

EXECUTIVE BOARD – 17th April 2018

Subject:	Adoption of the revised Nottingham City Playing Pitch Strategy – Key Decision
Corporate Director(s)/Director(s):	Andy Vaughan, Commercial & Operations
Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Dave Trimble, Leisure & Culture Cllr Jane Urquhart, Planning, Housing and Heritage
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Subject to call-in:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Key Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Criteria for Key Decision:	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision	
and/or	
(b) Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of expenditure: <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital	
Total value of the decision: Nil	
Wards affected: All Wards	
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s): 13/03/18	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:	
Strategic Regeneration and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):	
<p>This report presents the updated Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Strategy & Action Plan Report for Nottingham Council (NCC) and its partners. It builds upon the 2015 Playing Pitch Strategy. It provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities between 2017 and 2028. It also informs the review of the Local Plan to shape policy, informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing outdoor sports areas and playing fields and providing allocation information for disused sites to help with new housing growth. (see Appendix 1, updated PPS including disused lapsed sites (page 48))</p>	
Exempt information: State 'None' or complete the following	
None	
Recommendation(s):	
1. To adopt the updated Playing Pitch Strategy and its strategic recommendations. (Appendix 1 Page 31)	
2. To use the document to inform the review of the Local Plan, helping to shape policy, inform on the protection and provision of sports facilities and also provide development opportunities as part of the review of the Local Plan to help address housing needs of the city	

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| 3. To note the agreed approach with Sport England and the National Governing Bodies of Sport for the disposal of the surplus sites for new housing growth as listed within Appendix 1 page 48. |
| 4. To agree the action plan which provides a framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock. |
| 6. To delegate authority to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture and the Director of Neighbourhood Services to implement the action plans in the Playing Pitch Strategy. |

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 In line with the National Planning Policy Framework, the PPS provides the Council with a robust and up-to-date assessment of the needs for sport and recreation facilities as well as an assessment of quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of sports and recreational facilities across the city. It does this by auditing the City's outdoor sports provision and clubs who use them, and considers whether there are deficiencies or surpluses of pitches across the South, Central and Northern areas and how these might be addressed.
- 1.2 The document provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of formal outdoor sports facilities and provides an agreed approach to the release of surplus sports and recreational facilities to provide development opportunities as part of the review of the Local Plan to help address housing needs of the city. It also reaffirms the approach within the Local Plan on securing developer contributions where applicable specifying the amount and timing of the contribution(s) to be paid using the existing SPG as a starting point for negotiation. In addition the document also sets out that all new or improved playing pitches on school sites should be subject to community use agreements where applicable.
- 1.3 The Breathing Space Strategy (2011 – 2020) advocates the protection, maintenance and enhancement of an accessible network of playing pitch provision that meets the current and future anticipated demand, but also recommends that proposals to reconfigure provision through development can be acceptable provided that such developments lead to substantial enhancement in the quality and distribution of playing pitches. This protection should be afforded through the development of planning policies within the emerging Local Development Framework and the Playing Pitch Strategy is a major tool in helping to achieve this balance, enabling the provision of new housing provision on agreed lapsed sites.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The development of the revised Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) provides an update for the current Playing Pitch Strategy adopted in 2015. It is a detailed tool for engagement and has involved the City's professional, agency and voluntary sectors and has set the direction on the future of the current playing pitch stock within the City.
- 2.2 Sport England recently reviewed their methodology for completing Playing Pitch Strategies. The updated / reviewed PPS has used the new methodology as part of this assessment process.
- 2.3 The updated PPS offers a strategic approach to the provision and protection of sports facilities, through the protection of existing open space, sports and recreational land and buildings, protecting existing sites from development unless

an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown them to be surplus to requirements. It also includes a playing pitch analysis, which guides the future provision and management of new and existing sports pitches in the Nottingham area in the context of national policy and local sports development criteria through the development of the agreed action plan.

- 2.4 At the strategic level it links and underpins in more detail the City's approach as a Core City towards fulfilling our national and corporate targets. It also helps to inform Sport England (East Midlands) long term with regional planning and also help provide facilities to enable National Governing Bodies to deliver their working outcomes as outlined in their Whole Sport Plans.
- 2.5 It also assists in positioning ourselves locally, regionally and nationally in attempting to secure relevant funding and help address identified priorities.
- 2.6 The PPS covers the following playing pitches and outdoor pitch sports:
 - Football pitches
 - Cricket pitches
 - Rugby union pitches
 - Rugby league pitches
 - Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) including sand based/filled, water based and 3G
 - Tennis courts
 - Bowling greens
- 2.7 The Strategy is capable of:
 - Providing adequate planning guidance to assess development proposals affecting playing fields and to informing the review of the Local Plan to shape policy, inform protection and provision of sports facilities and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Section 106 planning obligations.
 - Informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing outdoor sports areas and playing fields (capable of accommodating pitches) across the City;
 - Providing a strategic framework for the provision and management of outdoor sports across the City;
 - Supporting external funding bids and maximise support for outdoor sports facilities;
 - Providing the basis for on-going monitoring and review of the use, distribution, function, quality and accessibility of outdoor sport.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not completing the strategy would have meant that the current opportunities to develop outdoor sports provision would have no clear rationale nor strategic support for attaining the external funding required to help develop these developments.
- 3.2 Undertaking the strategies in this way has provided significant funding from Sport England towards their completion and provides further opportunities for future grant funding to enable the completion of the action plans.
- 3.3 The strategies also provide Sport England with crucial information for them to use in their decision making process as statutory consultees regarding development plans which include the disposal of any playing pitches in the City for new housing developments on disused sites.

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 There is no direct financial implication as a result of this report, because any addition, investment or closure of sites would be subject to a further decision. The revenue accounts for the Parks and Open Spaces service includes a budget for maintenance of the sites.
- 4.2 Page 48 of the appendix includes possible sites for development. If these schemes proceed the project manager will need to allow sufficient time and possible financial implications to ensure adherence to this new policy.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 The production and adoption of this Playing Pitch Strategy is in response to the Guidance set out in paragraph 73 of the National Planning Policy Framework to support and inform the development and adoption of Planning Policies forming the Local Development Scheme. The adoption of the strategy is within the Board's powers.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (FOR DECISIONS RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE)

- 6.1 Property will work with Parks and Open Spaces colleagues within the context of the Council's Property and Regeneration priorities to deliver the strategic recommendations set out in the updated Playing Pitch Strategy."

7 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The strategy has social value implications linked to the delivery of the action plans and have been written to take into account the City's corporate objectives. The strategies will provide opportunities for our citizens to benefit from outdoor sport and leisure facilities with targeted provision for them to increase their levels of sports, physical activity and recreational activities across the City.
- 7.2 In providing identified lapsed sites for new housing growth it provides opportunities for increased social housing and local jobs.

8 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION

- 8.1 The strategies take regard of NHS recommendations in respect of improving health and actions will be developed in partnership with NHS Nottingham to address their ambitions, linking to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 9.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because the report does not contain specific proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions, financial decisions or decisions about implementation of policies development outside the Council. When being undertaken EIA's will be completed.

Yes

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Attached as Appendix x, and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

**10 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT
(NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT
INFORMATION)**

10.1 None

11 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

11.1 None