

DUNOON STADIUM PITCHES

1. SUMMARY

This paper is to bring to Members' attention the issues surrounding the sports pitches at Dunoon Stadium

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note the contents of this report.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 Members are advised that a survey of all the stadium pitches was carried out in spring of 2009 to identify what necessary works would be required to improve the playing surfaces of all 3 sports pitches.
- 3.2 The top park (Rugby/football park); was in very poor condition as a result of inadequate drainage and compacted top surface, verti-draining using specialised equipment (Koro drainage system that creates channels to allow gravel back-fill and in turn allows surface water to get to existing drainage) with a heavy dressing of sand and grass over seeding was recommended.
- 3.3 Lower Park (Black Park) and main Stadium pitch: Same diagnosis as above regarding the playing surface. It was suggested that the drainage to these pitches was adequate and playing surface would benefit from a sand slitting (same operation as above using sand) operation with heavy dressing of top dressing sand to improve surface and grass over seeding
- 3.4 A bid for £40,000 capital funding to upgrade pitches was successful and works to the Stadium pitch and Black park were completed in August prior to Cowal Games.
- 3.5 The company who were successful in being awarded the tender for the Koro works had hoped to be on site to carry out works to the Top park in early September, they advised in mid-Sep that due to the wet spell throughout August they were behind schedule and would be looking at early-mid Oct before arriving in Cowal (meaning the pitch would effectively be out of use from Oct-Dec) , The decision was then taken and agreed by the rugby club that this work would be put back to the spring of

2010 to allow rugby fixtures to be fulfilled and better recovery period to pitch in spring.

3.6 The works to the 2 pitches in August has been well received by the clubs with positive comments regarding draining of parks during recent inclement spells of weather.

3.7 We have recently appointed a new Groundsman at the stadium (Kenny Wilson) who has agreed to a flexible work pattern to accommodate stadium users; this should alleviate the concerns of clubs and lead to a harmonised approach to the running of the facility.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1	Policy	None
4.2	Funding	Capital Funding
4.3	Personnel	None
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None
4.5	Legal	None

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