

**Written response to:**

Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel

**Resolution:**

That the Policy and Performance Officer circulate further information on the Pre-construction survey and the condition of the Victoria built public sewer which runs under the tennis courts.

**Written response from:**

Policy & Performance Officer

**Response:**

A pre-contract survey of the site has been undertaken as part of general due diligence before commencing any project. This revealed the exact location of the sewer ran under a significant proportion of the tennis courts at Bitts Park. In addition, the general condition of the sewer was reflective of its age and its period of construction. Whilst it is perfectly functionable, any significant works in proximity to it would present a high risk and, on this basis, securing build-over consent from United Utilities would have required extensive and expensive redesign and engineering works in the foundations for the canopy. Council officers are now liaising with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to explore alternative options for providing covered tennis courts in the City.

**Date: 7/9/18**