

## SCRUTINY PROGRESS MONITORING REPORT ON : FUTURE USE OF QUEEN'S PARK SPORTS CENTRE SITE

To provide progress in implementing recommendations of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee from its scrutiny project work on the Future Use of the Queen's Park Sports Centre Site – approved at **Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (3 October, 2019 – Minute No. 20)**.

These recommendations were considered by **Cabinet on 22 October, 2019**, where it was resolved:

- 1. That the use of the new sports pitch be monitored through the Council's normal management processes against the objective of balancing the need to achieve a commercial return and provide opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development.**
- 2. 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.**

(Minute No. 53)

<b>Recommendation 1 -</b> That the use of the new sports pitch be monitored through the Council's normal management processes against the objective of balancing the need to achieve a commercial return and provide opportunities for community and health and wellbeing development.				
Action	Responsibility / Implementation by:	Resources Needed / Available	Target Date	Achievement / Completed
As per recommendation	Assistant Director – Health and Wellbeing	Within existing resources	April 2020	See update statement below

<b>Recommendation 2 -</b> 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.				
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### **February 2021 Update to Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:**

Since opening the new 3G pitch on the former site of Queens Park Sports Centre in September 2019 the response from the public has been both positive and supportive in developing use of the facility.

Occupancy levels at peak times (5.00PM to 10.00PM weekday evenings) have averaged at circa 80% subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

Occupancy levels at off peak times (daytime weekdays and weekends) have averaged at circa 40% subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

Moving forward there remains the significant challenge of managing facility access within the tier restrictions or within the context of national lockdowns.

Both scenarios present major challenges to the sport and leisure service as different tiers / lockdowns allow different age-related activities and as such require appropriate communications with all the relevant groups to ensure that the facility remains Covid-19 compliant.

To date it is pleasing to note that all customers have been supportive of the sport and leisure services' approach to provide this facility in these very difficult circumstances.

The service will continue to work with local groups, clubs and individuals to further develop this great addition to sport pitch provision in Chesterfield.