

Riverside court upgrade

A safer surface. Better lighting. More time to play.

The Riverside court upgrade is ready for handover. All 36 planned work items are complete, and the final cost of £46,800 is £1,200 below the approved budget.



Site context: an outdoor court serving a busy urban neighbourhood. Illustrative photograph.

What changed

The playing surface has been repaired and marked for basketball and five-a-side football. A continuous, level route now connects the entrance, seating area and court gates.

Four low-glare lighting units replace the old fittings. Their timer keeps the court available for evening sessions while switching the lights off after closing time.

Two new benches sit outside the playing area, leaving space for visitors with pushchairs and mobility aids.

Ready for handover

The final inspection checked the surface, gates, lighting controls and access route. No open safety items remain. The facilities team has received the maintenance schedule and supplier contact details.

The first month will be used to check how the space performs in daily use. Staff will record surface wear, lighting faults and feedback from visitors.

The attached delivery checklist records the documents and equipment transferred to the site team.

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Work items completed

£46,800

Final project cost

2.5%

Below approved budget

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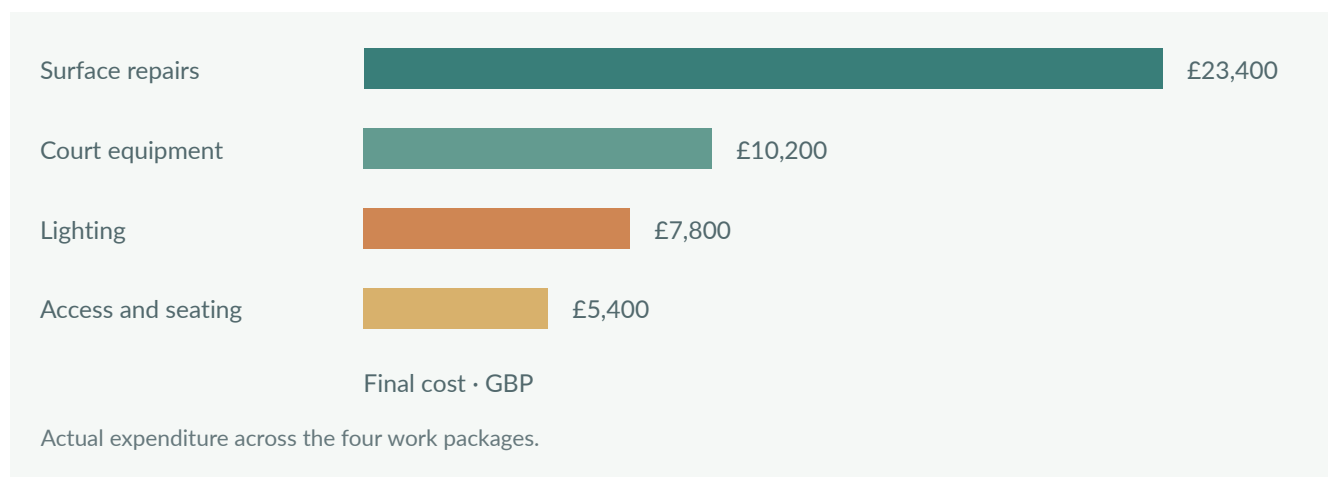
Costs and next steps

Final account and the first month of operation

Where the budget went

Surface repairs account for half of the final cost. Savings on surfacing and access work offset the additional equipment fittings.

Work package	Budget	Actual	Difference
Surface repairs	£24,000	£23,400	–£600
Court equipment	£10,000	£10,200	+£200
Lighting	£8,000	£7,800	–£200
Access and seating	£6,000	£5,400	–£600
Total	£48,000	£46,800	–£1,200



First-month priorities

1. **Inspect after heavy rain.** Check drainage and record any standing water before the next session.
2. **Review evening use.** Confirm that the lighting timer matches opening hours and adjust it if sessions change.
3. **Collect visitor feedback.** Ask regular users about access, seating and the new court markings.