

Full Council

Date:	22 September 2020
Title:	Thame Football Partnership Artificial Pitch
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Deputy Clerk/Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a written update on the progress of the Football Partnership Artificial 3G Pitch.

Update

2. A meeting took place on 20 August 2020 between the Football Foundation's Consultant, McArdle Sports Tec (constructors), Tiger Turf (3G Pitch Surface), Thame Football Partnership Chairman and the Town Clerk.
3. Notes of this meeting were circulated by the Town Clerk to Councillors on 20 August 2020. The meeting was productive, with a proposed commencement date for construction of October/November and completion in February. However, all parties involved would like to bring the commencement date for construction forward but this is subject to a discharge of conditions on a pending [planning application](#) at South Oxfordshire District Council which has a decision timeframe of 23 September 2020. An additional planning application will be required for the removal of spoil (topsoil), which could save the project up to £20,000. Any savings made during construction will be shared between the construction company and the client on a 50 / 50 basis.
4. A possible risk is that something could stop the work from progressing to construction, if so the project would be invoiced for work carried out to date. However, the Football Foundation's Consultant stated this is highly unlikely and that the Football Foundation would contribute to the cost. A quote has been requested as a just in case scenario.
5. The Football Foundation (FF) AGP Framework Joining Agreement has been received. This is the contract used for the FF AGP Framework which is the Framework Alliance Contract (FAC 1). The FAC 1 is a contract based on collaboration and all parties' sign up to it as Members of the Alliance.
6. The Football Foundation are happy with the legal progress regarding the charge on the land. The funding award requirement is the title restriction or caution against the project property is in favour of the Football Foundation. All information requested has been released to the Football Foundation's solicitor.

7. Thame Town Council's solicitor has been instructed to act on the Council's behalf with an estimated cost of £700 excluding VAT and any disbursements. Additional charges are estimated on an hourly rate.
8. The Town Council's Management Team will be meeting with South Oxfordshire District Council's S106 Officer to investigate what processes have already commenced related to the project.

Action Required

9. To note the report.