

Consultation & Evidence of Need

- Residents have expressed a desire for more accessible spaces for community activities.
- Local voluntary organisations report a shortage of free venues, limiting their ability to deliver programmes.
- Evidence shows that workshops around healthy eating and sustainability are in demand, particularly in areas with high deprivation.

Project Objectives

1. **Restore a heritage building** and secure its long-term future.
2. **Provide a free-to-use Community Hub** for not-for-profit organisations.
3. **Improve health and wellbeing** through healthy eating workshops and nutrition support.
4. **Promote environmental awareness** through climate and sustainability activities.
5. **Enhance skills, creativity, and confidence** through craft, seasonal, and cultural workshops.
6. **Foster social inclusion** by creating a safe, welcoming, and accessible space.

Project Delivery Plan

Phase 1 – Preparation (Months 1–3)

- Building survey, planning permission, and heritage consultations.
- Community engagement and volunteer recruitment.

- Funding confirmation.

Phase 2 – Renovation (Months 4–12)

- Structural repairs, roof, windows, electrics, plumbing.
- Accessibility improvements (ramps, toilets, lighting).
- Interior fit-out (furnishings, kitchen, workshop space).

Phase 3 – Launch & Programme Delivery (Months 13–24)

- Opening of the Hub with a community event.
- Delivery of first year's workshops:
 - **12 healthy eating workshops** (1 per month).
 - **8 climate/sustainability sessions** (gardening, recycling, energy saving).
 - **12 creative/craft workshops** (wreath making, seasonal crafts, skills sharing).
- Ongoing monitoring & evaluation.

Phase 4 – Sustainability & Growth (Year 3 onward)

- Secure ongoing funding through grants, partnerships, and precept.
- Develop volunteer-led programmes to reduce long-term costs.
- Expand the range of workshops and open the Hub for wider community use.

Outcomes & Evaluation

Anticipated Outcomes

- **Social:** Reduced isolation, improved community cohesion.
- **Health:** At least 120 residents benefiting from nutrition and cooking workshops annually.
- **Skills:** Over 200 residents gaining new skills in craft, sustainability, or healthy living.
- **Environment:** Increased local awareness and adoption of climate-friendly practices.
- **Heritage:** A historic building restored, celebrated, and actively used.

Evaluation Methods

- Attendance records for workshops.
- Participant feedback forms and case studies.
- Annual reporting on community impact.
- Independent evaluation (if required by funders).

Budget (Indicative)

Report will be re-issued to committee asap with costs.

Council to consider committing to renovation costs from 25/26 budget.

Year 1 programme delivery and year 1 running costs will be estimated and budgeted for in the Council's 2026/2027 budget setting.

Funding Sources:

- Hadfield Trust (applied and rejected)
- National Lottery Community Fund (applied and rejected)
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability (applied and rejected)
- Sellafield (applied and rejected)
- Architectural Heritage Fund (applied and rejected)
- Robin Rigg Community Fund (applied for, decision in January 2026)
- Grow Well CIC (£1,500 confirmed)
- Groundworks (£5,000 received)

Risks & Mitigation

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Funding shortfall	Medium	High	Apply to multiple funders, Council to fund.
Building survey reveals higher costs	Medium	High	Contingency budget (10%), phased works.
Low community uptake	Low	Medium	Co-design programme with organisations, strong marketing.
Ongoing sustainability	Medium	Medium	Volunteer programmes, low running costs, partnerships.

Conclusion

The renovation of this derelict historic building into a **Community Hub** will preserve a valuable part of Workington's heritage while addressing urgent community needs. By offering a free and accessible venue, the Hub will enable not-for-profits to deliver services that **improve health, promote sustainability, and strengthen community bonds** in one of Cumbria's most deprived areas.

This investment will provide long-term benefits for both the building and the people of Workington, ensuring the project's legacy for generations to come.

Committee are asked to consider covering the costs from the Estate Development budget line.

The CO will be applying to one more funder with the hope of getting some funding towards the project. However, it would be prudent for committee to ask Council for permission to cover the costs for the project, as funders appear reluctant to fund this project.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

Report will be re-issued to committee asap with costs



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 13b
Meeting date: Thursday 13th November 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Estate Development – Tennis Courts	

1. RECOMMENDATION

To note a report on potential development costs for the Tennis Courts.

2. DETAIL

Tennis Courts

Committee asked Officers to investigate flood lighting and a potential cover for the tennis courts.

Officers had a very productive meeting with the Lawn Tennis Association; they are extremely pleased with how the tennis courts are performing and plans for future growth were discussed in terms of coaching programmes, training for teachers and PE sessions for schools (this will go to Culture committee under their sport remit).

They advised the following:

Flood lights approx. £15,000 per court and canopy cover approx.. £140,000, plus any additional insurance, legal, planning, maintenance and service costs to consider.

- **Floodlighting & covered tennis opportunity at Vulcan Park**

- In terms of project specifications, LTA recommend using SAPCA approved contractors, as they are required to meet LTA specification.
- LTA are happy to review any quotes/specs received; to check they meet LTA best practice.
- For both floodlighting and canopy projects, they would recommend getting a steer from planning early on, to understand project feasibility. A lighting impact assessment would be required as part of a planning application
- More guidance notes can be found [here](#) – under LTA Facility Guidance Notes

- In terms of anticipated project costs, as an approximate guide, floodlighting would cost c.£15k per court, whilst a canopy structure would cost c.£140k per court
- Fordingbridge are a company we are working with to provide cost effective solutions to covering courts, using a canopy model - [Home - Fordingbridge](#)
- In terms of funding streams
 - Both project types are eligible for funding through our Quick Access Loan Scheme – more info here. The interest rate for a project at Vulcan Park would be 2.5%. Also just to flag we cannot loan below £25k
- County (Cumbria Tennis) also have a loan offer; however their offer is interest free. This offer is capped at £10k per project.

Committee to consider how they wish to progress.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

Unknown at present

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Work at Harrington Nature Reserve has included:

Session to trim and rake from triangle to steps. Trim top path of overhanging branches to widen path for pedestrian access using hedge cutter. Clear first set of steps of bramble and overgrowth. Make dead hedge with brash. Begin island work. Balsam pull. Site wide litter pick. (6 vols, 36 hours).

Session on middle island to remove willow and balsam. Willow stacked ready for removal from island. Edge of pond adjacent to dipping pond, clear bank of bindweed and nightshade. Using long reach hedge cutter remove growth to see the bank edge. Some subsidence which will need rectified using suitable brash to back fill. Site wide litterpick. (10 vols, 60 hours).

Session to remove willow from island using boat. Stack by fence for removal. Begin knocking back overgrowth to make haystack. Site wide litterpick. (7 vols, 42 hours).

Session on middle island strimming back overgrowth to create haystack. Begin digging out mud from the channel to allow water flow to far side of pond. Site wide litter pick. (6 vols, 36 hours).

Work at Siddick Ponds has included:

Session to trim and rake from steps behind Edgars to end of woodland area. Trim overhanging branches in woodland. Site wide litter pick. (8 vols, 40 hours).

Session at Edgars to trim and rake from woodland to meadow at old allotment site. Site wide litter pick. (7 vols, 42 hours).

Session at Edgars, working in Mona Meadow to create viewing area from cycle path by cutting back hawthorn. Hedge laying along boundary fence. Wildflower seed scattered at new scrapes along cycle path. (4 vols, 24 hours).

Other work has included:

Session at Oldside scrapes working with Steve Doyle to trim and rake scrapes. Use brash to deter motorbike access. (3 vols, 18 hours).

Session with St Marys primary learning about habitats.

Session with scouts for pond dipping cancelled due to torrential rain.