

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Following extensive consultation and workshops, over a period of 9 months, the draft strategic plan is now available.

Members' preferences are clear. . . .

- Improved court surfaces and lighting (esp. courts 1-4)
- Explore Indoor court options
- Much improved junior programmes (for juniors of all levels)
- More friendly and welcoming environment
- Better overall club management
- Equipment available (mini nets / ball machines etc)
- Social evenings and inclusiveness

The **draft** plan is now available on the club website and hard copies are available in the bar.

This is a critical juncture for the club. As members themselves know, the club has been in decline for a number of years. The club now requires the strongest leadership team possible in order to make the key decisions required to reverse our fortunes.

The club AGM will be held on 8th March. The incoming club committee will need to be as strong and diverse as possible. Any members who feel they can contribute to the management of the club should consider going forward as a committee member.

For further information, contact club development committee:

Denis Breen, Frank Roche, Kenny Walsh or Richard Grant.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND CLARIFICATION

Resurfacing Courts 1 to 4

Courts 1 to 4 have a provisional date set of 31st August 2017 for resurfacing to be completed.

New Lights on Courts 1 to 5

In conjunction with the resurfacing of courts 1 to 4, it will be necessary to upgrade the court lighting. Technical details are currently being formulated in this regard.

Digging Down on Court 1 to 4

No decision has yet been made. No decision will be made without the member's consent. We anticipate the costs and benefits being put to the members in June 2017 so the members can make an informed determination. It is obvious to us that unless the additional costs of digging down are relatively small and the benefits significant, such an option could not be justified. That said, we have not discounted the idea out of hand as such a development would offer the following benefits

Digging down courts 1 to 4 to the same level as court 5 and having all five courts on the same level would have 1 primary and 1 secondary benefit

- 1. It would add significant additional spacing between each court from 1-5.*
- 2. The existing court 5 viewing arrangement would be replicated behind courts 1 to 4.*