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**Consideration of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny
Committee report on the
Future Use of the Former Queen's Park Sports Centre Site**

Meeting: Cabinet

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Cabinet portfolio: Health and Wellbeing

Report by: Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

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1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present for consideration by Cabinet the report and recommendations of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on the Future Use of the Former Queen's Park Sports Centre Site (attached at Appendix A).
- 1.2 The report also provides the statutory written notice that must be given by the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet to take required action as at section 3.5 below.

2.0 Recommendations

That Cabinet consider the recommendation of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee as set out below:

- 2.1 That the use of the new sports pitch be monitored through the Council's normal management processes against the objective of balancing the needs to achieve a commercial return and to provide opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development and that the marketing approach and pricing structure for the sports pitch be reviewed as necessary as part of the Council's overall marketing and pricing of its sports and leisure services.

3.0 Background to the Report

- 3.1 As part of the 2017/18 scrutiny work programme, the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum appointed a Scrutiny Project Group to contribute to the development of the full business case for the preferred option of artificial sports pitches on the site of the former Queen's Park Sports Centre.
- 3.2 The Project Group submitted an interim report to Cabinet in December, 2017, supporting the preferred option emerging from the development of the full business case for the restoration of the area to parkland to include one 7x7 sports pitch.
- 3.3 In December, 2017 Cabinet endorsed the business case for providing an artificial sports pitch on the site and approved this preferred option in principle. Later that month full Council approved the proposed allocation within the capital programme to cover the capital investment required for the preferred option and approved the inclusion of the revised income and expenditure figures for the new facility within the budget setting process for 2018/19 and beyond, in line with the estimates set out in the business case.

3.4 Since December, 2017 the Project Group has continued to act as a ‘sounding board’ and to monitor progress during the design and building stage of the chosen use, as set out in the Group’s original aims.

3.5 Statutory Scrutiny Committees are required to provide written statutory notice to Cabinet requiring action in response to its scrutiny report and recommendations. These actions require Cabinet to:

3.5.1 consider the attached report and recommendations;

3.5.2 indicate the actions it proposes to take, if any; and

3.5.3 publish its response within two months of the receipt of the report.

4.0 **Scrutiny Project Group Report**

4.1 This final report of the Scrutiny Project Group was considered and its recommendation approved by the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 3 October, 2019.

5.0 **Risk considerations**

5.1 Risks relating to the review and its recommendations, as well as mitigating actions are shown below:

Description of the Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigating Action	Impact	Likelihood
Risk that use of pitch does not achieve a commercial return whilst providing opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development	M	L	Monitor use to inform future pricing and marketing approach	L	L

6.0 **Alternative options and reasons for rejection**

- 6.1 The alternative option would be to not monitor the use of the sports pitch, which would risk the objective of balancing a commercial return and health and wellbeing development not being achieved. This has therefore been rejected.

7.0 Equality and Diversity Considerations

- 7.1 A full equality impact assessment (EIA) was undertaken in November 2017 for the proposed development of the sports pitch within the park restoration.
- 7.2 This EIA has been reviewed by the Assistant Director – Health and Wellbeing and updated now that the development has been completed and has started to be used (copy attached at Appendix B). This includes reference to the extensive consultation undertaken as part of the development of the original proposals, particularly the project-specific consultation with sports clubs, potential users and the wider community in 2016. It is considered that all aspects of the original assessment remain valid.

8.0 Recommendations

That Cabinet consider the recommendation of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee as set out below:

- 8.1 That the use of the new sports pitch be monitored through the Council's normal management processes against the objective of balancing the needs to achieve a commercial return and to provide opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development and that the marketing approach and pricing structure for the sports pitch be reviewed as necessary as part of the Council's overall marketing and pricing of its sports and leisure services.

9.0 Reasons for recommendations

- 9.1 To contribute to the objective of balancing the needs to achieve a commercial return and to provide opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development.
- 9.2 To ensure that the marketing approach and pricing structure for the sports pitch is effective and consistent with the Council's overall marketing and pricing of its sports and leisure services.

Decision information

Key decision number	Non-key 153
Wards affected	All wards
Links to Council Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the quality of life for local people. • To provide value for money services.

Document information

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Background documents	
These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
Appendices to the report	
Appendix A	Scrutiny Project Group Report on Future Use of Former Queen's Park Sports Centre
Appendix B	Equalities Impact Assessment (Rev. Oct. 19)