

**ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF 11 DECEMBER 2014**

**Findings of the Scrutiny Project Group looking at the development of the Sports Facilities Strategy :**

As part of its overall brief the Scrutiny Project Group on Leisure, Sport & Culture Activities received a presentation on the development of the Sports Facilities Strategy at a meeting on 25 November, 2014.

The presentation included details of the supply of, and needs assessment for, indoor facilities (Sports Halls, swimming pools) and artificial grass pitches across the borough – at Council facilities, schools, community halls and other facilities.

It was noted that the Strategy would support the Sport England Strategic Facilities Funding for the new Leisure Centre and that it would need to be adopted by the Council by the end of January, 2015, in order to comply with Sport England funding requirements.

The Scrutiny Project Group emphasised the need for the Strategy to include:

- priorities re. facilities being community focused and aiming for positive health impacts, in particular for those with mental health issues and the elderly at risk of being isolated.
- reference to accessibility – physical access to comply with Sport England access standards and encouraging participation through community based delivery.

and recommends to the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee that the Sports Facilities Strategy, incorporating the above points, be supported.