# Agenda Item 179.19/20 Football Pitch Annual Maintenance Programme – 2020 Review

The Council is requested to review the following summer renovation programme and authorise the recommended works. An update on which pitches require which operation will be provided at the meeting following inspection with grounds maintenance experts and soil analysis results, if available

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| **Activity** | **Required**  **All / part / none** | **Planned date** | **Actual Date** | **Quoted Costs** |
| Undertake soil analysis to establish a targeted fertilisation plan (Contractor) – Inspect pitches to assess wear |  | March - April | 13 March 20 | £10 – 15 |
| Selective Weed spraying – whole field (Contractor) |  | Mid - April |  |  |
| Pitches closed for summer renovations – Goal posts taken down for repainting – (Council staff) – If in good condition, keep one pitch open for summer friendlies |  | Early – mid May |  | Staff time -  6 hours approx |
| Scarification of grass pitches (consider slitting as an alternative if compaction is heavy) - Contractor |  | Mid-May |  |  |
| Apply slow release fertiliser to some or all pitches (per fertilisation plan) - Contractor |  | Mid-May |  | (subject to soil analysis) |
| Build up levels and reseed goal mouths, water seed (Council staff) |  | Mid- May |  | Staff time – 20 hours over summer |
| Over seed pitches (disc-seeder or seed drill) – Contractor  Seed density between 20 – 30gsm according to pitch wear |  | Mid-May |  | (dependent on seed cost & density) |
| Sand Dressing – to improve drainage (20 – 30T per pitch), rotated according to annual review Contractor |  | May – June |  | Delivered in Min 20T loads |
| Goals repaired, painted and reinstated – Council staff |  | Early- mid August (12 weeks after seeding) |  | Staff time 12 hours |
| Remark all pitches – Council staff |  | Mid-August – early Sept |  | Staff time 50 hours |

## Confidential Cost Estimates

**Estimated external costs (subject to tenders)**

Soil analysis £15

Topsoil £75

Weed spraying (whole field) £400

Scarification / verti-draining £700

Supply & apply fertiliser £1,000

Supply and drill seed £2,500

Supply and apply sand (2 pitches) £2,000

**Estimated total contractor cost £6,690 Budget £7,000**

**Staff Costs**

Take down goal posts £72

Build up /seed goal mouths £240

Repair /paint goal posts, reinstall £144

Remark all pitches £600

**Total estimated staff costs £1,056**

N.B. Staff costs exclude cutting grass and periodic marking to keep lines visible. Staff costs also exclude line marking materials which are separately budgeted for.