



Proposed Cabinet response to recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny on Playing Pitch Strategy

Recommendation arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 31 October

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Cabinet Member	Lead Officer
1. That the provision of 3G pitches is reviewed to ensure that the provision is suitable and safe, in view of safety concerns about certain materials used in 3G pitches.	Y	This is an evolving situation and Officers will take the lead from Sport England, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Football Foundation who they are in regular dialogue with. But to reiterate, it is only the polymetric infill which the EU is looking to ban, not 3G pitches as a whole facility, and the availability of alternative vegetal or organic infills is growing.	Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Andy Barge, Assistant Director for Communities/ Rachel Biles, Strategic Projects Lead (Leisure)
2. That consideration is given to whether it would be appropriate to include the provision of bowling greens within the Playing Pitch Strategy	N	Bowling green facilities are classified by Sport England as other outdoor non-pitch sports. Therefore, they would be assessed using a different methodology to that used in the development of the Playing Pitch Strategy. Cabinet could consider completing an assessment of needs and opportunities on other sports like bowls, tennis, golf and athletics, but it is not deemed a priority at this point in time.	Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Andy Barge, Assistant Director for Communities/ Rachel Biles, Strategic Projects Lead (Leisure)
3. That the new pitches planned at the Steadings development are factored into the Playing Pitch Strategy, if this has not already been done.	Y	To confirm, the s106 agreement specifies that the mandatory outdoor provision for the development includes three tennis courts and two mini football pitches. As yet the football pitches are not listed in the strategy as they are yet to be constructed but once complete, they will be picked up in stage E of the	Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Andy Barge, Assistant Director for Communities/ Rachel Biles, Strategic



		playing pitch strategy which is the monitoring and review of the strategy annually to ensure it is robust and up to date.		Projects Lead (Leisure)
4. That consideration is given to whether the use of Community Infrastructure Levy to fund sports facilities can be formalised in the Local Plan.	Y	We would be able to list the infrastructure recommendations for playing pitches and ancillary facilities within the Local Plan. This would give projects that are taken forward from this list, a greater precedence if Town and Parish Council (and other applicants) chose to submit a bid to the CIL strategic infrastructure fund. A proportion of CIL cannot be safeguarded to deliver sports facility infrastructure development, however Town and Parish Councils can use their neighbourhood proportion to assist the delivery of playing pitches and ancillary facilities as part of any application to access the Council's CIL. An alternative route could also be to secure s106 developer contributions for projects using the evidence base from the Playing Pitch Strategy to support requests.	Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Andy Barge, Assistant Director for Communities/ Rachel Biles, Strategic Projects Lead (Leisure)
5. That the Council encouraging more volunteers to support local sports clubs.	Y	When business cases are developed with key stakeholder such as sports clubs, volunteers and clubs' capacity will be considered. This will be undertaken in partnership with the Active Cotswold Programme, Active Gloucestershire and governing bodies of sport.	Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Andy Barge, Assistant Director for Communities/ Rachel Biles, Strategic Projects Lead (Leisure)