

SCRUTINY PROGRESS MONITORING REPORT ON: PLAYING PITCH AND OUTDOOR SPORTS STRATEGY

Progress report on Ref: EW5b of the Scrutiny Monitoring Form. To provide progress in implementing recommendations of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee from its scrutiny project work on the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy. These recommendations were approved by the Committee in October 2014 for action.

Recommendation 1 :

That the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee reaffirms its support for the draft Playing Pitch Strategy and draft cabinet report recommendations, as considered and agreed on 2 October 2014

Action	Responsibility / Implementation by:	Resources Needed / Available	Target Date	Achievement / Completed
Adoption of the Strategy	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing Sport and Leisure Manager	Existing resources.	Dec 2014	The Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy 2015- 2031 was adopted by Full Council on 17 December 2014.

Recommendation 2 :

That a progress report is brought to the Enterprise and Wellbeing Committee in 12 months' time to confirm the status of the strategy implementation and delivery; and also to confirm whether the strategy has started to reverse the shortfall of junior teams and interest in playing by young people, both boys and girls.

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Strategy implementation and delivery	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing Sport and Leisure Manager	Existing resources.	Oct 2015	CBC Planning team have confirmed that the strategy is now referred to in determining applications and will be used in preparing the review of the Local Plan. There are still some areas of detail where Planning will need to work on how the strategies are interpreted on individual sites and cases, but this situation is expected at this stage, given the range of

			<p>issues covered.</p> <p>Links to the strategy have also been added to the documents from the Local Plan Evidence Base page.</p> <p>The Parks team were consulted and contributed to the strategy action plan and this is being used to inform current and future pitch planning and letting in the borough.</p> <p>Derbyshire Football Association (FA) were a consultee on the strategy and have confirmed their support for future actions. The FA are currently updating their registration and team monitoring systems and have advised that at this time they are unable to report on any impact until both the system and current registrations are complete. A time line has not been confirmed. Locally junior teams remain popular and some work is being done to formalise needs in some areas regarding developing community coaching matters.</p> <p>The Chesterfield Football forum endorsed the strategy and are working with CBC on delivering the action plan, the new active chesterfield sport forum have been alerted to the strategy and implications for sports included. Tennis facilities at the Annexe have been upgraded. The strategy is directly linked to the new Parks strategy to ensure efficiencies and future development opportunities are maximised.</p>
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Any Additional Information :

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Football

Junior participation in Football goes from strength to strength locally. The Rowsley Junior football leagues' main mini-soccer hub is in Chesterfield at Holmebrook Valley Park with a subsidiary set up at Highfield Park. Both are multi-pitch sites.

Changes for next year will mean that even more junior teams will be accommodated on Borough Council sites for example at Stand Road Park.

A number of Schools are also looking to help meet demand for junior football by converting some of their larger pitches to smaller formats.

The Rowsley league has to date resisted any switch over to playing on synthetic pitches. Whilst there has been no new provision of artificial grass pitches (AGP) since adoption of the strategy, improvements to the quality of existing facilities at St Mary's and Hasland schools has helped to stimulate use.

Junior use of Springwell schools' AGP is increasing.

Whilst the junior game continues thrive in the area and across Derbyshire as a whole, a steady decline in the number of adult teams is of concern.

Cricket

The larger Clubs such as Barbarians and Chesterfield continue to develop through strong school links and youth development programmes. Cutthorpe is actively seeking a new ground within the Borough. Old Whittington has recently made improvements to the pavilion at Brearley Park.

Bowls

A review of Council bowling green provision is underway. This will be looking at such as cost of maintenance, membership numbers and income. Various options for future management and maintenance will be considered.

Petanque (Boules)

Locally this game has risen very quickly in popularity and so doesn't feature in the strategy. Two facilities have been built by Clubs, one at Holmebrook Valley Park and another at Eastwood Park. Others are likely to follow.

Updated by Andy Pashley, Green Spaces Manager, July 2016