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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Cabinet

The **Cabinet** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **4.00 pm** on **Tuesday 17 November 2015**.

This meeting will be live webcast. To access the webcast please go to the Council's website at the time of the meeting and follow the instructions on the page.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Julie Muscroft

Assistant Director of Legal, Governance and Monitoring

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The Cabinet members are:-

Member

Councillor David Sheard
Councillor Jean Calvert

Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Shabir Pandor
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Graham Turner

Responsible For:

The Leader
Community Development, Councillors involvement in
a New Council, including Councillor Development
Place - Planning, Highways and Open Spaces
Family Support and Child Protection
Prevention, Early Intervention and Vulnerable Adults
Transportation, Skills, Jobs and Regional Affairs
Schools and Learning
Housing and Relief of Poverty
Resources and Community Safety

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Committee

To receive apologies for absence of Members who are unable to attend this meeting.

2: Minutes of previous meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 October 2015.

3: Interests

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

4: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

6: Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

7: Member Question Time

To consider questions from Councillors.

8: Clarification to Cabinet following the scrutiny call in on 23rd October 2015 on the Future Library Provision

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A report providing clarification in respect of the findings from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee following the scrutiny call in on Future Library Provision.

Officer: Dave Thompson: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: All Wards

9: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee - Recommendations from Call-In Hearing - Future Library Provision 23 - 26

A report seeking consideration of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's findings and recommendations and determine a course of action.

Officer: Helen Kilroy: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: All Wards

10: Housing Delivery Programme Update 27 - 40

A report providing an update on progress made in relation to housing delivery projects and seeks approval to delegate authority to officers to continue to progress the activities and projects.

Officer: Kim Brear: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: All Wards

11: North Kirklees Housing and Enterprise Growth Zone 41 - 56

A report detailing the concept of a Housing and Enterprise Growth Zone and seeking agreement in principle for consultation, subject to finalisation and adoption of the local plan.

Officer: Stephen Jagger: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: Batley East; Dewsbury East; Dewsbury South; Dewsbury West

12: Place Directorate - Review of Fees and Charges 57 - 64

A report seeking approval of the review of fees and charges for services provided by Place Directorate.

Officer: Aidan Hopson

Wards

Affected: All Wards

13: Update on the Decision about the Proposer who has been agreed to run a new 630 Place Primary Free (Academy) School in Huddersfield South West by the Regional Schools Commissioner 65 - 70

A report updating members about the decision of the successful proposer who has been agreed to run a new 630 place primary free (academy) school for pupils aged 4-11 years to serve the Huddersfield South West area by the Regional Schools Commissioner.

Officer: Jo-Anne Sanders: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: Crosland Moor and Netherton

14: Proposed land and asset disposal of Fartown High School to the North Huddersfield Trust 71 - 76

A report seeking authorisation to proceed with the transaction and complete all necessary documentation.

Officer: Mark Gregory: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: Ashbrow; Dalton; Greenhead; Lindley; Newsome

15: Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy

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A report seeking endorsement for the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan.

Officer: Martin Gonzalez

Wards

Affected: All Wards

16: Sycamore Recreation Ground

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A report seeking a decision on whether to proceed with the disposal of part of Sycamore Recreation Ground.

Officer: Cheryl Noble: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: Holme Valley South

**17: Capital Investment Plan 2015/16 - 2019/20 - Quarter 2
Capital Monitoring 2015/16**

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A report presenting the Capital Monitoring Report for Quarter 2 (2015/16).

Officer: Debbie Hogg: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: All Wards

**18: Half yearly monitoring report on Treasury Management
activities 2015/16**

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A report presenting the mid-year monitoring report on Treasury Management activities for 2015/16 covering the period 1 April to 30 September.

Officer: Tim Mitchell: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: All Wards

19: Corporate Revenue Financial Monitoring Report, Quarter 2, 2015-16

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A report presenting the Revenue Financial Monitoring Report for Quarter 2 (2015/16).

Officer: Eamonn Croston: 01484 221000

Wards

Affected: All Wards

Contact Officer: Andrea Woodside

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 6th October 2015

Present: Councillor David Sheard (Chair)
Councillor Jean Calvert
Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Erin Hill
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Shabir Pandor
Councillor Cathy Scott
Councillor Graham Turner

Observers Councillor J Taylor
Councillor Wilson

112 Membership of the Committee

All Members were present.

113 Interests

No interests were declared.

114 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all Agenda Items would be considered in public session.

115 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

116 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

117 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

118 Draft Local Plan

Cabinet received a report which sought approval for a consultation process to be undertaken in relation to the Draft Local Plan. Cabinet noted that Officers considered that robust and up-to-date evidence to support consultation on the Draft Local Plan Development Strategy, draft policies and draft site allocations were now in place, and that this included key evidence on housing requirements, housing mix, affordability, the need and market demand for land for jobs to meet the economic

strategy, accommodation needs for travellers, the need for land for mineral extraction and waste management, greenbelt land, land for open space including sports and leisure, and capacity for new retail and leisure.

The report advised that the Draft Local Plan Development Strategy, vision and objectives were based on a number of key principles which included; the Kirklees Economic Strategy and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, meeting basic housing needs in each sub-area, the role and function of green-belt land, the need for strategic employment locations along the M62, and the aims of urban extension locations.

Cabinet noted that the Council proposed to consult on the Draft Local Plan, and its supporting documents, for a six week period, commencing 9 November 2015, and closing on 18 December 2015. A schedule detailing the proposed consultation arrangements was attached as an appendix to the report.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the content of the Draft Local Plan be agreed as the basis for consultation and that approval be given for the Council to consult on the Draft Local Plan, and its supporting documents, commencing November 2015.

(2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Place to make any minor amendments required to prepare the Draft Local Plan and its supporting information for public consultation and/or any final amendments to the consultation arrangements, as detailed within the report.

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule

Cabinet received a report which sought approval to consult on the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) rates in a Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule at the same time as the public consultation process takes place on the Local Plan, commencing November 2015.

The report explained that the CIL was effectively a development tax which local planning authorities could implement to help pay for new infrastructure that is needed to support new development. It advised that CIL rates had to be based upon (i) an assessment of development viability across the district which tests the impact of both national and local planning policies, and recommends CIL rates that will not render development viable and (ii) an assessment of infrastructure that supports the Local Plan and identifies what infrastructure schemes the CIL can help to fund. It advised that, based upon applying the draft CIL rates to accepted housing sites in the draft Local Plan, it was estimated that approximately 337million could be raised by the CIL across the plan period up to 2031.

A schedule detailing the proposed consultation arrangements was attached as an appendix to the report.

RESOLVED -

(1) That approval be given for the Council to consult on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, and its supporting documents, commencing November 2015.

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(2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Place to make any minor amendments required to prepare the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and its supporting information for public consultation and/or any final amendments to the consultation arrangements, as detailed within the report.

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL			
COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC			
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.



Name of meeting: Cabinet

Date: 17th November

Title of report: Clarification to Cabinet following the scrutiny call in on 23rd October 2015 on the Future Library Provision

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	Yes
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny ?	No
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	D Smith – 5 th November 2015
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	D Smith – 5 th November 2015
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & Monitoring	J Muscroft - 5 th November 2015
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr G Turner

Electoral [wards](#) affected: **All**

Ward councillors consulted: **All**

Public or private: **Public**

1 **Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide clarification to Cabinet in respect of the findings from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee following the scrutiny call in on Future Library Provision.

The Scrutiny Committee recommended that:

- There needs to be a clearer clarification of the two-tier model of services (Town and Community supported libraries) being proposed so that the public can clearly understand the rationale and service offer they can expect.
- Once the definition has been clarified Cabinet should review and categorise the different libraries in line with the clear definition and that paid staff hours are allocated appropriately.

2 Key Points

Clearer definition of the two-tier model:

The definition of a Town Library and a community supported library has been a fundamental part of the library strategy and has been publicly available on the Libraries page of the Council web site since January 2015. It was used as a reference point for the consultation that took place between January and April 2015.

The definitions are:

- **Town Library**
Town Library and Information Centres will provide full Library and Information Centre service, delivered by two or more paid members of staff and supported by volunteers. They will also provide telephone support to community supported libraries. Kirklees council will provide books, resources and IT. Town Library and Information Centres will form part of the statutory Library Service offer.
- **Community Supported Library and Information Centres**
Community Supported Library and Information Centres will be staffed by one paid member of staff and supported by volunteers. Kirklees will provide books, resources and IT. Community supported locations will form part of the statutory library service offer.

Review and categorisation of different libraries

In recommending which libraries fell into the above categories, consideration was given to the activity that took place in each library and whether or not the activity required staff intervention, so for example if there were more book issues than enquiries, less staff will be required because book issues will be facilitated by self- service machines. In addition to looking at the activity the library management team used their professional judgement to make recommendations with regard to what they believe is most sustainable in the long-term given the current budget constraints. On the basis of the activity (See appendix A for Library activity), there are 8 Libraries identified as Town Libraries and 16 identified as Community Supported Libraries

Opening hour's rationale.

The staffed hours given for each library were based on activities (book issues, IT usage and enquiries) and footfall. The two largest town libraries, Huddersfield and

Dewsbury were given the bigger portion and then a sliding scale was used for the remaining 22 Libraries. Holmfirth will be merged with the Tourist Information Centre and was therefore allotted hours that are representative of the additional footfall

The Scrutiny Committee requested that the allotted hours for each Library was reviewed. This was considered and changed two of the town library staffed hours as a result, as on reflection it was considered there could be more parity at Birstall and Mirfield, which both have similar levels of activity.

Community Supported libraries generally have less activity that requires staff intervention e.g enquiries, it is considered that allotted hours are representative of the type of activity in each of the libraries, applying the sliding scale of usage.

Appendix C to this report provides for 3 options;

- Option 1 from the original report
- Option 2 with changes to Birstall and Mirfield
- Option 3 Standardising Hours

There will be further discussion with Friends of Groups and other stakeholders as to when the staffed opening hours are during the week, and if the community feel they can enhance the library offer by opening outside of these staffed hours.

3 Implications for the council

Implications for the council are clearly identified in the original Cabinet report dated 22 September 2015 and is attached at Appendix B

4 Consultees and their opinions

The original consultees and their opinions are included in the original report. This report has also had regard to the outcome from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 October 2015.

5 Next Steps

This report is submitted to cabinet for decision on which libraries are categorised as Town Libraries and how many hours each library is to have paid staff allocated to them.

6 Officer recommendations and reason

That the libraries are categorised as follows:

Town Libraries

Huddersfield
Dewsbury
Batley
Cleckheaton

Community Supported

Almondbury
Birkby
Chestnut Centre
Denby Dale

Birstall
Mirfield
Heckmondwike
Holmfirth

Golcar
Greenwood Centre
Honley
Kirkheaton
Kirkburton
Lindley
Marsden
Meltham
Rawthorpe/Dalton
Shepley
Skelmanthorpe
Slaithwaite

In addition officers recommend that the hours allocated to each library are those identified in Option 2. The rationale for the recommendations are outlined in section 2 of this report.

7: Relevant Papers

Overview and Scrutiny report of 23 October 2015 will be submitted to Cabinet on 17th November 2105

8:0 Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

8:1 The portfolio holder supports the officer recommendations.

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Appendix A Statistical Evidence

Servicepoint/Ward	Hours Open	Active Borrowers	Enquiries	IT usage	Total Issues	Total Activities	Activity per hour	No Visits 2014/15	No of visits per hour
Almondbury	24.50	600	13,377	1,456	18,322	33,155	26	32,840	26
Batley	48.50	4,966	64,316	20,820	73,004	158,140	63	154,357	61
Birkby	25.00	844	11,184	5,425	14,269	30,878	24	44,616	34
Birstall	45.50	2,281	45,655	6,814	40,058	92,527	39	117,113	49
Chestnut centre	66.00	1,118	37,065	11,414	11,110	59,589	17	103,123	30
Cleckheaton	51.00	4,300	23,350	12,068	105,291	140,709	53	106,501	40
Denby Dale	23.00	784	2,415	1,181	21,311	24,907	21	17,894	15
Dewsbury	52.50	9,080	125,089	54,340	103,978	283,407	104	203,996	75
Golcar	24.00	880	5,467	1,684	19,433	26,584	21	23,590	19
Greenwood Centre	25.00	1,535	16,457	14,263	11,302	42,022	32	53,379	41
Heckmondwike	45.00	2,225	33,809	10,903	32,119	76,831	33	47,731	20
Holmfirth	51.00	3,429	53,852	8,254	82,457	144,563	55	84,944	32
Honley	28.00	970	6,024	2,450	24,581	33,055	23	27,352	19
Huddersfield	52.50	17,218	357,692	90,937	271,519	720,148	264	508,982	186
Kirkburton	32.00	1,244	5,024	1,930	33,206	40,160	24	25,534	15
Kirkheaton	15.00	427	3,695	851	10,180	14,726	19	10,948	14
Lepton	22.00	450	3,229	1,737	14,291	19,257	17	10,594	9
Lindley	37.50	2,546	23,994	7,134	69,292	100,420	51	64,948	33
Marsden	24.00	882	12,794	3,178	16,058	32,030	26	40,416	32
Meltham	30.50	1,086	14,830	2,731	24,343	41,904	26	34,005	21
Mirfield	51.00	3,491	29,478	9,472	87,027	125,977	48	79,881	30
Rawthorpe/Dalton	25.00	715	5,686	5,017	11,252	21,955	17	30,438	23
Shepley	19.00	566	9,366	875	17,626	27,867	28	20,613	21
Skelmanthorpe	37.00	903	7,457	1,578	19,897	28,932	15	34,160	18
Slaithwaite	24.50	906	6,176	2,098	16,382	24,656	19	21,505	17
Thornhill Lees	25.50	640	6,771	5,075	11,701	23,547	18	21,577	16



Name of meeting: Cabinet

Date: 22 September 2015

Title of report: Future Library Provision

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes Proposes a budget reduction of £500k in 2016/17 and £1,354k in 2017/18
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	Yes
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny ?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	14 th September 2015 David Smith
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	Yes - 14/09/15
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & Monitoring?	Yes - 09/09/15 Patricia Hannen
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Graham Turner

Electoral [wards](#) affected: ALL

Ward councillors consulted: ALL

Public or private: PUBLIC

1:0 Purpose of report

1:1 Over the past five years the library service has reduced its budget by £844k. These savings have been achieved through a review of senior management and modernising the service.

1:2 One of the proposals for the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the period 2015/16 to 2017/18 was to reduce the budget for library provision from £5,776k to £2,550k. The administration considered that this proposal was too severe and added back £1,372k into the MTFP. This meant for the period of the MTFP the libraries budget would reduce from £5,776k to £3,922k, with reductions of £500k to be made in 2016/17 and £1,354k to be made in 2017/18.

1:3 The purpose of this report is to put forward a proposal that will deliver Library Services against the budget of £3,922k.

2:0 Key points

2:1 Background

2:1:1 The Council is required to make provision for a comprehensive and efficient library service in line with the Public Libraries & Museums Act of 1964. There is however no definition of what 'comprehensive and efficient' means, so it is for each Council to determine what the provision will be and how it will be delivered.

2:1:2 Over many years Kirklees has maintained a tradition of strong investment in the library service and the current offer includes:

- 26 static libraries based on a wide geographic spread across the borough
- 5 mobile libraries that stop at 207 halts
- 3 smaller vans that offer a book delivery service to residents homes, specifically helping frail and disabled residents
- Specialist services; for example transcription services, talking newspapers, and bibliotherapy.
- Professional librarian service for 'one off' and ongoing projects supporting children and adult learning at a variety of locations including schools.
- Events that meet the Council priorities of Early Intervention and Prevention and Economic Resilience and help support the health and well-being of our citizens are delivered in libraries by library staff, partners and community groups.

The detail of current activity for each library is identified at appendix A.

2:2 How the service has changed

2:2:1 The libraries in Kirklees are no longer places for quiet reading and research. They have changed over the years into places that are most frequently hubs of community activity. The introduction of public access computers in 2000 saw more people coming to the service for reasons other than to borrow books and to undertake research.

2:2:2 In 2004 Kirklees Council made the decision to expand the role of libraries to incorporate the provision of information. This was done by enabling access for staff to a variety of Council IT systems. To allow residents to make enquiries at a place that was convenient for them. This further increased the service offer made by the library service.

2:3 Current Usage & Financial Information

2:3:1 The population of Kirklees at the last census is 428,279. Our statistics provide the following information for the period 2014/15.

- The number who have used their library cards 67,459
- The number who have used their library cards with the mobile service 2,598.
- The number of times a computer was booked 283,697
- The number of enquiries that have been made 1,016,150
- The number of events hosted by our library service 11,234
- The number of book & audio visual issues 1,434,565
- The number of visits to library services 2,026,399
- The number of home visits 13,198

2:3:2 Whilst the information identified above shows that 15.75% of the Kirklees population hold a library card and use it, and activity in the other areas identified is high, there has been a small year on year reduction in the number of people who access the service.

Appendix B details the statistical information for 2014/15.

2:3:3 Financial Information - Appendix B also identifies access of the library services based on 2015/16 budget allocation. It is broken down to its component parts and includes the cost of each library and service it provides.

2:4 Approach to determining the future service

2:4:1 In determining what the future of the library service could look like and in order to meet the Government requirements of a comprehensive and effective service, and along with the 5 nationally agreed library offers*, the following criteria were developed.

The library offer should;

- Meet the equality needs of our communities by having regard to citizens who have disabilities or are disadvantaged because they live in areas of deprivation
- Put forward a proposal that is financially sustainable in the long term by ensuring the service offer matches the needs of communities, is flexible and can be delivered in different ways
- Have regard to how well the existing service is used and what aspect of service is relevant
- Seek to maximise community involvement through volunteers and 'friends of groups'

2:4:2 In addition to assessing future service against criteria, the Council also has regard to the outcome of the extensive consultation that was undertaken between January and April 2015. The broad results of the consultation are outlined below and the executive summary can be found at Appendix C. The full report can be found at <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/pdf/LibrariesReviewReport.pdf>

**5 nationally agreed library offers: Reading, Information, Digital Inclusion, Support for Health & Wellbeing and Learning*

2:4:3 The consultation sought the views on three different types of library model.

They are;

1. Town Library
2. Community Supported Library
3. Community Run Library

In addition the consultation sought the views on;

Book Drops

Libraries Outreach

Mobile Library Service

Home Library Service

Transcription Service

The merger of Holmfirth Library and Tourist Information Centre

2:4:4 The findings revealed the following;

- Support did exist for the Council to explore new and different ways of delivering a library service in the future
- Libraries were felt to be the heart of communities and that localised provision was important
- There was generally support for the role of the community in helping to deliver services, although concerns did exist in respect of utilising volunteers
- There was a clear willingness for residents to become library volunteers although this varies across the borough.
- Opinions are mixed about moving from existing premises to other community buildings
- There was clear support for Town Libraries and Community Supported Libraries and little or no appetite for Community Run Libraries
- There was strong support for Libraries Outreach, the Home Service and the Transcription Service. Book Drops were unpopular.
- Whilst the consultees didn't support stopping the Mobile Service, few had actually used it
- There was overwhelming support to merge the Library and Tourist Information office in Holmfirth

3:0 Implications for the Council

3:1 Future Library proposal

3:1:1 Based on the following factors;

- The reduction in the budget;
- The criteria set out in Section 2:4 of this report;
- The results of the public consultation;
- The petitions and deputations received
- The issues raised at the Council debate;

It is proposed that the future Library Service should comprise of Town Libraries – which will be fully staffed by Council employees, and Community Supported Libraries which will be staffed by one Council employee and supported by community volunteers. The table below identifies which library falls into each category.

TOWN LIBRARIES	COMMUNITY SUPPORTED LIBRARIES
○ Huddersfield	○ Almondbury
○ Dewsbury	○ Birkby/Fartown
○ Batley	○ Chestnut Centre
○ Cleckheaton	○ Denby Dale
○ Mirfield	○ Golcar
○ Birstall	○ Greenwood Centre
○ Heckmondwike	○ Honley
○ Holmfirth	○ Kirkheaton
	○ Kirkburton
	○ Lindley
	○ Marsden
	○ Meltham
	○ Rawthorpe/Dalton
	○ Shepley
	○ Skelmanthorpe
	○ Slaithwaite

3:1:2 For the Town Libraries it is proposed that the council meet the costs for providing the library service in full. Volunteers are required to work with the town libraries to enhance the offer to communities.

3:1:3 For Community Supported Libraries there are instances where the asset could be transferred to a community group. Where the asset is transferred the council will not pay a hosting fee to the group for example for rent or utility costs.

3:1:4 In addition to accessing Library Services, the proposal also identifies that there will be a social inclusion offer. This will continue to offer transcription services, talking newspapers, and the home service. There will be continuing outreach by the service librarians who will be working with schools and other groups to support services for both adults and children.

A full breakdown of the proposed social inclusion, development and librarian development service provision is identified at Appendix D.

3:1:5 For those libraries that have been designated as Community Supported Libraries the service has been working with volunteers and has been helping 'Friends of the Library' to be set up. The 'Friends Groups' continue to strengthen and in the past 12 months we have seen a significant rise in people willing to volunteer to support the library. We have a number of good examples where volunteers play a key role and a comprehensive training programme is in place for volunteers. It is up

to each volunteer how much or how little extra training they undertake after they have learned the basics around for example: Health and Safety, library policies, stock, information security, customer care, answering enquiries and working with children and young people.

3:2 Opening hours

3:2:1 As mentioned earlier in this report, significant savings are to be made from the libraries budget. Whilst the analysis of the service offer has been able to identify where a library service continues, it will not be possible to remain open for the same number of hours as they do currently. There will be an overall reduction in hours across the Libraries of 40%. The staffed hours for the proposed Town libraries & Community Supported libraries are detailed at Appendix E. Should the Council accept the proposal as identified in this report, library staff will work with residents and library users to identify the most convenient opening times for each library.

3:2:2 We have used the level of book issues/enquiries, IT usage and visitors to determine level of staffed opening hours. For Community Supported Libraries we have also considered the level of community involvement so far.

3:2:3 Community Supported Libraries will require the support of volunteers to keep them open. The volunteer support will be regularly monitored to ensure that the library service is being supported appropriately. Where volunteer support for the paid member of staff does not attend during the hours agreed for over 25% of the time in a quarterly period, then a report will be developed for cabinet to consider the closure of the service point.

3:3 Holmfirth Library & TIC

3:3:1 During the consultation the people who used Holmfirth library were asked about co-locating the Tourist Information Centre with the library in an effort to reduce the costs of occupying two buildings.

There was significant support from all consulted who thought this was a good idea.

3:4 Service offers to end

3:4:1 In establishing the future service the criteria were applied to each aspect of service provision and there was an assessment of whether or not the criteria were met. Whilst the major objective is to retain as much of the current service as possible the reduction in the budget makes this unfeasible

3:4:2 Thornhill Lees library

3:4:2:1 Thornhill Lees Library is situated in an area of deprivation, the building that it occupies is shared with a children's centre. The children's centre is open for two hours a week. There is a community centre, doctors surgery and pharmacy located within the building complex. There is little appetite for local people to become volunteers to support the library and the service, in comparison with other sites, is not as well used.

3:4:2:2 The conclusion around Thornhill Lees is that it fails to meet the criteria on a number of points due to poor levels of usage, lack of community interest which prevents a flexible approach to delivering a service from this site in the future. Therefore it is proposed that Thornhill Lees library should close by 1st April 2016.

3:4:3 Lepton Library

3:4:3:1 The position regarding Lepton library is very similar to that of Thornhill Lees library, whilst not covering an area that has the same levels of deprivation, the number of people using Lepton is low and reducing. Not enough interest from volunteers to get involved with the library has meant that keeping the library open does not satisfy the criteria.

3:4:3:2 Therefore it is proposed that Lepton library should close by 1 April 2016.

3:4:4 Mobile Library Service

3:4:4:1 There are 5 mobile libraries in use with 1 spare as cover. Mobiles are primarily used for book lending services and are more expensive to run than the static libraries. The way the service is required to be delivered means it fails to be able to be delivered flexibly.

3:4:4:2 Our analysis shows that of the 67,459 active users of the library service 2,598 (3.85%) use the mobile library service. This equates to 0.6% of the population using the mobile service. The analysis also shows that 1437 of users (55.31%) live within a mile radius of a static library, 1149 (44.23%) of users live within a 1 and a 2 mile radius of a static library and 12 (0.46%) of users live outside a two mile radius of a static library. At Appendix F is a map detailing mobile users, halts and proposed static provision.

3:4:4:3 The average cost of an activity in a static library is £1.88 but on the mobile service it is £5.96 per activity. The costs of running a mobile service when compared with the average cost of static library provision means the mobile service doesn't offer value for money. On this basis the proposal is to stop the mobile library service from 1st April 2016.

3:4:4:4 The service will contact all the mobile users who live outside the two mile radius of a static to discuss with them how they might access library services in the future.

3:4:4:5 Those customers that meet the criteria for accessing the home library service will receive appropriate support.

3:5 Current & New service financial information

3:5:1 The financial impact of the proposals identified in 3:1 to 3:4 are detailed in Appendix G. This shows a comparison of the current 2015/16 budget and the budget for the new library service.

3:6 Future location of the library service

3:6:1 Due to the fact that all libraries will operate reduced opening hours, where they are currently situated will need to be reviewed. This cannot be done in isolation and will need to have regard to other services that will be offered in the same location. It is clear from the consultation that residents are keen to retain services and would consider the co-location of services.

3:6:2 Whilst it is understood that the location of the service is important and that residents have an emotional attachment to many of our library buildings their future economic viability has to be considered. Library buildings will be included as part of the Councils wider asset review and consideration will be given as to the most economically viable building to deliver the library service from.

3:7 Staff affected by these proposals

3:7:1 The decisions have an impact on staff in the library service reducing resources from 197.93 to 109.71 a reduction of 88.22 fte (full time equivalent) staff.

3:7:2 The Council's aim in the change process is to ensure we are able to retain the staff who want to continue in the new service and have the skills to do so. While this is likely to involve an assessment process we will ensure appropriate support is offered to individuals.

3:7:3 Options will be discussed on a 1:1 basis with the aim of the reductions in resources being done via the voluntary process available in the redundancy framework.

3:8 Equality impact assessment

3:8:1 The Council has to have due regard to the public sector equality duty when making decisions. Given that the proposals include service closures or a review of opening hours they will impact on service users in some way. The Council will still be operating from 24 static libraries, service users will be able to access services online, the home service will be available to customers who meet the criteria for service (as identified in appendix D) and our development and librarian team will be working with schools and community/friends groups to ensure the national library offer and local priorities are supported appropriately.

3:8:2 With specific regards to the proposal to close the mobile service the service will work with current users. Those that meet the needs for home service will be supported appropriately. Discussions will also be undertaken with customers on the online services they can access and the location of statics and their opening times.

3:8:3 With regards to the closure of Thornhill Lees & Lepton libraries, discussions will be undertaken with users to identify the most appropriate alternative access for them. There are other libraries available within reasonable proximity to both Thornhill Lees and Lepton. Users can also access the library service on line, for example

through e-books. There is the opportunity to have a book-drop for the community if there is an appropriate venue identified.

3:8:4 With regards to the revised opening hours the service points will have a paid member of staff in them for the hours quoted in appendix E. For community supported libraries the community and volunteers will be able to open the library when the paid staff are not on site. This could be for users to access IT, borrow a book or run an event. There is also the online service available for all users. All volunteers will be trained appropriately by the library service.

3:8:5 The equality impact assessment for the proposals can be found at appendix H

4:0 Consultees and their opinions

4:1 The Council's budget consultation results from the autumn of 2014 can be found in the following link

<http://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/Data/Council/201501141800/Agenda/COUNCIL14011552814D.pdf>

4:2 The library consultation 19th January 2015 – 10th April 2015. The results of which can be found in Appendix C and the following link

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/pdf/LibrariesReviewReport.pdf>

The webcast from the library consultation at 29th July 2015 Council can be found on the following link

http://www.kirklees.public-i.tv/site/mg_bounce.php?mg_m_id=4726

4:3 The petitions received and detailed at Appendix I. These include two petitions presented to the Council meeting on 29th July 2015 as part of undertaking the debate on the outcomes of the library consultation.

4:4 The deputations received and detailed at Appendix I. The deputations were discussed at cabinet on 28th & 29th July 2015.

4:5 The public meetings attended by staff from libraries service detailed at Appendix J.

4:6 The meetings attended by Cllr Turner during and as part of the consultation programme detailed at Appendix I.

5:0 Relevant papers

5:1 The Council budget consultation papers (See 4:1)

5:2 The library consultation papers (See 4:2)

5:3 The library annual statistical report in the following link:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/pdf/AnnualReportSummary.pdf>

6:0 Next steps

6:1 This report is submitted to cabinet for a decision as set out in section 7:0 of this report.

7:0 Officer recommendations and reasons

7:1 That the Council delivers a library service from the 8 town libraries and 16 community supported libraries, these will remain in Council control, at the hours set out in appendix E.

7:2 That a social inclusion offer is developed covering the Transcription Service, Kirklees Talking News and the Home Service.

7:3 That the library and the tourist information centre in Holmfirth are merged as soon as practicably possible.

7.4 That by 1st April 2016 the libraries at Thornhill Lees and Lepton are closed and the Mobile library service ceases operation.

7:5 That should the volunteer levels fall below expectations in any of the Community Supported Libraries, where volunteer support for the paid member of staff does not attend during the hours agreed for over 25% of the time in a quarterly period, that a report be developed for cabinet to consider the closure of the service point.

7:6 That for community supported libraries where the asset is transferred the Council will not pay a hosting fee to the group for example for rent or utility costs.

8:0 Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

8:1 The portfolio holder supports the officer recommendations.

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Appendix C

Options based on staff opening hours

	Current opening hours	Option 1 Original Proposal	Option 2 BS/MF changes	Option 3 Standardised hours
Huddersfield *	56.5	50	50	50
Dewsbury *	52.2	50	50	50
Batley	48.5	35	35	30
Cleckheaton	51	35	35	30
Holmfirth *	51	40	40	40
Birstall	45.5	30	32.5	30
Mirfield	51	35	32.5	30
Lindley *	37.5	30	30	30
Chestnut	66	20	20	17
Heckmondwike	45	30	30	30
Greenwood	25	20	20	17
Meltham	29.5	20	20	17
Birkby	25	20	20	17
Marsden	31	20	20	17
Almondbury	24.5	15	15	17
Kirkburton	32	15	15	17
Skelmanthorpe	37	15	15	17
Honley	28	15	15	17
Rawthorpe	25	15	15	17
Golcar	24	15	15	17
Shepley	19	15	15	17
Slaithwaite	24.5	15	15	17
Denby Dale	23	20	20	17
Kirkheaton	15	5	5	17
Totals		580	580	575

Option 1 - The original proposal based on activities and visitors and professional judgement.

Option 2 - The original proposal with Mirfield and Birstall hours apportioned for better fairness.

Option 3 - Based on Town Libraries at 30 hours and Community Supported at 17 hours.

*Busyness does not allow for any further reduction



Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: 17 November 2015

Title of report: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee –
 Recommendations from Call-In Hearing – Future
 Library Provision

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No – but the original Cabinet decision proposes a budget reduction of £500k in 2016/17 and £1,354k in 2017/18
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	No
Is it eligible for “call in” by Scrutiny ?	Not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	David Smith – 5 th November 2015
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	See above
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & Monitoring?	Julie Muscroft – 5 th November 2015
Cabinet member portfolio	Councillor Graham Turner Resources and Community Safety

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All wards

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To advise the Cabinet of the decision and recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee following its consideration of a Call-In in respect of the decision made by Cabinet on 22nd September 2015 on ‘Future Library Provision’.

2. Key points

2.1 On 23rd October 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee met to consider the Call-In in respect of the decision made by Cabinet on 22 September 2015 on ‘Future Library Provision’.

2.2 The Committee considered evidence from the Councillors who were signatories to the Call-In, the Cabinet Member for Resources and Community Safety, officers from the Customer and Exchequer Service,

and members of the public. The Committee also considered all relevant background information used in the decision-making process and determined if the decision had been made in accordance with the Council's decision-making principles.

2.3 According to the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Committee had three options available to it:

- (1) To take no further action and free the decision for implementation.
- (2) To refer it back to Cabinet with recommendations for amendment.
- (3) To refer it back to the next Council, if the Panel considered that the decision was not made in accordance with the budget or policy framework.

2.4 The Committee had sought advice from the Assistant Director for Legal, Governance & Monitoring and was satisfied that the third option did not apply in this instance.

2.5 **The Committee's Findings:**

The Committee appreciated and valued everyone's contribution at the Call-in Hearing and acknowledged the time and effort that had gone into trying to find the best solution for future Library Provision.

The Committee thanked everyone who had put time and effort in over the last 3 years to find the best way to retain a wide range of services across communities in Kirklees. The Committee was encouraged by how highly valued the library service was across Kirklees.

2.6 Set out below are the Committee's conclusions in respect of each of the grounds of call in.

i. **No clear criteria have been laid out on the expectations for volunteer support in community Supported Libraries and yet the future of Community Supported Libraries is dependent on a 75% attendance level from volunteers**

Whilst not explicit within the report, separate documentation provided to the Committee had provided sufficient evidence to assure the Committee that expectations of volunteer support had been sufficiently thought through. A lot of consideration has been given to the recruitment, retention and training of volunteers. The Committee recognise the valuable contribution volunteers make to the library service.

ii. **No consideration appears to have been given to the geographical spread of libraries and the travel times to reach them.**

The Committee agreed that consideration had been given to the geographical spread of libraries in maintaining 24 libraries out of 26 in Kirklees. The Committee considered that by maintaining a

geographical spread, the service was well placed to respond to the potential impact of the Local Plan.

- iii. **The number of hours each library is to open does not appear to be supported by the evidence provided in the report. There is no financial information to support the decisions taken on individual libraries.**

The Committee acknowledged that some financial information was provided, however, this was only part of what was taken into consideration in making the decisions and that other factors were taken into account in retaining the services.

The Committee were aware that the opening hours agreed in the Cabinet report were the minimum hours for paid staff and there was some flexibility around how these hours were used. However, the Committee did not feel that the evidence provided made it clear enough to the stakeholders and wider public about how the hours have been allocated. There was also some confusion about allocation of paid staff hours and potential opening hours. The Committee agreed that there was lack of clarity in the documentation and that some further work needed to be done in understanding the opening hours and implications for different communities.

- iv. **Neither Cabinet nor officers justified which libraries were chosen to be town libraries or community supported libraries.**

The Committee appreciated the model the Council was attempting to adopt to retain such a broad library service across Kirklees, however, it was agreed that the Council needed a clearer definition of the different types of library services. The evidence that was provided can be interpreted in different ways so leads to great confusion.

2.7 **Scrutiny Committee Recommendations:**

It was therefore the Committee's decision, after taking all factors into account, that the decision should be referred back to Cabinet with the following recommendations:-

- **That there needs to be a clearer definition of the 2 tier model of services (Town and Community Supported Libraries) being proposed so that the public can clearly understand the rationale and the service offer they can expect.**
- **That once the definition has been clarified, Cabinet should review and categorise the different libraries in line with the clear definition and that paid staff hours be allocated appropriately.**

3. Implications for the Council

This report sets out the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Cabinet has a number of options available to it. The implications for the Council will be dependent upon the course of action taken by the Cabinet.

4. Consultees and their opinions

None.

5. Next steps

Dependent on the Cabinet's response to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations, officers will implement any agreed actions.

As required constitutionally the call in and its outcomes will be reported to Council.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Cabinet consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's findings and recommendations as set out in paragraph 2.7 of the report and determine one of the following courses of action:

- Accept the recommendations (in full or in part) of the Scrutiny Committee and amend its original decision accordingly;
- Decide that further work needs to be done and defer the item until this is completed. The Scrutiny Committee should be kept informed of the work as it progresses and be formally notified when it is to be reconsidered;
- Not accept the view of the Scrutiny Committee and confirm its original decision;
- Refer the issue for discussion at the next appropriate Council meeting.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

As this is a Scrutiny referral, this is not applicable.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Relevant papers: Agenda papers and decision of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 23rd October 2015 and the Cabinet meeting held on 22nd September 2015.

9. Assistant directors responsible

Julie Muscroft, Assistant Director (Legal, Governance & Monitoring)
Jane Brady, Assistant Director (Customer and Exchequer)



Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: 17 November 2015

Title of report: Housing Delivery Programme Update

<p>Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A number of the projects will result in spending or savings of £250k or more. Overall, the Housing Delivery Programme will have a significant effect on two or more Electoral Wards. The report recommends a key decision in relation to one of the projects.</p>
<p>Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name</p> <p>Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?</p> <p>Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal, Governance & Monitoring?</p>	<p>Jacqui Gedman - 05.11.15</p> <p>David Smith - 04.11.15</p> <p>Julie Muscroft - 09.11.15</p>
<p>Cabinet member portfolio</p>	<p>Cllr Cathy Scott, Portfolio Holder for Housing & the Relief of Poverty</p>

Electoral [wards](#) affected:

Housing delivery projects and activities are taking place across Kirklees including some key projects in the following wards: Ashbrow, Batley East, Dewsbury East, Golcar, Mirfield and Newsome.

Ward Councillors consulted: Ward Councillors have been consulted as appropriate, in relation to key projects in their wards.

Public or private: PUBLIC

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1. This report provides an update on progress in developing and delivering proposals to address the housing crisis in Kirklees as noted in the Motion submitted to the Council meeting on 5th November 2014. The report also proposes the disposal of a Council owned site at Ashbrow in Huddersfield for a proposed housing development.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. The Housing Commissioning Strategy 2013-16, together with action plans for delivery, was approved by Cabinet in February 2013. In July 2014 Council endorsed the complementary Kirklees Economic and Joint Health and Well-being Strategies. It is widely acknowledged that the homes and places where people live contribute significantly to our health and wellbeing and in turn that confident healthy, resilient people are better able to secure a job and be more productive in the work place.

The outcomes in the Housing Commissioning Strategy were updated in line with these key strategies and are now:

- An appropriate supply of good quality, energy efficient homes that support good health and reduce living costs.
- Access to suitable and settled homes, providing a secure place for families to thrive and live independently.
- A quality residential and neighbourhood offer which attract business and people to locate in Kirklees.

2.2. The full Motion submitted to Council is included as Appendix A and key parts of the Motion are summarised below.

2.3. The Motion noted that “this Council recognises that there is a growing housing crisis in Kirklees. There is a lack of good quality, energy efficient and affordable homes across all tenures to meet the varied needs of local people.....Secure, warm and affordable homes are the greatest determinant of the health and wellbeing of our communities, which is rightly a clear and stated priority of this Council. Therefore, this Council calls on Cabinet to bring forward proposals to address this crisis to include consideration of the following:

- A target to provide up to 1200 new homes on mixed tenure developments over the next 4 years, a third of which (i.e. 400 homes), should be Council and/or affordable housing and some of which should meet more specialist need for older and vulnerable people.
- Bring forward an initiative to buy back former right to buy properties.
- Bring forward Council owned land for new homes to be built.
- Identify sites for private sector homes for sale.
- Maximising inward investment into the district.
- Developing and bringing forward investment options and a business case to make best use of headroom and other HRA resources.

- Using creatively the investment of the resources, land, powers and knowledge we have available.
- Addressing the growing fuel poverty affecting our citizens.
- Working with responsible private landlords to drive up standards across the private rented sector.
- A long term strategic approach with partners including KNH and KCA to develop housing options and the ALMO model.

3. HOUSING DELIVERY PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

3.1. Following the Council meeting in November 2014, a number of work streams were established to develop and progress various projects and activities to help address the housing crisis and to help to deliver the Council's housing ambitions. The various projects report to a Housing Delivery Programme Board.

3.2. The following paragraphs summarise the key achievements and then describe the range of housing delivery projects and the progress that has been made since the Council meeting in November 2014.

3.3. Key achievements since November 2014 include the following:

- **94 new affordable homes delivered by private sector developers or Registered Providers.**
- **111 housing units developed in Huddersfield and Dewsbury town centres as part of the Council's Empty Clusters project (as part of a wider programme which has delivered 142 units in total to date).**
- **Refurbishment and re-modelling of Denham Court in Batley completed and opened in May 2015 to provide 16 homes for older people.**
- **Planning applications have been approved for two schemes to provide 16 homes for people with disabilities.**
- **Buy back of 10 former right to buy properties has been completed with more properties in the process of being purchased.**
- **Outline planning permission approved in May 2015 for residential development on a Council owned site at Ashbrow. Procurement process to appoint a delivery partner for a scheme to provide a mixed tenure development of about 180 new homes on this site has commenced.**
- **Outline planning application submitted in September for a Council owned site at Soothill in Batley with an indicative layout for 358 new homes.**
- **Feasibility work is proceeding for a potential environmentally friendly housing development at Newsome.**
- **Conditional full planning permission approved (subject to actions delegated to officers) for 49 new "rent to buy" homes on a Council owned site at Chickenley.**

- **Planning permission has been granted for new homes on 15 small Council owned sites with one further planning application having been submitted.**
- **Meetings have been held with developers in relation to stalled sites that have planning permission for housing but where construction has not yet started.**
- **Solar PV installation on 410 Council homes.**

3.4. Economic Benefits

- 3.4.1** The housing projects outlined in this report will bring a number of economic benefits to Kirklees. **In total, the programme is forecast to build 1,254 new homes. Based on the average new build costs for Kirklees in October 2015, of £81,000, this represents a total investment of over £100 million.**
- 3.4.2** In addition, based on current policy, it will also bring **£8.4 million in New Homes Bonus (over 6 years) for the district and an annual increase in council, tax revenue of around £1.5 million. New homes benefit the wider economy, and it is predicted that around 1,900 new jobs will be created by this housing programme.**

3.5. New homes target

- 3.5.1** 94 new affordable homes have been completed in Kirklees since October 2014 and are usually either as a result of agreements with private sector housing developers or have been built by Registered Providers as part of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) Affordable Homes Programme.
- 3.5.2** With funding from the Government's Homes and Communities Agency, the Council's **Empty Clusters project** has delivered 111 housing units since November 2014. The project focuses on providing grants to enable town centre buildings to be converted for residential use. A total of 142 housing units have so far been delivered and work is currently progressing on the final three empty clusters schemes which are expected to deliver a further 23 housing units. The Council's empty clusters project was recently a finalist in the "Best Housing and Regeneration Initiative" category at the APSE 2015 Annual Service Awards.
- 3.5.3** The **Care and Support Specialised Housing (CASSH) project** was approved by Cabinet on 26th August 2014. The project involves three schemes. The refurbishment and re-modelling of Denham Court in Batley opened in May 2015 and provides 16 homes for older people. Planning applications have been approved for two new build schemes which are being developed with Connect Housing, a Registered Provider. A scheme at Siggott Street in Longwood will provide ten homes for people with learning and physical disabilities and a scheme at Knowl Grange in Mirfield will be designed to provide six homes for

people with physical disabilities. The scheme is supported by £454,000 of grant from the HCA.

3.6 Buy back

- 3.6.1** Work is proceeding on a project to buy back former right to buy properties and to date three such properties have been purchased and were available to rent from the end of September. Three more properties are in the process of being purchased and offers have been made on an additional four properties.
- 3.6.2** The Kirklees Community Association (KCA), a local charitable organisation, also contributes to the buyback project. Seven former right to buy properties have so far been purchased and refurbished and are available for rent. Refurbishment work is proceeding on a further property and during September KCA started the process to purchase an additional three such properties.

3.7 Council owned land for new homes

- 3.7.1** This area of work seeks to bring forward Council owned sites for housing developments.
- 3.7.2** Outline planning permission was granted in May 2015 for residential development at a Council owned site adjacent to **Ashbrow Road** which is approximately three miles from Huddersfield town centre. This 4.5 hectare site was previously used by the former Huddersfield Technical College for the provision of agricultural and horticultural courses. The Council is undertaking a procurement process with companies on a Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) framework to appoint a delivery partner. A shortlist of bidders is currently being drawn up who will be invited to submit detailed tender proposals for a scheme of about 180 new homes, including homes for sale and a Council affordable extra care scheme for older people. The Council is intending to undertake some highways and access work in Spring 2016 to help facilitate the proposed housing development.

The Council's intention to dispose of all or part of this site to a delivery partner (that will be appointed following the procurement process) was recently advertised and this is described further in paragraph 4.1 of this report.

- 3.7.3** An outline planning application was submitted on 9th September 2015 with an indicative layout for 358 homes at the Council owned site adjacent to Soothill Lane and Mill Forest Way in the **Soothill** area of Batley. This 12.8 hectare site is currently leased to an agricultural tenant. It is anticipated that this application will be considered by the Council's Strategic Planning Committee in

either December 2015 or January 2016. When built, the development will be a mixture of market and affordable homes.

- 3.7.4** The former **Stile Common Junior School site** in the Newsome area of Huddersfield has been identified for a potential environmentally friendly housing development and feasibility work is progressing.
- 3.7.5** A Council owned site at **Chickenley**, Dewsbury is being progressed by the QSH organisation who are intending to develop up to 49 new homes through a rent to buy model which will include 14 affordable homes. Conditional full planning permission was approved on 30th October 2015 (subject to actions delegated to officers). This is an innovative “rent to buy” model which allows tenants to buy their homes using funds set aside from their rent.
- 3.7.6** A **small sites project** is focussing on identifying and selling small Council owned sites which can usually accommodate between two and five new homes. To make the small sites more attractive to local house builders and developers, the sites will generally be disposed of with the benefit of outline planning permission and with legal documentation in place. Planning permission has so far been received for fifteen small Council owned sites and one site is the subject of a current planning application. It is anticipated that the small sites in total could potentially accommodate up to about 50 new homes. Two open days will take place in November to help promote the availability of small sites to local builders and developers and to encourage and stimulate housing development.
- 3.7.7** Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing (KNH) are working with Building Services to progress two small sites and it is anticipated that each site could accommodate four 2 bedroom properties. Site investigations have been completed and initial design options are being considered with a view to developing eight affordable homes for social rent.

3.8 Identifying sites for private sector homes

- 3.8.1** Work is being undertaken in relation to a number of **stalled sites** ie sites which have planning permission for housing development but where construction has not yet started. Meetings have been held with owners and/or developers for thirteen stalled sites to discuss the current position and identify any blockages to construction proceeding. Progress has been made in relation to eight of the stalled sites including the submission of revised planning applications and applications to discharge planning conditions.
- 3.8.2** Based on discussions with developers, site owners and partners in relation to their progress in pursuing current or new permissions, and discharging conditions, continued progression

on sites would secure the delivery of 396 new homes. This is based on developer/owners' appetite for development and discussion with them and their partners.

- 3.8.3** The Council's recently published draft Local Plan identifies potential sites for housing development.

3.9 Maximising inward investment and use of HRA resources

- 3.9.1** The Council's application for City Region loan funding of £1 million towards off site highways work to help facilitate the development of the Ashbrow, Soothill and Stile Common sites has been approved. It was considered by Cabinet on 20th October 2015 and the Director of Resources was given delegated authority to finalise the terms of the loan and agreement.
- 3.9.2** The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has provided funding of £2.8 million for the Empty Clusters project and the Government's Homes and Communities agency has provided funding of £445k towards the CASSH project.
- 3.9.3** To help maximise the amount of development that the Council can create from its own resources, Council land and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) funding will be used to lever in private sector investment from development partners and from Housing Association partners to produce mixed tenure developments.
- 3.9.4** Proactive engagement is underway with officers from the Leeds City Region as part of the review of the LCR Strategic Economic Plan which is due for revision in winter 2015. The plan will be one of the key avenues to future funding opportunities. As such discussions are underway on a range of stalled private sector sites, and how these may be brought to the market in the future. Further engagement will take place on the draft local plan and opportunities that may bring to accelerate housing growth from 2017 onwards. The scale of available of future resources is still subject to confirmation especially given the discussions with regard to devolution.

3.10 Addressing fuel poverty

- 3.10.1** To help address fuel poverty, a solar PV installation programme on Council homes was approved by Cabinet in September 2014 and commenced at the end of last year. With funding from the HRA installations on 410 homes have so far been completed.

3.11 Working with responsible private landlords

- 3.11.1** The Council's Housing Solutions Service work with private sector landlords to improve both the management and condition of private rented stock. Key activities include the following;
- 3.11.2** Working with landlords to secure access to the private rented sector for households threatened with homelessness, with 61 such cases since November 2014.
- 3.11.3** Encouraging landlords to increase the number of properties complying with the Kirklees Landlord Accreditation Scheme.
- 3.11.4** 247 property inspections have been undertaken over the last year which resulted in properties being compliant or informal advice being provided. Additionally, 162 private rented property inspections resulted in the provision of specialised advice to landlords or tenants. 202 properties had improvement work completed by the landlord following a property inspection.

3.12 Long term strategic approach to develop housing options

- 3.12.1** On 22nd September 2015 Cabinet looked at a range of different delivery models and considered the pros and cons of each in relation to which best support the council's strategic priorities. The options included:
- Status quo – continue as is.
 - Large scale stock transfer.
 - Take KNH back to the council.
 - Merge KNH and Kirklees Building Services.
 - Merge some of the council's strategic housing services with KNH and Kirklees Building Services.

Cabinet requested officers to produce a detailed analysis of the option to merge KNH and Building Services and a longer term management agreement and that a further report be submitted to Cabinet in January 2016 to enable a final decision on the future delivery of housing management and maintenance services to be made.

4 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL

4.1 Legal Implications.

The Council's intention to dispose of all or part of the Ashbrow Road site for a housing development (after the conclusion of the procurement process to appoint a delivery partner) has recently been advertised under Section 123 of the 1972 Local Government Act. No objections were received.

The procurement process to appoint a delivery partner for the Ashbrow scheme is using a framework that was procured by the HCA.

4.2 Financial Implications.

The financial implications arising out of the proposal to dispose of all or part of a Council owned site at Ashbrow in Huddersfield will be evaluated as part of the procurement process to appoint a delivery partner. There are no new financial implications arising from this report in relation to the other housing delivery projects and activities. HRA and Council resources are being used to contribute towards the development and implementation of some of the housing delivery projects and activities noted in this report. This will be reported as part of HRA and Council financial reporting processes.

4.3 Council Policies and Priorities.

In July 2014 the Council endorsed the complementary Kirklees Economic and Joint Health and Well-being Strategies. As a result the Housing Commissioning Strategy 2013-16 was amended to reflect the agreed strategic shared outcomes and plans for addressing housing need and housing delivery have been updated.

The projects and activities noted in this report contribute to addressing the housing crisis in Kirklees which is a key Council priority.

4.4 Equalities Implications.

The housing delivery projects and activities noted in this report are contributing to increasing both the supply and the condition of affordable homes in Kirklees, including homes designed for older people and people with learning and/or physical disabilities.

5 CONSULTEES AND THEIR OPINIONS

- 5.1 The overall Housing Delivery Programme is managed at a strategic level by a programme Board that includes the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Member for Housing and the Director of Place. Board members receive regular progress reports and support the development of the projects and activities noted in this report.

6 NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 Continue to progress the projects and activities noted in this report.

7. OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS and REASONS

Members are recommended to:

- 7.1 Note the report and the progress made in relation to the housing delivery projects.
- 7.2 Delegate authority to the Director of Place and the Assistant Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Member for Housing to take the necessary actions to continue to progress the activities and projects noted in this report.
- 7.3 Note the outcome of the public open space advertising process for the Ashbrow site.
- 7.4 Delegate authority to the Director of Place and the Assistant Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Member for Housing to procure a delivery partner for the site at Ashbrow to include the finalising of a shortlist of bidders for the proposed housing scheme at Ashbrow and to carry out the tender stage of the procurement process to appoint a delivery partner.
- 7.5 Grant approval for the Council to enter a development agreement with the appointed delivery partner and to dispose to the delivery partner (whether by freehold transfer or the grant of a long leasehold interest) all or part of the Ashbrow site.
- 7.6 Delegate authority to the Director of Place and Assistant Director of Place to negotiate the negotiate and agree the terms of the documents disposing of all or part of the Ashbrow site and any other relevant documents that relate to the development of the Ashbrow Site by the appointed delivery partner.
- 7.7 Delegate authority to the Assistant Director Legal Governance & Monitoring to enter into and execute the documents disposing of all or part of the Ashbrow site and any other relevant documents that relate to the development of the Ashbrow site by the appointed delivery partner.
- 7.8 Approve the carrying out of enabling works that are referred to in clause 3.7.2 of this report.
- 7.9 Request that officers prepare a further progress report for consideration by Cabinet at a time to be agreed by the Lead Member for Housing and the Director of Place.

7 CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS

The portfolio holder, Councillor Cathy Scott, is happy to note the report and the progress made, in relation to the housing delivery projects and for this report to proceed to Cabinet on the 17 November 2015. The portfolio holder supports all the recommendations and asks Cabinet to agree the recommendations detailed in section 7 above.

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COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2014

Item 7 - Motion submitted in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Addressing the Growing Housing Crisis in Kirklees

To consider the following Motion submitted in the names of Councillors Sheard, C Scott, Calvert, G Turner and S Hall

“This Council recognises there is a growing housing crisis in Kirklees. There is a lack of good quality, energy efficient and affordable homes across all tenures to meet the varied needs of local people. Too many of our citizens do not have suitable places to live in and bring up their families now. Together with demographic changes, demand will continue to grow and new homes of all types are required urgently right across the Borough. Otherwise our children will have nowhere to live. We do not have enough Council houses to meet demand. Private sector rents are rising, short term insecure tenancies do little to stabilise communities and quality too often falls short of acceptable standards. Owner occupation is now beyond the reach of many of our citizens as depressed wage levels and price rises make mortgages unobtainable and unaffordable as reported in the Examiner only a few weeks ago.

Secure, warm and affordable homes are the greatest determinant of the health and wellbeing of our communities, which is rightly a clear and stated priority of this Council. Therefore this Council calls on Cabinet to bring forward proposals to address this crisis, to include consideration of the following :-

- A target to provide up to 1200 new homes on mixed tenure developments over the next 4 years, a third of which, ie 400 homes, should be council and/or affordable housing and some of which should meet more specialist need for older and vulnerable people.
- Bringing forward an initiative to buy back former right to buy properties as part of a wider partnership to bring empty homes back into use and to make the best use of housing stock across the district.
- Bringing forward Council owned land for new homes to be built with a range of partners in mixed developments to meet specific local needs, including new Council houses where appropriate
- Identifying sites for private sector homes for sale both to meet housing demand and generate income and jobs for local people
- Maximising inward investment into the district and use all available resources including private sector investment, HCA programmes and other strategic opportunities at the City Region to meet the Council’s housing priorities.
- Developing and bringing forward investment options and a business case to make the best use of the £45 million headroom and other HRA resources as part of the 30 year business planning requirement of the council.

- Using creatively the investment of the resources, land, powers and knowledge we have available, using our partners to make it go further and maximise the number of new homes and jobs we can provide
- Addressing the growing fuel poverty affecting our citizens leading to cold and damp homes and more ill health
- Working with responsible private landlords to drive up standards across the private rented sector
- A long term strategic approach with partners including KNH and KCA to develop housing options and the ALMO model, taking best practice from other councils to progress new build and other opportunities linked to jobs, training and employment to support the growth of the Kirklees economy, local businesses and a better quality of life for residents of Kirklees.

These proposals will not in themselves solve the housing crisis in Kirklees. The national housing policies and investment priorities of all political parties will need to significantly change for that to happen. This Council has a duty to do all it can within the resources and powers available now to make a start on making a difference. Further opportunities will arise to meet some of these needs and we need an open mind to do things differently if that helps our citizens have better places to live in the future.

In approving this Motion the Council commits to working with all its strategic housing and regeneration partners to explore every avenue possible to increase the numbers of quality homes for our people to live in, bringing all the resources and ideas we all have to the table. Let the journey begin.”

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Name of meeting: Cabinet

Date: 17th November 2015

Title of report: North Kirklees Housing and Enterprise Growth Zone

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	Yes
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny ?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Jacqui Gedman - 09.11.15
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	David Smith - 04.11.15
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	Julie Muscroft - 06.11.15
Cabinet member portfolio	Housing and the Relief of Poverty - Councillor Cathy Scott Transportation, Skills, Jobs and Regional Affairs - Councillor Peter McBride Resources and Community Safety - Councillor Graham Turner

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Directly - Dewsbury East, Dewsbury West, Dewsbury South and Batley East. Indirectly neighbouring wards in North Kirklees and wards outside Kirklees.

Ward councillors consulted: Consultation on the local plan is underway, covering all wards, and also with neighbouring authorities. Detailed consultation has not taken place on this specific report given it is at this stage a policy concept that needs further detailed work. It is envisaged that consultation with ward members will be a central plank in the development of the more detailed strategy.

Public or private: Public

NORTH KIRKLEES HOUSING AND ENTERPRISE ZONE

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to outline proposals to help bring about a long term sustained transformation of North Kirklees, based on the concept of creating a Housing and Enterprise Growth Zone, linked to a programme of regeneration, renewal and individual opportunity.

It seeks to quantify how the two local policy drivers – the Kirklees Economic, and the Health and Wellbeing Strategies – can turn their objective of prioritising Dewsbury to achieve a “transformational economic overhaul”, as well as ensuring that the gap on a series on economic and social indicators is closed.

This report does not seek to pose answers for all the issues and concerns of the area, but sets out a broad policy framework of what North Kirklees could look like in 15 to 20 years’ time, what opportunities will exist for its occupants and how we propose to transform the area.

It sets out and makes a number of recommendations to be viewed as broad principles that will form the basis of a more detailed integrated strategy, which will be developed to address a number of issues, including:

- Providing major employment opportunities linked to housing growth
- Providing employment through a new strategic employment site
- Improving transport links for both road and rail
- Revitalising the urban centres, creating town centres that are fully occupied, with increased housing and leisure provision and a consolidated retail and commercial core
- Increasing wealth and opportunities for local people

This report is the first in a series of more detailed policy reports and proposals that build on the priorities laid out within the Kirklees Economic and Health and Wellbeing Strategies and other spatial and thematic reports will follow.

This report outlines:

- national/local policy context and why the area is a priority
- the strategic rationale for investment within the area and the potential role of North Kirklees, within the wider City Region
- the concept of how a growth zone could bring about wider benefits
- key considerations and next steps
- draft recommendations

2. Key points

Background

Dewsbury is a friendly town, it has a growing younger population base and its location, architecture and green spaces are all positive assets.

However, there are a range of issues that need to be addressed - economic, social and environmental. It is a place that underperforms economically and has a myriad of social and environmental problems. There are pockets of high unemployment, deprivation and poor health. The principal settlement, Dewsbury, has higher than average floorspace vacancies in the town centre - (Source: Local Data Company, 03rd September 2015) and similar problems but not on the same scale, exist in the secondary settlement, Batley. There are high levels of inequality between strong and weak housing market areas and some traffic routes are congested.

But a place of quality, opportunity and enterprise can emerge if the right level of commitment and the appropriate shared and owned vision is put in place, building on the area's strengths and tackling the weaknesses in an integrated way.

Its location within the wider City Region, its connectivity, the creativity and entrepreneurship of its citizens and the beautiful architecture in the area - provide real opportunities for Dewsbury and its hinterland (incorporating Batley).

The river and canal corridors should be seen as an asset. The concept of "friendly Dewsbury 15 minutes from Leeds" is one that should be exploited to help attract new business, new investors and a growth in population to sustain and grow services within the area.

Previous strategic interventions such as the Housing Market Renewal programme tackled poor quality housing, the Eco town concept whilst positively viewed in the national competition, it was felt not of sufficient scale and other areas were prioritised. The outcomes of the extensive community engagement on developing a vision for Dewsbury were captured in the 2010 Strategic Development Framework (SDF). The primary focus of the Strategic Development Framework (SDF), was the Dewsbury urban centre but, given the changes to Government spending priorities and the need to reduce debt, many of the positive ideas and projects could no longer be funded. Since the production of the Strategic Development Framework (SDF), several steps in the right direction have been made and a range projects are in the pipeline but the scale of the interventions, given the changed national financial climate, are not enough to achieve the critical mass required to transform the area and a range of underlying socio - economic issues still exist.

National/Regional Policy/Local policy Context

Examining the various tiers of the current policy context at a national, regional and local level, we can see that the UK economy is gradually emerging from the financial crisis. However, growth and recovery are fragile (particularly in the North) and there are significant ongoing pressures on the public purse. It is apparent in the short to medium term that traditional Government funding streams will not be available and that there will be a reliance on loan based funding, private sector solutions and innovative funding models using untraditional methodologies.

In line with the Government's drive to rebalance the nation's economy and the concept of a Northern Powerhouse, the Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) aims to unlock the potential of the region, but many of the programmes and initiatives within the plan are spatially prioritised. Within the SEP, the North Kirklees area and Dewsbury itself is not currently classified as a strategic growth centre or investment priority, although the SEP "does not rule out future investment should specific opportunities arise".

The two local strategic drivers, the Kirklees Economic Strategy and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy provide the local policy base for the future. Dewsbury is prioritised, prescribing a "transformational economic overhaul driven by integrated housing and economic development within the town and that the area can fulfil a key role in the resource smart corridor approach for future development".

Each of the two strategies focuses on the respective challenges the area faces, including a poorly performing economy with higher than average unemployment, low wage levels, low qualifications, a weaker housing market and a range of health indicators. The area's primary retail and commercial centre, Dewsbury, has higher than average vacancy rates (Source: Local Data Company, 03rd September 2015). Secondary centres such as Batley display similar problems but not on the same scale. Despite its location, the area's transport links are under developed but opportunities do exist for improved road and rail connectivity to destinations within both the Leeds and Manchester City regions and work is ongoing to exploit these.

For the area to realise its potential, it is clear that that the Council, working with a range of partners, will need to kick start a sustained, strategically recognised change programme. As previously highlighted, a significant amount of policy work and a range of projects and programmes have previously been undertaken. In particular between 2008 and 2010, the Council, in conjunction with Yorkshire Forward, worked with Local Members, the community and businesses to produce a Strategic Development Framework (SDF), for Dewsbury urban centre, based on the concept of "3 Big Moves". These were as follows:

- Distinctive Town quarters
- New High Street on Long Causeway
- Reconnecting the centre

However, at a national level there has been a growing focus on loan based funding replacing typical grant funding regimes. Opportunities for more local funding have been severely limited due to the Government's deficit reduction strategy. It is clear that a range of more sustained ways to drive transformational change and create real opportunities needs to be found.

The draft Local Plan and the opportunities it presents provide a potential positive option to bring about sustained, long lasting change on a significant scale.

A bold new approach could see growth drive opportunities and, if developed in an integrated way, could help re focus the purpose and role of the primary service centre of Dewsbury, and later Batley, helping to attract new investment to improve road and rail connectivity, deal with issues of housing market weakness, enhance leisure and educational provision and provide significant opportunities for local employment, business growth and entrepreneurship. When aligned to improved digital connectivity it provides a strong recipe for sustained transformation.

3. Implications for the Council

A sustained long term approach to growth that drives renewal

Current Government policy to promote a Northern powerhouse, the Leeds City Region SEP, Dewsbury's connectivity, its identification as a strategic employment area and the fact the City region does not rule out future investment within the area, clearly demonstrate the area's potential strategic significance to the City Region as well as the broader North of England.

Currently, City Region investment decisions are guided by their conformity with agreed strategic priorities and the lack of "strategic relevance and contribution to the SEPs priorities" serves to limit funding opportunities for this area. For example other priority areas have received various levels of funding support through City Region mechanisms, including £13.3m of revolving loan based investment through the Regional Growth Fund (RGF), for housing growth.

Opportunities to align wider growth and renewal programmes could unlock new funding streams to deliver a range of short, medium and long term interventions in the area and its urban centres, but only as part of a wider set of strategic interventions. The current range of City Region strategic interventions and potential pipeline projects is timetabled for review by the City Region and LEP late in 2015. This poses an opportunity that the Council may wish to explore further and, it builds on the Council's ambitions to contribute directly to and enable a broader range of good quality homes.

The evidence base for the draft Local Plan, including the draft Strategic Housing Market assessment, shows that the area's housing market under performs and that action must be taken to meet future population needs. In addition, the broader economic indicators of low incomes, higher than average unemployment, low qualification levels, and relatively poor health, plus the partial collapse of the retail sectors in Dewsbury and Batley, all signal the need for wholesale major intervention.

How a growth model could bring about wider benefits

The inclusion of strategic housing and employment sites within the Draft Local Plan could provide a key dimension to raising the strategic profile and status for the area and provide significant opportunities. If taken forward in an integrated manner, it could lever in new investment, provide solutions to long term renewal and provide a long term strong employment base.

The scale of housing being considered would complement the development of the strategic employment zone and would be a significant contributor to the strategic aims of the Governments Northern powerhouse concept, the aims and objectives within the Leeds City region SEP, meeting local needs and potentially opening up new funding streams.

The opportunities arising from the Local Plan process offer the potential to create the necessary momentum and generate major revenues and receipts through the creation of a Local Growth Zone underpinned by:

- Flexible/Streamlined planning, either through the introduction of a Local Development Order or Local Planning Zone.
- A financial strategy that could be based upon capturing and reinvesting future revenues (or part revenues) from Council Tax and New Homes Bonus arising from growth proposals. Also recycling higher value assets brought about by unlocking development sites, more flexible use of commuted sums, business rate capture, and potential use of stamp duty. This would require a more detailed long term financial strategy to be developed and a range of modelling/funding options presented to the Council, as well as part of the City Regions discussions on devolution with Government.
- Utilising Council assets to kick start/fund future development and renewal programmes and where possible setting up systems to recycle monies, or adopt local loan principles to further the broader objectives.

A growth area recognised as a regional asset would strengthen opportunities for aligned funding through the city region such as investment in transport, regional growth monies, the West Yorkshire Transport Plan (WYTP), aligned funding through health and the Homes and Community Agency (HCA). We need, however, to be mindful that the final scale of the Growth Zone and the potential range of aligned renewal interventions will be dependent on a range of factors, including the cost of opening up large scale development sites, the potential of which may not be fully realised without investment in the associated large scale infrastructure requirements. Similarly we need to take into account the amount of funding generated, its timing and the scale of aligned external funding that could be levered in. This would form part of the final strategy, delivery plan and supporting financial plan at a future date.

Headway is already been made on transport fund discussions and further opportunities could unfold. In particular we could bring about options to deal with congestion, improving access into new housing sites, making an

improved case for better rail connectivity, improved cycling and walking as well as better green places.

Similarly, by flexibly viewing affordable housing provision through a whole area approach, further opportunities can be realised for dealing with empty or neglected buildings across Dewsbury's urban centre and creating a catalyst for new private sector investment. The new urban centre would see a better planned reduction of current retail and commercial space, utilising empty buildings for alternative use, including residential, consolidating retail into an area that delivers an alternative offer to nearby cities and major shopping facilities. We would seek to maintain the service sector, expanding the range of housing and growing the range of leisure facilities, restoring a feeling of vibrancy, but in a more targeted area. It could present significant opportunities to up-skill local people, providing long term opportunities to raise their living standards and life choices. As well as attracting new residents who could invest and spend within the area.

In turn we would need to examine issues and options in the areas other commercial centres in particular Batley which faces similar but not as extensive problems to those experienced in Dewsbury.

We would need to be mindful of the need for increased investment in community infrastructure to support more residential activity in and around the town centres.

In the table below, initial work by the Council's external consultants, shows the potential opportunities presented by a growth approach as to a steady state scenario.

The economic impacts for Growth:

Benefit	Steady state	Growth* Medium	Growth* High
Direct Jobs	2,000	6,750	9000
Indirect Jobs	1,700	4,050	5400
Local Expenditure	£4.7m	£11.2m	£15m

*Medium Growth as based on 4500 new homes, high growth on 6000 new homes as per figures provided by external consultant and are broadly in line with council assumptions based on Home Builders Federation assumptions.

Preliminary figures for the South Dewsbury site indicate that it could potentially make a gross value added contribution of £414.5m over 25 years. Additional housing sites would add to this figure.

Growth and impact figures for the proposed Chidswell Employment site indicate a minimum employment potential of 2411 jobs.

These preliminary forecasts are being refined by consultation on behalf of the Council and will be subject to rigorous testing and appraisal by the Council's Finance Team.

Despite previous attempts by the Council to attract significant levels of inward investment through now defunct programmes such as eco settlements, and

Housing Market Renewal (which did deliver significant success in dealing with private sector housing renewal) the issues faced have gradually become more difficult and without significant growth, potential further funding opportunities to deal with current problems will remain unlocked and limit the ambitions and potential of North Kirklees.

Growth and Renewal need to be part of one genuinely strategic and spatially integrated approach. It is a long term plan that is potentially mainly self-reliant in terms of funding (this is subject to further detailed work).

We do, however, need to be mindful that proposals on this scale do not just happen and that there are a significant number of considerations and issues that need to be addressed and worked through in a structured way, to minimise risks and maximise opportunities.

4. Consultees and their opinions

The proposals on the concept of a Growth Zone have not been formally subject to consultation, but specific sites will form part of the Local Plan processes.

It is intended that the vision, aim and objectives that underpin the development of the strategy will form part of a longer term engagement process and that this will be integral to Strategy Development.

Extensive engagement took place with business, the community and stakeholders on the development of the Dewsbury SDF, and the outcomes of that work will underpin the development of the more detailed strategy and enabling much of the thinking and outcomes of that work to be progressed.

5. Next steps

In this report we have examined the policy context, the strategic rationale for investment and the potential scale of the opportunities that could be realised particularly in respect of transforming central Dewsbury, creating new jobs, life opportunities, building up skills, increasing the areas wealth and reducing inequality. We have detailed the potential positive implications for the Council and the area as a whole, but tried to be clear that further work will be required to develop a more detailed strategy and its associated outcomes, supported by a financial plan, that is robust and has been thoroughly scenario tested.

The next steps that are proposed will include the following:-

We will need to seek clarity and agreement on the vision, aims, objectives and key principles that would underpin the strategy.

This section makes a series of suggestions and also highlights some of the items of significance that we would need to be mindful of at the outset and throughout the life of the programme. These suggestions would be subject to refinement following further work and consultation.

The draft vision recognises the role a friendly Dewsbury just 15 minutes from Leeds could play within the wider Northern regions - *“To have a thriving living town, tapping into the potential of its people, and maximising its role as a key transport and economic location”*.

Our potential aim could be *“To reenergise the town, maximising its riverside location, embedding enterprise and increase visitor numbers, through a programme of growth and renewal.”*

Similarly the vision and aims could be underpinned by a series of Key objectives. These may include:

- *The area could be a focus for housing and economic growth.*
- *The area could be seen as a key strategic employment location within the LCR.*
- *We may wish to fully exploit the area to ensure it seen as a key transport node for both road and rail (connecting to HS2, Leeds and the wider north of England)*
- *Dewsbury could be seen as the primary economic and service centre, with a town centre that is fully occupied through increased housing and leisure provision, with a consolidated retail and commercial core.*

Underpinning the development of any strategy or implementation plan is a set of draft key principles that would be critical to long term success. These may include:

- *We would need to be clear in terms of our overall vision, aims and core objectives and have clarity of purpose.*
- *We would need to be genuinely strategic, look long term and recognise that an integrated approach to growth and renewal can realise significant benefits.*
- *This is a spatial initiative, and within this spatial programme priorities would need to be set and choices made. We cannot do everything at once.*
- *It can only be achieved through a collaborative approach, with the council working with communities and a range of partners new and old. In many respects this is the concept of the Council moving towards a more enabling role, with intense up front activity giving way in the medium to longer term to greater roles, investment and leadership from the private and community sectors.*
- *The Council will need to display a positive leadership role and build confidence to attract new partners and investors.*
- *Any programme of significance will have benefits and risks and these should be explored in detail, but opportunities aggressively exploited.*
- *Communication and accountability with the electorate must be central to forward thinking and planning throughout.*
- *Confidence building across all parties and partners will be critical. Experience shows partners new and old will invest if the strategy is right.*
- *This is about long term planning and being realistic on timescales.*

Based on the suggested vision, aims, objectives and key principles, we have, in Appendix A, tried to depict key events, outcomes and issues of significance over a 20 year period (this being subject to further work and consultation) and is at this stage for illustrative purposes.

To bring the concepts and development of this strategy alive we propose an incremental approach over a 12 to 24 month period, culminating in the production of “an integrated strategy and financial plan” for the area covered by this proposal.

Summary steps for consideration would include:

- Broad agreement on the vision, aims, objectives and key principles.
- Recognition that this is one of a series of detailed proposals that will emerge from the Kirklees Economic and Well Being Strategies.
- That further work on the potential benefits and draft economic case be finalised.
- That consultation commence on a phased basis on the vision and key principles aligned to the timetable for discussing the Local Plan.
- That a draft integrated strategy development and delivery timetable be worked up, showing a series of short- medium- and long-term objectives.
- That consultation commence at a City Region level to ensure that “emerging proposals” are embedded within the review of City Region pipeline projects.
- That proposals for draft delivery structures be explored at an early stage and proposals brought forward as part of a wider visioning report to Council that would also ensure all area based programmes currently being progressed are aligned. It gives the opportunity for a potential strengthened role for local members but working alongside new partners. Options around potential delivery vehicle should be explored early.
- That early discussions start to take place with potential delivery partners.
- That work commences on the development of an inward and outward focused “brand” to start to instil a sense of product ownership and help build confidence.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The body of the report seeks to outline the background detail, policy rationale, approach and potential benefits.

The recommendations outlined below seek to secure agreement to work on the next steps of developing the vision, strategy and integrated delivery plan.

These recommendations are designed to enable officers to commence work with the community, strategic partners and agencies in developing the long term strategy for North Kirklees.

It also seeks approval to bring forward proposals to resource the development of the long term plan, and potential models of governance to enable the programme to be brought forward in line with the key principles outlined in section 5.

It is therefore recommended for the reasons explained above:-

- a) That the concept of a Housing and Enterprise Growth Zone be agreed in principle for consultation subject to finalisation and adoption of the local plan.
- b) That the draft vision statement, aim and core objectives for the strategy development be discussed and agreed.
- c) That we agree a series of objectives that will guide and deliver sustained growth. These may include:
 - A focus for housing and economic growth - thus delivering long term sustainable jobs and providing a funding mechanism to initially revitalise Dewsbury's urban core.
 - A key strategic employment location within the LCR.
 - A location that will be fully exploited to ensure it is seen as a key transport node for both road and rail (connecting to HS2, Leeds and other regional centres and the wider north of England), being only 15 minutes from Leeds by rail.
 - Dewsbury will be seen as a primary economic and service centre, with a town centre that is fully occupied through increased housing and leisure provision, with a consolidated retail and commercial core.
 - The final objectives will come back to Members in a future report.
- d) That an integrated approach should be progressed aligning growth and renewal - through a single overall investment and development programme for Dewsbury and North Kirklees, with a prioritised timetable, associated delivery plan and dedicated resource, minimising risks and maximising opportunities.
- e) That a bespoke local delivery model and financial strategy to support the delivery of proposed plans be developed.
- f) That the Leadership, governance, staffing and management arrangements need to be considered and that this be subject of a further report incorporating a review of partners/potential partners and interface with the local communities.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

The portfolio holder, for Housing and the Relief of Poverty, Councillor Cathy Scott, has indicated that this is a great opportunity for the Council, to explore an Enterprise Growth Zone, which could transform areas within it. Kirklees Council taking a proactive approach to explore, will pay dividends in the future. We have an opportunity of facilitating employment opportunities linked to housing growth, also increasing wealth and opportunities for local people.

The portfolio holder, for Transportation, Skills, Jobs and Regional Affairs, Councillor Peter McBride - thinks that this is the most rational way forward and a great opportunity, which will not come again for another generation.

The portfolio holder, for Resources and Community Safety, Councillor Graham Turner - fully supports the report and its recommendations.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Relevant papers:

- Draft local plan
- Dewsbury SDF refresh 2015
- Dewsbury SDF 2010
- Kirklees Economic and Health and Well Being strategies
- Leeds City Region SEP
- Queens speech 2015
- Budget Statement July 2015
- Housing Strategy 2013 – 2016
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2015

Appendix A: North Kirklees Storyboard 2006 to 2036

Appendix B: draft Growth Zone boundary

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North Kirklees – 2006 to 2036: Realising the Vision – for illustrative purposes only

Continued decline 2006 – 2010

2007

- HMR funding for housing secured but not for central Dewsbury
- Dewsbury M&S closes

2007/8

- Eco town concept fails to deliver renewal

2009

- Town Team established
- Work begins on Dewsbury SDF

2010

- Dewsbury SDF Finalised
- Town Charter drafted
- Retail vacancy rates still increasing in central Dewsbury

2010 ⇨

Minimal public funding as austerity bites

Small steps 2011 – 2014

2010

- Some SDF projects start but progress is slow and impact is slight

2013

- Townscape Heritage Funding is secured

- Work to secure future of Pioneer House

2014/15

- Pioneer House Annex converted to 6 flats
- Retail void rate at 26.9% - more than double national average
- Dewsbury Pioneers Community Group takes shape

Addressing unfinished business 2015 – 2020

2015

- Town Team disbanded

Summer 2015

- A new approach to sustained growth and renewal takes shape

Autumn 2015

- The financial plan takes shape

- Talks begin and agreement is reached on a broad strategy for North Kirklees

2016

- Partnership framework in shadow form agreed
- Talks begin on better rail connectivity

- LCR recognise North Kirklees can be a major growth zone

- End uses for Pioneer House in place

2016 ⇨

- Pilot projects on Dewsbury residential quarter commence

2017

- North Kirklees strategy fully adopted
- Dewsbury town centre living plan is agreed
- North Kirklees 'brand' agreed

2015-18

- THI continues

2017/18

- Supply chain and enterprise plan agreed
- Work commissioned for Batley SDF

2017/19

- Pioneer House fully open for business

2018

- Green Links Programme agreed

2018/19

- Ravensthorpe launch 2018/19

- Major highways plans agreed and funded

- New delivery partners appointed

2019

- Small Enterprise Programme in place
- Housing Apprenticeship Scheme launched

Represents major events / key moments

Realising the potential

2021 – 2025

2020/21

- North Kirklees employment strategy adopted

2023/24

- Phase 2 Dewsbury ring road finalised

2020/22

- Work starts on Ravensthorpe relief Road

2023/25

- Retail quarter shrinkage slows Footfall increases

2021 ⇄

- Chidswell housing scheme slowly comes on stream

- Dewsbury Piazza takes shape and night time economy starts to grow

2025

- Confidence is building

2021/23

- Social Enterprise programme in place

- Dewsbury Riverside Vision and Green Links Programme take shape – site assembly starts

2021/25

- Entrepreneurial culture accelerates
- Ravensthorpe Housing gains momentum
- Housing Apprenticeship Scheme expands
- Chidswell Park employment zone takes shape
- Dewsbury residential quarter gains momentum
- New educational provision planned
- Batley SDF becomes a reality

Momentum maintained

2026 – 2030

2026

- Ravensthorpe relief road operational
- Phase 2 Dewsbury street connectivity planned
- Town Hall becomes a more vibrant centre of culture and community

2030

- Dewsbury residential quarter securing 75% capacity values increasing
- North Kirklees recognised as key player in northern power house

2026/28

- Quick win projects in Batley underway
- Ravensthorpe Phase 2 complete
- Phase 3 launched
- Dewsbury Riverside on site

2026 – 30

- North Kirklees average incomes catching up wider Kirklees
- Chidswell Park employment zone gathers momentum
- Phase 3 Housing Apprenticeship Scheme in place
- Local employment rate increasing
- New school build programme in place

2028-30

- Dewsbury evening economy picking up
- Ravensthorpe Parkway interchange fully operational

A vibrant locality

2031 – 36

- Ravensthorpe Phases 4 and 5 on site
- Chidswell Park housing zone nearly complete
- 20-minute connections to HS2 in place
- Colourful thread of street activity in Dewsbury

- Chidswell Park employment zone is full

- The 2010 Dewsbury SDF vision is realised

- Towns Heritage protected and celebrated

- The class of 2015 are today's entrepreneurs

- River Calder is a destination place for living and recreation

- North Kirklees socioeconomic indicators on a par with wider Kirklees

- Batley fulfils its role as a secondary centre in North Kirklees

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Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: 17 November 2015

Title of report: Place Directorate - Review of Fees and Charges

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes
Is it in the Councils Forward Plan?	Yes
Is it eligible for “call in” by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director & name	Jacqui Gedman - 12/10/15
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	David Smith - 9/10/15
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	Julie Muscroft - 12/10/15
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Cllr S Hall - Place (Planning, Highways & Open Spaces)

Electoral Wards affected: All
Ward councillors consulted: All
Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To seek member approval to the review of fees and charges for services provided by Place Directorate.

2. Key points

- 2.1 Fees and charges must be reviewed at least once a year. The revisions ensure that charges are in line with, policy decisions, inflationary elements and where necessary stimulate demand for services.
- 2.2 Directors have delegated powers to amend fees and charges to achieve budget targets in line with the annual budget strategy and are permitted to freeze or raise charges by an amount up to the equivalent of the index of retail prices. Changes to charges may also reflect reasonable rounding to relevant prices which might in some cases

mean that certain prices rise by more than the index of retail prices or the budget strategy.

- 2.3 Directors may make amendments to existing Fees and Charges during the financial year to account for changes in legislation, market conditions or to support the local communities or local business following the completion of an appropriate business case, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder and Director of Resources.
- 2.4 Any proposal to implement new fees or charges must be approved by Cabinet (unless the making and quantum of the charge is a statutory obligation).
- 2.5 The majority of the changes are in Bereavement Services where the service needs to mitigate increasing costs associated with improved facilities that have been introduced, new burial and cremation facilities/mercury abatement /etc.). The fees and charges have been compared across the private and public sector providers and it was found that the service was operating below current market levels and attempting to contain additional service costs. It is anticipated, that these revised fees and charges will address these concerns.
- 2.6 The VAT treatment of memorials is currently under review. This follows a policy review by HM Revenue & Customs and a decision made by the First-Tier Tax Tribunal. Not all memorials will be affected by these changes. Clarification will be provided in published fees and charges once the review is complete.

3. Implications for the Council

There may be a reduction in income to the Council for some of these activities.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Place Directorate Management Team

5. Next steps

That the attached schedule of new fees and charges be approved.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The fees and charges are approved with the effective date being the 1st of December 2015.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

The portfolio holder, Councillor Steve Hall, supports the officer's recommendations on fees and charges and for the report to proceed to Cabinet.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Description of Charge	2014/15 Prices	2015/16 Proposed Fees	2015/16 Increase	2015/16 Increase
	£	£	£	%
Increases over and above inflation				
<u>Bereavement Services</u>				
<u>Cemeteries</u>				
Infant Grave (under 1 yr) @ Hey Lane Cemetery only	510.00	537.00	27.00	5%
Adult Grave for 1 or 2 interments - Private Grave (Notification of Death Required)	938.00	970.00	32.00	3%
Adult Grave for 3 interments - Private Grave (Notification of Death Required)	1,224.00	1,260.00	36.00	3%
Adult Grave for 4 interments - Private Grave (Notification of Death Required)	1,469.00	1,510.00	41.00	3%
Pre Purchase of Burial Rights - Adult Grave for 1 or 2 interments (Limited Availability)	1,530.00	1,600.00	70.00	5%
Pre Purchase of Burial Rights - Adult Grave for 3 interments (Limited Availability)	1,979.00	2,070.00	91.00	5%
Pre Purchase of Burial Rights - Adult Grave for 4 interments (Limited Availability)	2,438.00	2,550.00	112.00	5%
Burial of Body in a Private or Public Grave - Infant interment under 1 year Monday - Friday	61.00	80.00	19.00	31%
Burial of Body in a Private or Public Grave - Young Person interment under 18 years Monday - Friday	204.00	240.00	36.00	18%
Burial of Body in a Private or Public Grave - Adult Interment Monday - Friday	785.00	810.00	25.00	3%
Timber for Muslim Burials - Adult Full Set	347.00	360.00	13.00	4%
Timber for Muslim Burials - Child Full Set	122.00	126.00	4.00	3%
Timber for Muslim Burials - Adult Half Set	173.00	180.00	7.00	4%
Timber for Muslim Burials - Child Half Set	66.00	68.00	2.00	3%
Vaulting Traditional Graves – Single Grave (Limited Availability)	648.00	670.00	22.00	3%
Vaulting Traditional Graves – Set of flags for a vaulted grave where required (Limited Availability)	56.00	60.00	4.00	7%
Purchase earth cremation plots (Notice of Death Required)	321.00	335.00	14.00	4%
Pre Purchase earth cremation plots (50 year agreement)	536.00	550.00	14.00	3%
Interment of cremated remains - cremated remains plot	184.00	190.00	6.00	3%
Interment of Cremated Remains in Private Grave - Interment in adult grave 2' deep (soil permitting)	184.00	190.00	6.00	3%
Interment of Cremated Remains in Private Grave - Interment in adult grave full depth (if coffin burial/s to take place after cremated remains)	428.00	440.00	12.00	3%
Garden of Rest for Cremated Remains - Single memorial stone	133.00	137.00	4.00	3%
Garden of Rest for Cremated Remains - Single memorial stone with vase	189.00	195.00	6.00	3%
Garden of Rest for Cremated Remains – New or Replacement Plaque	54.00	55.00	1.00	2%
Garden of Rest for Cremated Remains – Desktop permit	51.00	53.00	2.00	4%
Scattering of cremated remains in Kirklees Cemetery (by prior appointment, subject to availability)	61.00	65.00	4.00	7%
Late cancellation of service / funeral appointment	128.00	135.00	7.00	5%
<u>Exhumation Charges</u>				
Exhumation - Cremated remains from grave 2' depth	306.00	320.00	14.00	5%
Exhumation - Cremated remains from grave over 2' depth	592.00	625.00	33.00	6%
Exhumation - From grave plot	1,530.00	1,600.00	70.00	5%
Exhumation - From grave plot (Infant)	765.00	805.00	40.00	5%
Grave Planting - 1 year maintenance per grave	92.00	95.00	3.00	3%
Grave Planting - 10 year maintenance per grave	653.00	695.00	42.00	6%
<u>Crematoria Charges</u>				

Adult Cremation -18 years and over Including medical referee fees & environmental levy - 30 minute service Monday - Friday (Morning only)	587.00	605.00	18.00	3%
Adult Cremation -18 years and over Including medical referee fees & environmental levy - 45 minute service Monday - Friday	663.00	685.00	22.00	3%
Direct Cremation (no service/no attendees/prior to 9am ltd availability)	515.00	540.00	25.00	5%
Infant Cremation - Under 1 year Including medical referee fees & environmental levy Monday - Friday	61.00	65.00	4.00	7%
Young Person Under 18 years Including medical referee fees & environmental levy Monday- Friday	214.00	220.00	6.00	3%
Body part (original cremation elsewhere)	61.00	65.00	4.00	7%
Pre-booking of Chapel for Double Service time (add to 9am-9.30-10am only)	71.00	75.00	4.00	6%
Pre-booking of Chapel for Double Service time (add to services from 10.30am)	143.00	150.00	7.00	5%
Web Streaming of Funeral Service	56.00	60.00	4.00	7%
DVD copy of Funeral Service	46.00	48.00	2.00	4%
CD copy of Funeral Service	40.00	42.00	2.00	5%
Use of Chapel Presentation Screen - photo or video presentations from £30	25.00	30.00	5.00	20%
Use of chapel facilities for additional time without prior notice (service exceeding allocated time)	153.00	175.00	22.00	14%
Charges for late paperwork from Funeral Directors (48 hours prior to funeral)	25.00	27.00	2.00	8%
Hire of chapel for private memorial services (no funeral / coffin) max 45 mins	265.00	270.00	5.00	2%
Hire of Chapel of Rest - Huddersfield Crem only (Viewing) - (over 1 hour and price per hour)	20.00	25.00	5.00	25%
Genealogical Search of Burial or Cremation Registers (data protection applies - max 10 per search)	30.00	35.00	5.00	17%
Interment of remains in niche / sanctum (included in up front fee)			0.00	
Late cancellation fee (Less than 48 hours prior to funeral)	128.00	135.00	7.00	5%
Pre booking of coffin bearer (48 hours prior to funeral)	15.00	15.00	0.00	0%
Same day booking / use of coffin bearer (day of funeral)	20.00	20.00	0.00	0%
Temporary Storage of cremated remains after 1 month (per month)	40.00	45.00	5.00	13%
Supply of additional cremation certificate	15.00	20.00	5.00	33%
Sanctum Memorial - Memorial for Cremated Remains 20 Year Lease	1,010.00	1,050.00	40.00	4%
Sanctum Lease Extension - 10 years (at time of purchase)	286.00	300.00	14.00	5%
Sanctum Lease Extension - 20 years (at time of purchase)	571.00	595.00	24.00	4%
Sanctum Lease Extension – 10 years (at lease expiry)	388.00	395.00	7.00	2%
Sanctum Lease Extension – 20 years (at lease expiry)	724.00	745.00	21.00	3%
Octagonal Sanctum				
Octagonal Sanctum - 20 year agreement	724.00	750.00	26.00	4%
Extension of further 10 years (at time of purchase)	275.00	285.00	10.00	4%
Extension of further 10 years (at lease expiry)	377.00	390.00	13.00	3%
Extension of further 20 years (at lease expiry)	510.00	525.00	15.00	3%
Pre-purchase octagonal sanctum (20 year agreement)	724.00	750.00	26.00	4%
2nd Interment of cremated remains (if sanctum purchased prior to Oct 2012)	61.00	65.00	4.00	7%
Scattering of cremated remains - None Kirklees Cremation	61.00	65.00	4.00	7%
Scattering of cremated remains - Weekends (subject to availability, by prior appointment)	122.00	125.00	3.00	2%
Memorials				
Additional inscription - Renaming - Re-Installation Fee	45.00	46.00	1.00	2%
Headstone permit from April 2005 (30 year lease)	130.00	135.00	5.00	4%
Headstone permit on private graves prior to April 2000	130.00	135.00	5.00	4%
Headstone & Kerbstone Combined Permit	224.00	235.00	11.00	5%
Infant memorial plaque	54.00	55.00	1.00	2%
Kerbstone permit on private grave	130.00	135.00	5.00	4%
Desktop permit (private grave)	130.00	135.00	5.00	4%
Burial Chamber - Classic 900	1,234.00	1,275.00	41.00	3%

Burial Chamber Memorial - Heritage Classic Royale	1,005.00	1,036.00	31.00	3%
Book of Remembrance Entry – 2 lines single entry	76.00	85.00	9.00	12%
Book of Remembrance Entry – 5 lines double entry	173.00	180.00	7.00	4%
Book of Remembrance Entry – 8 lines treble entry	230.00	240.00	10.00	4%
Folded Remembrance Card - 2 Lines Single Entry (The Folded Remembrance Card is a copy of entry in book of remembrance presented on a folded card)	51.00	55.00	4.00	8%
Folded Remembrance Card – 5 Lines Double Entry	66.00	70.00	4.00	6%
Folded Remembrance Card – 8 Lines Treble Entry	81.00	85.00	4.00	5%
Folded Remembrance Card - Additional Crest, badge, floral emblem, shield or coat of arms (only available with 5 and 8 lines entries) prices from £40	POA	40.00		
Memorial Edging Stones – Plaque on a block of 5 for 10 years (Huddersfield Crematorium only)	225.00	230.00	5.00	2%
Memorial Edging Stones – Standard kerb Plaque for 10 years	265.00	275.00	15.00	6%
Memorial Edging Stones – Renewal (10 years)	160.00	165.00	5.00	3%
Memorial Edging Stones – Standard kerb plaque (5 years)	189.00	195.00	6.00	3%
Memorial Trees - Memorial tree with plaque (10 year lease)	622.00	640.00	18.00	3%
Memorial Trees - Memorial tree with plaque (5 year lease)	357.00	365.00	8.00	2%
Memorial Trees - Memorial tree with two plaques (10 year lease)	740.00	765.00	25.00	3%
Memorial Trees - Memorial tree with two plaques (5 year lease)	475.00	485.00	10.00	2%
Memorial Trees – Standard rose tree with plaque (5 year lease)	255.00	265.00	10.00	4%
Memorial Trees - Standard rose tree with plaque (10 year lease)	326.00	340.00	14.00	4%
Memorial Trees – Rose bush with plaque (10 year lease)	204.00	215.00	11.00	5%
Memorial Trees – Rose bush with plaque (5 year lease)	153.00	160.00	7.00	5%
Granite vase block (10 year lease)	403.00	415.00	12.00	3%
Granite vase block (5 year lease)	300.00	310.00	10.00	3%
Granite Book Plaque - renewal - no changes (10 year lease)	112.00	115.00	3.00	3%
Bird Box	51.00	60.00	9.00	18%
Bird Box with Plaque	66.00	75.00	9.00	14%
Bird Bath Pedestal – 8 ¾” plaque on tiered memorial (No additional memoriam / tributes, 5 year lease)	184.00	190.00	6.00	3%
Bird Bath Pedestal – 10 ½” plaque on tiered memorial (No additional memoriam / tributes, 5 year lease)	194.00	200.00	6.00	3%
Arboria Wood, wall plaques – inc 5 lines text (10 year lease)	255.00	260.00	5.00	2%
Arboria Wood, wall plaques – inc hand painted motif and text (10 year lease)	352.00	360.00	8.00	2%
Arboria Wood, wall plaques – ceramic portrait and text (10 year lease)	382.00	390.00	8.00	2%
Arboria Wood, renewal - no changes (10 year lease)	200.00	205.00	5.00	3%
Arboria Wood, renewal - no changes (5 year lease)	110.00	115.00	5.00	5%
Buxton Granite Seat – 1 plaque recess, shared seat – eternity memorial	359.00	370.00	11.00	3%
Buxton Granite Seat – 2 Plaques, whole bench - eternity memorial (2 nd bought at same time so not extra cost for inscription)	530.00	540.00	10.00	2%
Ornate wall mounted memorial tree (Huddersfield Crem only) - engraved aluminium leaf-shaped plaque	86.00	90.00	4.00	5%
Memorial plaque - timber post (Dewsbury Moor Crematoria only)	76.00	78.00	2.00	3%
Circular tree seat (shared) including plaque (5 year lease)	76.00	78.00	2.00	3%

Description of Charge	2014-15 Charges	2015/16 Proposed Charges	VAT inc	2015/16 Increase	2015/16 Increase
	£	£	(Y/N/N/A)	£	%
Increases Over And Above Inflation					
Highways					
Construct Crossing within Scheme - fee recalculated	250.00	305.00		55.00	22%
Pest Control					
Wasps' Nests - first visit	48.00	54.00		6.00	13%
- each extra nest treated on first visit	20.00	25.00		5.00	25%
Call Out Charges – out of hours in addition to fixed charges	35.00	45.00		10.00	29%
Wasps' Nests (first visit)	48.00	54.00		6.00	13%
- each extra nest treated on first visit	20.00	25.00		5.00	25%
Call Out Charges - in addition to fixes charges	35.00	45.00		10.00	29%

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Cabinet: 17/11/2015

Report: Update on the decision about the proposer who has been agreed to run a new 630 place primary free (academy) school in Huddersfield South West by the Regional Schools Commissioner.

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	No
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Alison O'Sullivan 06/11/15
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	David Smith 09/11/15
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance and Monitoring?	Julie Muscroft 06/11/15
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Shabir Pandor Children's Services

Electoral wards affected and ward councillors consulted: Crosland Moor and Netherton

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To update members about the decision of the Regional Schools Commissioner on proposals to establish the new 630 place primary free (academy) school for pupils aged 4-11 years to serve the Huddersfield South West area..

2. Background

2.1 The provision of school places to meet “basic need”

Kirklees Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient high quality school places to meet the needs of Kirklees families and communities. This is described as “basic need”. Over the last 12-13 years, the school age population in Kirklees has increased by approximately 20% from the smallest pupil age group (which is now in the secondary schools) to the current reception and pre-school age groups. A similar pattern is repeated in most urban authorities nationwide. One of the areas where there is a need for school places is in the Huddersfield South West area.

Following a series of collaborative discussions between Kirklees Council and a strategic group, representative of providers in the South West Huddersfield area and following

exploration in outline of what is technically possible and affordable, the proposal to establish a new 630 place primary free (academy) school in Huddersfield South West has been developed. The proposal would enable sufficient primary school places to be available in order to meet the basic need in the Huddersfield South West.

2.2 The process to establish a new primary free (academy) school.

In September, in a report to Kirklees Council Cabinet, an update was given that explained;

On the 24th March Kirklees officers had been authorised to develop plans for consultation about a proposal to establish a new 630 place primary school in a new building using part of the Moor End Academy site. (Moor End Multi Academy Trust has given their agreement in principle for part of the site to be utilised for this purpose).

- to cater for pupils aged 4 to 11
- with a PAN of 90 for 4-11 year olds, providing 630 primary school places.

The Council carried out a non-statutory consultation between April and June 2015 on this proposal in order to seek the view of key stakeholders and to gain feedback to inform the decision on the formal publication of an invitation to seek proposals from Department for Education (DfE) approved proposers.

The outcomes of this consultation were reported to Kirklees Council Cabinet on the 30th June and Cabinet authorised officers to proceed to seek invitations from proposers to run a new primary free (academy) school for Huddersfield South West. This process commenced on the 14th July. Officers have liaised with the DfE over publication of the invitation to seek proposals and followed relevant DfE guidance in the development and publication of these proposals.

The period for the invitation to seek proposals ended on the 24th August. The Council received one proposal. The proposal received has been reviewed against the Council's published assessment criteria, following this process a recommendation was sent to the DfE.

3. The Regional Schools Commissioner's decision

New free (academy) school proposals are decided by the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC), on behalf of Secretary of State for Education. DfE advice states that the Council should await the Regional Schools Commissioner's decision before formally making public the outcome of any assessment.

It can now be confirmed to Cabinet that the proposal received and assessed by the LA was from Moor End Academies Trust, who currently are the Multi Academy Trust providing secondary education at Moor End Academy.

The outcome of the LA assessment, and the recommendation to the Regional Schools Commissioner was to approve the proposal to run the new school for the following reasons:

1. The proposer submitted an application that met the Council's assessment criteria, as set out in table 1 below.

Table 1

Indicator	
B1	Provides a clearly focused, coherent vision that underpins the application with a compelling rationale for establishing the school.
B2	Sets out how proposers will demonstrate they support UK democratic values
Strategic Vision	
C1	Explains the rationale for the proposed curriculum, how it reflects the needs of the anticipated pupil intake and the plans for their progression and transition.
C2	Sets out a viable curriculum plan with appropriate focus on breadth and balance, core areas of learning, and calendar and timetable.
C3	Shows how the staffing structure will deliver the planned curriculum.
C4	Sets out a clear strategy for ensuring that the needs of pupils with differing abilities are met
C5	Details the definitions and measures of success which will deliver their aspirations for pupil achievement
C6	Describes the admissions policy, confirming commitment to fair and transparent admissions practices
C7	Describes how the approach to behaviour management, pupil wellbeing and attendance will improve pupil outcomes.
Educational capacity and performance	
D1	Demonstrates a clear understanding of the respective roles of the company members, governing body and principal in running the school
D2	Shows how the proposer will access appropriate and sufficient educational, financial, and other expertise to deliver their vision
D3	Provides realistic plans for recruiting a high quality Principal, other staff and governors in accordance with the proposed staffing structure and education plans
Operational Capacity and Governance	
E1	Demonstrates how the proposer will work with and for the local community and is committed to work for the benefit of the wider education community.
Relationships with Other Schools, the Council and the Wider Education Community (
Application form	Please provide evidence of financial experience of managing a school budget and an indication of budget plans for managing a new school.
Financial Management	

2. The proposer’s application provides strong, detailed and credible evidence that the Multi Academy Trust would be able to raise educational standards in the area by adding high quality places that will complement provision that already exists in Huddersfield South West.

3. The proposer currently provides secondary education in the Huddersfield South West area, and, has an excellent knowledge of the needs of local families, the community and existing strong partnerships with local schools.
4. The Multi Academy Trust has the capacity and approval to sponsor additional schools. There is clear evidence from the latest available outcomes for 2014/15 academic year performance data for Moor End Academy that the pupils at the school make very good progress and are achieving good results. This is a good indicator that Moor End Academy Trust is well placed and has the capacity to run the new free school whilst also sponsoring another primary school in Kirklees to raise educational outcomes. The application identifies and articulates a robust approach to a curriculum offer, the ethos and vision for the school and a proposed admissions policy that will meet the needs of families in the local area.
5. The proposer's application provides a robust financial plan for establishing the school. The skills and expertise across both the Trustees and the Multi Academy Trust staff have been clearly articulated and evidence has been provided of the proposer's financial experience of managing a school budget.
6. The proposer demonstrates a firm commitment to working collaboratively with the Council, in all matters that would be required to undertake the implementation of the new school. This includes dedicated project capacity which will be crucial for processes relating to the required new school building, set up activity in relation to staffing and pre-opening preparation and agreeing revenue funding to enable a smooth implementation

The Regional Schools Commissioner, via the DfE has now informed the LA of the decision to approve Moor End Academies Trust to run the new school.

4. Implications for the Council

4.1 HR Implications

There are no human resource implications for the Council. As the employer of staff in the new school, the proposer to be appointed by the Regional Schools Commissioner would have the responsibility to develop a staffing structure to deliver the planned curriculum of the new school.

4.2 Financial Implications

4.2.1 Revenue Budget

The Council's Dedicated Schools Grant allocation would be used to provide funding to address the revenue costs of the new free (academy) school. This amounts to annual per pupil revenue funding allocated in line with the established local formula for funding schools and academies, pre-opening development costs and post-opening funds required to address the diseconomies of scale that would be present until the school has grown to its intended number of year groups. The Council is expected to work with the selected proposer to agree a reasonable and mutually acceptable funding plan to cover the pre and post opening costs. In addition, the successful proposer will receive a one-off grant payment of £25,000 towards the legal costs associated with establishing the new free (academy) school.

4.3 Capital

There are direct capital implications, now the proposal has been approved for implementation by the Regional Schools Commissioner. The Council is responsible for providing a site for the proposed new school, and meeting all the associated capital costs.

There are sufficient capital allocations within the Council's approved capital investment plan to deliver the outcomes of the proposal if approved (i.e. the new build school and the temporary arrangements). From the formative work that has been completed so far, indicative costs for the new school building are £12M. The scheme is to be funded from grant.

5. Consultees and their opinions

The Council carried out a non-statutory consultation on the proposal to establish a new 630 place primary free (academy) school for pupils aged 4-11 in Huddersfield South West as described in section 3 of this report. The outcomes of this consultation were reported to Cabinet on the 30th June.

Following the decision by the Regional Schools Commissioner, Moor end Academies Trust as the successful proposer will be required to carry out further consultation with key stakeholders on the new primary free (academy) school to establish whether the proposer should enter into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State.

6. Next steps

The project will begin to move into pre-opening phase and the Council will work collaboratively with Moor End Academies Trust, the DfE and local families and schools to begin implementation in order that the first cohort of Reception children can be admitted from 1st September 2016.

7. Officer recommendations

To note the decision of the Regional Schools Commissioner, and that is in line with recommendations made by Kirklees Council, following a first stage review of the proposal.

To note that Officers will work in partnership with Moor End Academies Trust to deliver the new pupil places so they are available from September 2016.

8. Portfolio Holders' recommendation

We are committed to ensure that there are enough high quality learning places available to meet demographic growth which is why the Council invited proposals to establish a new school for the Huddersfield South West Area. Due to the growing demand for primary places in south west Huddersfield, Kirklees Council is creating a brand new, 630-place school for children aged four to 11. It will welcome its first reception class in 2016.

The new-build school will be in the grounds of an existing secondary school - Moor End Academy - and be part of the council's work to meet the local need for places whilst also achieving the highest possible standards of care and education.

The new primary will be a separate school to Moor End Academy, which is also operated by Moor End Academies Trust and will continue as a secondary.

We warmly welcome the news that Moor End Academies Trust is sponsoring the new school. While the final decision was made by the government, Moor End Academies Trust had our full support. After viewing their proposals, we had recommended them as sponsors. This means a Kirklees provider which is already successful in the local area will be working with us to establish these new places, giving us a local solution to a local need.

Moor End Academies Trust have a clear focus on standards. They show ambition for local families and always have high expectations for what pupils and teachers can achieve. As a council, we are hugely committed to excellence in education. Despite government cutbacks, we are creating places in several parts of Kirklees - and this project for a new-build school is another very significant investment. We look forward to delivering this project in partnership for local families.

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Related Documents

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Cabinet: 17 November 2015

Proposed land and asset disposal of Fartown High School to the North Huddersfield Trust.

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes. This report will have an impact on more than two wards.
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Yes
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Jacqui Gedman – 9 November 2015
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	David Smith – 4 November 2015
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	Julie Muscroft – 5 November 2015
Cabinet member portfolio	Resources Children and Young People

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Ashbrow, Dalton, Greenhead, Lindley & Newsome

Ward councillors consulted: No

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To advise Members of the key outcomes of negotiations pertaining to the terms of the transfer of ownership of the land and buildings that formed Fartown High School, to the North Huddersfield Trust in order to establish North Huddersfield Trust School.
- 1.2 To explain to Members the requirement to adjust the recommendation specifically relating to the use of the school playing fields.

2. Key Points

- 2.1 Following Cabinet approval obtained in July 2011, Members gave permission to officers to proceed with the transfer of ownership of the land and assets associated with Fartown High School, to the North

Huddersfield Trust, in order to legally establish North Huddersfield Trust School.

- 2.2 Officers subsequently entered into negotiations with the North Huddersfield Trust's Lawyers, to agree the details of the transfer. Negotiations by and large have progressed well, however in relation to the playing fields, a further review and adjustment to the terms of the transfer is necessary. With regard to the playing fields, the recommendation in the original Cabinet Report stated the following:
- 2.3 "Officers recommend that ownership of the playing fields be transferred to the North Huddersfield Trust for no consideration, subject to first obtaining the relevant additional statutory consents. Officers will build into any documentation transferring the playing fields to The North Huddersfield Trust a provision restricting the use of the playing fields to playing fields, together with other safeguards to ensure that the playing fields are offered back to the Council, free of the restriction on use and at no cost, should the playing fields be no longer required."
- 2.4 The North Huddersfield Trust do not support part of this recommendation, that relates to restricting the use of playing fields to playing fields, as it is felt that this restriction does not allow the North Huddersfield Trust School any flexibility to use the playing fields for other educational purposes. Other educational purposes could cover a broad range of other uses that are not directly associated with the principle use of the school playing fields, to deliver national curriculum requirements for physical education, but relate to the aims and objectives of the North Huddersfield Trust. For example, using the playing fields to host community events to promote the school. In addition, expanding the use of the playing fields to cover other educational purposes could also mean potential development including use to increase the physical capacity of the school buildings. Though it is to be noted that should the NHT wish to develop on playing fields the appropriate statutory consent would need to be obtained.
- 2.5 There is no objection from the NHT to having appropriate safeguards in place to ensure the playing fields are first offered back to the Council, free of restriction and at no cost, should the school cease to use them. Officers have developed an Option Agreement that is an appropriate mechanism to ensure this can occur.

3. Implications for the Council

- 3.1 The Council transfers land and assets associated with Fartown High School at no cost to the North Huddersfield Trust. In particular the school playing fields are also transferred at no cost, whilst at the same time complying with all legislative requirements.
- 3.2 Whilst use of the playing fields has been extended to cover 'educational use', officers have developed an Option Agreement which allows the Council to buy back freehold interest in the playing fields at no cost. This option can only be exercised if the Property or any part of it ceases to be used for the purposes of (or developed for the purposes

of) a school (including an Academy) or any other educational establishment or for any purposes ancillary to use in conjunction with a school (including an Academy) or other educational establishment.

- 3.3 The existing PPP1 contract is not disturbed and the transfer of ownership involves minimal cost to the Council.
- 3.4 The Council protects school and community use of the swimming pool, and is able to continue to offer the use of the swimming pool to local schools as long as it wishes to.
- 3.5 Other assets, such as the Coach House, are subject to a degree of restriction on use as set out in Schedule 22 of the School Standards and framework Act 1998 (restrictions on disposal of the asset for example), whilst giving the North Huddersfield Trust an opportunity to use the buildings.
- 3.6 The Land and Asset Transfer will support a key strategic objective of the Council to support the growth and development of the North Huddersfield Trust School.

4. Consultees and Their Opinions

- 4.1 Members of the North Huddersfield Trust were briefed on the proposals in July 2011. In addition specific discussion have been held with Dr Andy Williams regarding the playing fields and the proposed use for educational purposes.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Officers, through discussions with the DfE have obtained the relevant statutory consents in order to complete the ownership transfer. If this revised recommendation is approved then officers will move to give effect to them and finalise the terms transfer and execute it.

6. Officer Recommendation and reasons

- 6.1 Members are requested to:
 - a) Note the progress with regard to completing the transfer of the assets to the NHTS and the issues involving the playing fields.
 - b) Authorise officers to proceed with the transaction and complete all necessary documentation without including in the transfer a restriction on use but now protecting the Council's interests by ensuring that if the playing fields are no longer to be used for educational purposes the Council has an option to re-acquire the playing fields at no cost.

7. Cabinet Portfolio Holders Recommendation

- 7.1 Portfolio Holders are in support of the revised officer recommendation pertaining to the playing fields.

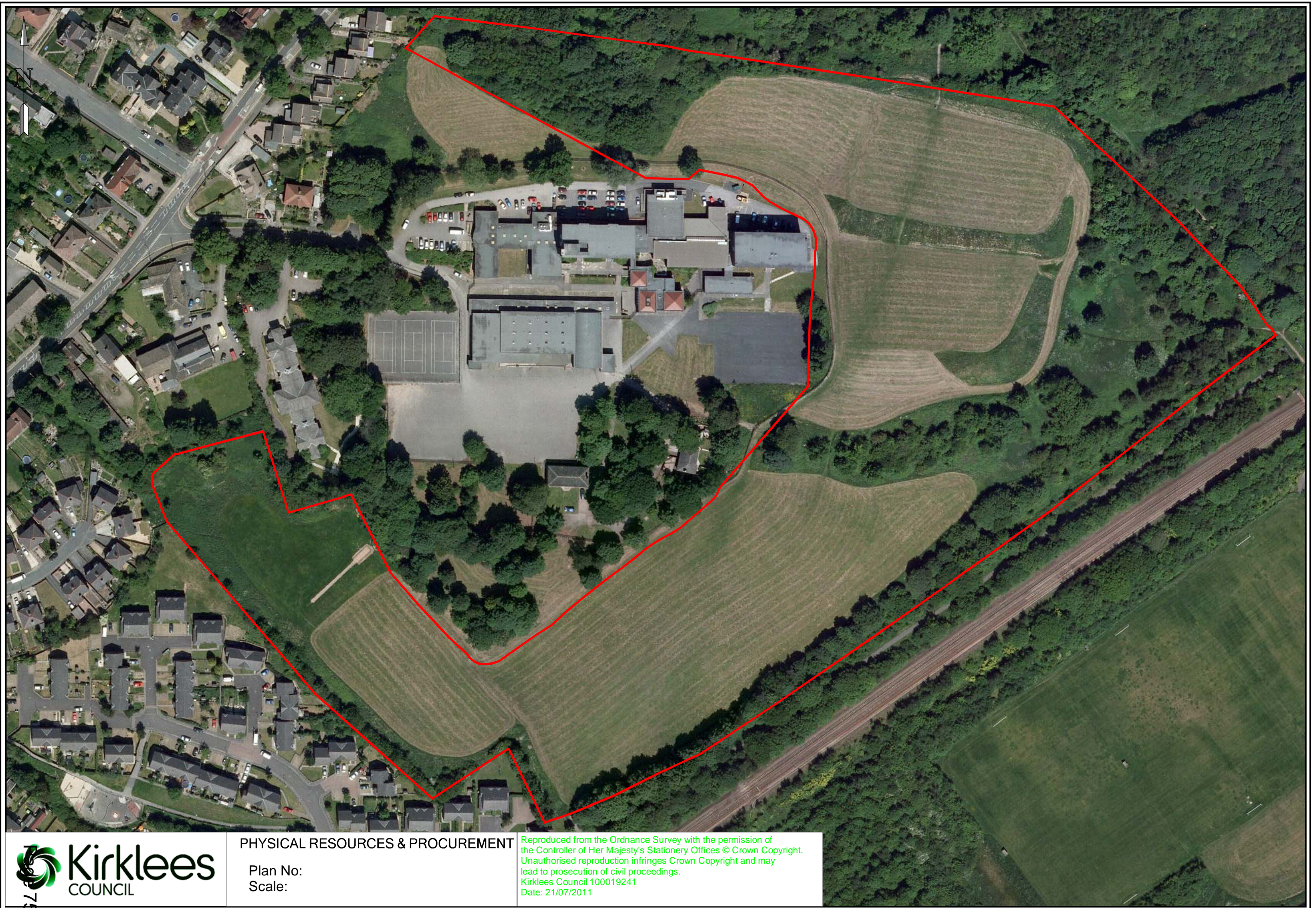
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Appendix A - Red Line Boundary Plan including aerial photograph.

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Name of meeting: Cabinet

Date: 17 November 2015

Title of report: 'Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy'

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No (not directly but future decisions informed by the framework may do so)
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	Yes
Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny ?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Ruth Redfern – 5 November 2015
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Is it signed off by the Assistant Director (Legal Governance and Monitoring)?	Julie Muscroft – 6 November 2015
Cabinet member portfolio	Health & Wellbeing – Cllr Jean Calvert, Portfolio – Community Development Cllr Graham Turner, Portfolio – Resources and Community Safety

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 Officers have been working with Sport England and representatives from a number of sport's National Governing Bodies to develop a Playing Pitch Strategy for Kirklees. This provides a comprehensive supply and demand overview of playing pitches, alongside technical assessments to determine pitch quality which directly impacts the capacity that each pitch carries. This information forms an evidence base to help understand the current position of the existing playing pitch stock, to inform the new Local Plan and to support decision making regarding where future pitch provision, and of what type, is required to support participation in a number of sports in the future.
- 1.2 This report requests endorsement from the Cabinet for the Strategy and Action Plan.

2. Summary

- 2.1 A new Playing Pitch Strategy was commissioned in January 2014 with the intention that it would:
 - provide an evidence base which can be used to inform capital spending decisions or support future funding bids to external agencies in light of the significant financial

pressures faced by Kirklees Council and other providers

- support bids by local clubs and organisations to external funders
- provide an up to date analysis of playing pitch provision in Kirklees
- help inform the development of a new Local Plan for Kirklees.

2.2 The strategy is supported by a detailed assessment report covering bowls, cricket, football, hockey, rugby league, rugby union and tennis. It sets out the current and projected supply and demand position in Kirklees, taking into account the capacity of use of each pitch based on a detailed technical analysis. The technical assessments were carried out in specified mid-season windows in order to truly reflect the condition of each pitch. Based on this evidence, a series of general, sport specific and site specific recommendations have been made.

2.3 As the council is the major provider of playing pitches in the district, it is proposed that council officers will take the lead on addressing the recommendations working with partners and with each sport as appropriate. It is hoped that the strategy will help to identify key priorities for the Council to direct its increasingly scarce resources for maintaining playing pitches. Whilst some solutions may be achieved through capital investment (which may in turn attract external funding) there is no expectation or commitment that the Council must deliver or fund any of the recommendations contained in the strategy.

2.4 The strategy is also designed to support clubs in accessing funding to develop their own playing pitches which may be increasingly common in the future.

3. Information required to take a decision

3.1 The principles and rationale for the strategy were discussed and agreed at Policy Committee on 15 September 2014. Independent consultants were appointed following a tendering exercise.

3.2 The strategy has been developed in accordance with Sport England's approved methodology and is the result of collaboration between representatives from Kirklees Council, Sport England, West Yorkshire Sport and the National Governing Bodies of Football, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby League and Rugby Union. The strategy also covers outdoor tennis and bowls and widespread consultation has taken place with stakeholders from all seven of these sports. Clubs across all sports were given the opportunity to present their views through approved questionnaires.

3.3 A vision has been developed: 'Provide a network of good quality outdoor sports provision, enabling everyone to be physically active and promoting a healthier lifestyle for all.'

3.4 Sport England has three general objectives for a playing pitch strategy:

- To protect the existing supply of sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs
- To enhance outdoor sports facilities through improving quality and management of sites
- To provide new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so

A series of general recommendations are made under each of these three objectives.

- 3.5 There are also specific recommendations for each sport. These recommendations reflect the National Governing Bodies' ambitions for their sport and are aligned to their sport specific development strategies. For example, the Football Foundation prefers new 3G pitches to be provided at strategically important hub sites rather than as a series of standalone pitches. There is presently a significant shortfall of artificial 3G pitches across the district.
- 3.6 Given that the majority of playing pitches are owned by Kirklees Council, it is proposed that council officers will take the lead on addressing a number of the recommendations, working with partners across the sports sector as appropriate.
- 3.7 There is no expectation, however, that the Council must deliver or fund any of the recommendations in the strategy, although there are potential opportunities to attract inward investment and address some of the recommendations if the Council chooses to pursue these.
- 3.8 The strategy is mindful that in the current financial climate there are limited funds with which to maintain existing pitches, develop new pitches and meet the needs of the different sports. Decisions on where priorities lie, both now and during the lifetime of this strategy, will need to consider these often conflicting pressures and it is likely that the majority of solutions will require a number of stakeholders to work in partnership.
- 3.9 Having an agreed Playing Pitch Strategy will enhance the ability of Kirklees Council and voluntary and community sector clubs to access external funding for investment in playing pitches in Kirklees. This investment may be to maintain or improve existing pitches or to contribute towards new pitches.
- 3.10 The strategy will also help to guide planners in assessing what pitch provision may be needed to meet the demands of a growing population. Where deficiencies exist, it may be possible to utilise funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy to help address these.

4. Implications for the Council

- 4.1 Playing Pitches play an important role in supporting traditional outdoor sports. These sports provide opportunities for Kirklees residents to be physically active and help the Council to achieve its health and wellbeing ambitions. Grassroots sports clubs form an important part of the local economy and they attract investment and enhance vibrancy across the district. The Playing Pitch Strategy therefore plays an important role in contributing to both the Economic Resilience and Early Intervention and Prevention outcomes.
- 4.2 Traditionally, local authorities have been a key provider of playing pitches. However, in light of the economic pressures facing the Council, resources to maintain, let alone improve, existing pitches are limited. Playing pitches are in continual need of investment in order to ensure they remain safe and functional and pitch quality has a direct impact on the number of games that a pitch can withstand. At the same time, the budget for maintaining the council owned pitches is being reduced and there are limited numbers of voluntary clubs in a position to reduce this burden on the Council. The National Governing Bodies also face financial pressure making it more difficult to secure funds

from alternative sources. As a result, the Council and our sporting partners need a clear strategy to take informed decisions about where its scarce resources are deployed to maximise their impact and to agree which key projects may be prioritised for funding applications. We also need external providers, particularly the voluntary sector, to be able to fill gaps or develop their own projects and this strategy will help to provide the evidence required to support funding applications.

- 4.3 Some voluntary and community sector clubs may be willing to maintain some of the pitches but their ability to undertake this may be adversely affected if cuts to rate relief or increased rents are implemented. There is a risk that the cumulative effect of these decisions will lead to the closure of many of these clubs.
- 4.4 Council officers are well placed to initiate and support some of the conversations with partners and external agencies about how some of these recommendations can be actioned and, therefore, officers may lead on some of the actions once they are determined. It will be the responsibility of officers in those conversations to clearly manage expectations of what the Council will do in respect of the action under discussion.
- 4.5 There are no direct legal, financial or human resource implications as a result of the development of the strategy, although as a consequence of the strategy certain priorities may be agreed which do have such implications. For example, If the district was selected by the Football Foundation for funding to develop a hub of 3G pitches as part of their *Parklife* programme (which would help to address the shortfall in the district), there is likely to be an expectation that the council provides match funding and agrees to transfer its assets to an independent trust.
- 4.6 Whilst there is no expectation that the council must deliver or fund any of the recommendations there is a potential reputational risk given that the majority of playing pitches are owned by Kirklees Council and the strategy does highlight issues around overplaying, lack of capacity and pitch quality. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken at this stage but any decisions about playing pitches in the future will require an EIA to ensure that decisions do not detrimentally impact on any groups with protected characteristics.
- 4.7 The strategy considers the overall provision of pitches across Kirklees and the recommendations are designed to benefit the whole population. For some disabilities, the adapted format of the sport is transported from playing pitches to alternative surfaces, e.g. wheelchair rugby, however where the appropriate format remains on a playing pitch, it is assumed that pitches within the report are compliant and can cater for accessible play.

5. Consultees and their opinions

- 5.1 The consultants have consulted a number of stakeholders in the development and preparation of this strategy. Sport England, representatives from the National Governing Bodies of Football, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby League and Rugby Union and West Yorkshire Sport sat on a steering group alongside officers from Planning, Physical Resources and Procurement (PRP) and the Sport and Physical Activity Development Team. Representatives from Tennis and Bowls were also consulted.
- 5.2 A key part of the process was the consultation with the voluntary sector clubs and the

majority of clubs contributed their opinions through stakeholder surveys and interviews conducted by the consultants. Primary and secondary schools were also consulted.

- 5.3 The Kirklees Physical Activity and Sports Partnership Executive Board have been consulted and are supportive of the recommendations

6. Next steps

- 6.1 The Playing Pitch Strategy will be published following cabinet approval. It will also be presented as part of the evidence base in the forthcoming Local Plan consultation.
- 6.2 It is proposed that council officers will take the lead on addressing the recommendations working with partners across the sports sector as appropriate.
- 6.3 Progress will be monitored through the Executive Board Kirklees Physical Activity and Sport Partnership (a multi-agency partnership which provides leadership for the Kirklees Physical Activity and Sports Strategy “Everybody Active”) and reviewed on an annual basis. There is Member representation on the Executive Board. Should any action require Council capital investment, it will be submitted to the Council’s Capital Delivery Board for consultation and approval and if required, submitted to Cabinet for approval.

7. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 7.1 Officers recommend that Cabinet approves the publication of the Playing Pitch Strategy.
- 7.2 The strategy provides an evidence base for members, local clubs, planners, developers and funders to help understand the current position of the existing playing pitch stock and to support decision making regarding where future pitch provision, and of what type, is required to support participation in a number of sports in the future. This will inform funding decisions. It also provides an evidence base for decisions related to the Local Plan and meeting the demands of a growing population.

8. Cabinet portfolio holder’s recommendations

- 8.1 The Portfolio Holder’s recommendation is that this strategy should be approved by Cabinet as a basis for developing strategic policy and an overview for future provision.

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Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan – Appendix A
Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment Report – Appendix B

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APPENDIX A

KIRKLEES

PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

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GLOSSARY

AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
NGB	National Governing Body
FA	Football Association
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
FIT	Fields in Trust
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
FE	Further Education
HE	Higher Education
TGR	Team Generation Rate
CSP	County Sports Partnership

KIRKLEES PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In light of economic pressures facing Kirklees Council, the development and implementation of a new Local Plan, and in order to consider how the council can best achieve its aspirations for Health and Wellbeing, a new Playing Pitch Strategy was commissioned.

The strategy has been developed in accordance with Sport England's approved methodology, and is the result of collaboration between representatives from Kirklees Council, Sport England, West Yorkshire Sport and the National Governing Bodies of Football, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby League and Rugby Union. The strategy also covers outdoor tennis and bowls, and consultation has taken place with stakeholders from all seven of these sports.

The aims of the strategy are to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock.
- ◀ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issues

The findings are drawn from a detailed assessment of the current and projected supply of and demand for playing pitches and a technical analysis of pitch quality and usage levels. The findings of these assessments provide the evidence of where provision needs further consideration and/or to be protected/ enhanced. This has informed the development of both strategic and sport specific recommendations. Finally, the strategy sets out site by site recommendations.

Vision

'Provide a network of good quality outdoor sports provision, enabling everyone to be physically active and promoting a healthier lifestyle for all.'

In accordance with the Sport England framework, strategic recommendations are designed to meet one of 3 key objectives. Each objective therefore comes with a series of recommendations:

OBJECTIVE 1

To protect the existing supply of sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs

Recommendations:

- a. Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch Strategy, that sports facilities are protected through the implementation of policy.
- b. Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- c. Maximise community use of outdoor sports facilities where there is a need to do so.

OBJECTIVE 2

To enhance outdoor sports facilities through improving quality and management of sites

Recommendations:

- d. Improve pitch quality on poor quality sites.
- e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites.
- f. Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding
- g. Secure developer contributions.

OBJECTIVE 3

To provide new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

Recommendations:

- h. Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current pitch stock.
- i. Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.

These strategic recommendations are supplemented by the sport specific recommendations, which are:

FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATION

Seek to focus future investment in key football hub sites, to include improvement of changing facilities and creation of new 3G AGPs to serve the game for training, affiliated match play and recreational football.

CRICKET RECOMMENDATION

Protect all current provision, including local authority pitches for Sunday cricket, and work to reduce over play on club sites.

RUGBY UNION RECOMMENDATION

Work towards reducing over play at Club sites and increase the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities as required.

RUGBY LEAGUE RECOMMENDATION

Protect current provision and work towards improving quality and reducing overplay.

HOCKEY RECOMMENDATION

Protect current provision and improve pitch quality where possible and appropriate.

BOWLS RECOMMENDATION

Maximise access to existing provision.

TENNIS RECOMMENDATION

Maximise access to existing provision and work towards improving the quality of provision.

Broadly speaking, it is clear that the playing pitch stock in Kirklees suffers from issues linked to poor quality and overuse, which are at risk of being exacerbated if cuts impact of maintenance regimes. There is also a marked deficiency in the number of 3G pitches across the Borough. There may, however, be opportunities for a number of partners and sports to come together to address some of these issues, and in particular the development of 3G hub sites might provide a solution to some of the supply and demand and overplay issues on pitches for football and both rugby codes.

The scale of the challenges is significant and financial pressures within the public sector mean that it is unrealistic to expect that these can all be met. With the potential for cuts to the level of maintenance of council owned playing pitches a real possibility and given the limited availability of external funding available, it should be clearly understood that not all these recommendations can be delivered. It will also be important to manage expectations about what the council's role will be in the years to come, and there may be an even greater reliance going forward on pitches being owned or maintained by the private or voluntary and community sector.

There will need to be collaboration between the Council, National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), Sport England, schools, further/higher education providers, community clubs and private landowners to consider priority actions which meet strategic needs and are both viable and sustainable. The council should seek to provide support wherever possible for any external organisations who are seeking to address any of the recommendations.

Although the strategy can be used by any organisation to support their own plans and aspirations, it is recognised that Kirklees Council will lead on a number of the recommendations in relation to the sites that the currently control. The council will develop annual action plans, capture achievements, report progress and update the recommendations at set points throughout the strategies timeline to the Executive Board of the Kirklees Physical Activity and Sport Partnership, a multi-agency group who have been responsible for the updating of the strategy for sport and physical activity in Kirklees. This will provide a level of accountability and scrutiny and ensure the strategy remains at the forefront of strategic decision making.

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for Kirklees Council (KC) and its partners. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report it provides a strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities between 2015 and 2020. The PPS covers the following playing pitches and outdoor sports:

- ◀ Football pitches
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Rugby league pitches
- ◀ Rugby union pitches
- ◀ Artificial grass pitches (AGPs)
- ◀ Bowling greens
- ◀ Tennis courts

The Strategy is capable of:

- ◀ Providing adequate planning guidance to assess development proposals affecting playing fields, as appropriate, directing open space contributions secured through development and informing and shaping local planning policy
- ◀ Inform the protection and provision of sports facilities and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and S106 and CIL schedules.
- ◀ Informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing outdoor sports areas and playing fields (capable of accommodating pitches) across the Borough;
- ◀ Providing a strategic framework for the provision and management of outdoor sports across the Borough;
- ◀ 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.

1.1: Structure

The Strategy has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch provision and usage within Kirklees to provide:

- ◀ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches
- ◀ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock.
- ◀ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ◀ A prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issues.

The Strategy and Action Plan recommends a number of priority projects for Kirklees, which should be implemented from 2015 to 2020. It is outlined to provide a framework for improvement and, although resources may not currently be in place to implement it, potential partners and possible sources of external funding may be identified.

The recommendations that come out of this strategy must be translated into local plan policy so there is a policy mechanism to support delivery and secure provision/investment where the opportunity arises.

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There is a need to build key partnerships between the Council, National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), Sport England, schools, further/higher education providers, community clubs and private landowners to maintain and improve playing pitch provision. In these instances, the potential for the Council to take a strategic lead is more limited (except in terms of Section 106 Agreements). This document will provide clarity about the way forward, and allow key organisations to focus on the key issues that they can directly influence and achieve.

1.2 Context

As outlined by the Council in the preparation stages of the study, the key drivers for a new PPS are to:

- ◀ The current Playing Pitch Strategy was published in 2006 and is now out of date
- ◀ Budget cuts for local authorities are posing significant pressures on Councils abilities to maintain and develop their playing pitch stock. This document will help to identify areas that need prioritising, including key sites, and will reflect supply and demand analysis, team generation and future projection rates.
- ◀ To provide a baseline for current and future supply and demand assessments for each of the sports being considered, and also set out a vision with a strategic approach to playing pitch provision in the Borough in the short, medium and long term.
- ◀ To provide an evidence base for use in planning, investment and sports development decisions.
- ◀ To provide a robust and up-to-date evidence base to inform the policy direction of the new Local Plan, specifically the development of planning policies concerned with the protection of playing fields and new playing pitch provision required to meet future demand. The findings and recommendations will also be used as a basis upon which to consider planning applications and development proposals involving playing pitches and the requirement for new open space.
- ◀ To establish the principles to help inform where future resources should be focused and evidence need for funding bids to increase and improve playing pitch provision.

Planning context

The National Planning Policy Framework March 2012 (NPPF) recognises that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities.

NPPF requires that planning policies are based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area.

Paragraph 74 of NPPF is concerned with the protection of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields. One of the matters set out is that such buildings and land should not be built on unless an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements. National Planning Practice Guidance (March 2014) refers local authorities to Sport England's guidance on how to assess the need for sport and recreation facilities.

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Kirklees Council has an adopted Unitary Development Plan (UDP) that sets out the council's policies and proposals for the use and development of land and buildings. The plan was adopted on 1 March 1999 and constitutes the statutory development plan. It includes saved planning policies for the protection of land designated as urban greenspace (UDP policy D3) and private playing fields (UDP policy R7A)

The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan to replace the UDP. This plan will be prepared in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework and will set out policies and proposals for the protection of open space and playing fields in accordance with the framework.

Strategic context summary

Everybody Active: The Kirklees Physical Activity and Sports Plan 2015 – 2020 provides direction in respect of getting more of the population active be it through everyday life, travel, recreation or sport. Referencing these ambitions, the objective of this Strategy is to provide built facility infrastructure that is fit for purpose to facilitate current and anticipated future demand for sport and recreational activity.

Austerity and a continuing squeeze on local government finance, coupled with modest economic growth make these challenging times for sport and recreation providers. Capital funding for new projects is expected to be scarce and operational subsidies for facility management will be reduced, if available at all. In light of this, and the limited resources of external funders, it must be accepted that is not realistic to expect all the recommendations to be met. It is also a reality that maintenance of playing pitches in the future will rely increasingly on the voluntary club network.

In Kirklees an estimated one third of the adult population is active i.e. taking 150 minutes moderate intensity activity per week. Based on the 2012 adult population of 339,000, this leaves a ball park figure of 225,000 people to convert to regular activity. If population growth is factored in, Kirklees will have 250,000 potential new regular participants over the next 5 year period. In addition to population growth there is potential for new housing within the Borough. Although exact locations are unknown the impact of a housing increase should also be considered within the context of the Strategy.

Kirklees is a blend of urban and rural areas. It is predominately urban in the north and rural in the south, linked together by Huddersfield, a large town of some 145,000 people. Like many authorities it encompasses significant areas of wealth, mostly in the south and areas of high deprivation, mostly in the north. It has a mixed population, predominately white but with significant levels of people from black and minority ethnic groups, notably Asian and British Asian who make up 21% of the resident population.

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1.4 Headline findings

The table below highlights the quantitative headline findings from the Kirklees Playing Pitch Assessment Report. Potential actions on quality versus quantity are also provided as an indicative snapshot. Future demand is calculated by using team generations rates (TGRs) to predict the likely number of teams in the future and therefore number of additional match equivalent sessions required.

Sport	Analysis Area	Current shortfalls	Future shortfalls (2037)	Future spare capacity	Potential actions
Football (grass pitches)	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 19.5 adult, 6 youth 11v11 and 7 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 20.5 adult, 9 youth 11v11 and 9 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 2 match equivalents on 7v7 pitches and 2.5 on 5v5 pitches.	Consideration should be given to the role that AGPs could play in reducing shortfalls alongside enhanced/increased/reconfigured grass provision.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 2 youth 11v11 and 2.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 4 youth 11v11 and 3.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 5 match equivalents on adult pitches, 1 on 7v7 and 0.5 on 5v5.	Quality improvements and reconfiguration likely to accommodate most shortfalls.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 5.5 youth 11v11 and 8.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 9.5 youth 11v11 and 10.5 9v9 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 6 match equivalents on adult pitches, 1 on 5v5.	Quality improvements and reconfiguration likely to accommodate youth 11v11 shortfalls but additional 9v9 pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.
	Rural East	Shortfall of 9 youth 9v9 and 5 7v7 match equivalent sessions.	Shortfall of 10.5 youth 9v9 and 7 7v7 match equivalent sessions.	Spare capacity of 1 match equivalents on adult pitches.	Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls but likely that additional pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 11.5 adult, 2 youth 11v11 and 2 9v9	Shortfall of 13 adult, 3.5 youth 11v11 and 3 9v9	Spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalents on 7v7	Quality improvements could accommodate some

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Sport	Analysis Area	Current shortfalls	Future shortfalls (2037)	Future spare capacity	Potential actions
		match equivalent sessions.	match equivalent sessions.	pitches.	shortfalls but likely that additional pitches required. Consideration should be given to the role that AGP's could play.

Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
Football (3G AGPs)	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 2 3G pitches based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 1 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Rural East	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
	Rural West	Shortfall of 2 3G pitch based on FA model.	Pitch/s will require resurface .	Creation of new AGPs in the future either as football hubs or individual AGP's in strategic locations
Cricket	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 31 matches per season	Shortfall of 31.5 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 22 matches per season	Shortfall of 22.5 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 95 matches per season	Shortfall of 96 matches per season	Additional wickets will be required.
	Rural East	No current shortfalls	Shortfall of 0.5 matches per season	Current supply likely to accommodate demand, some quality improvements may be required.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 84 matches per season	Shortfall of 84.5 matches per	Additional wickets will be required.

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Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037) season	Potential actions
Rugby union	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 3 match equivalent sessions	Will increase further if clubs grow as predicted.	Majority of current shortfall can be accommodated with pitch improvements and additional floodlighting.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 7 match equivalent sessions	Will increase further if clubs grow as predicted.	Majority of current shortfall can be accommodated with pitch improvements and floodlighting but additional pitches are likely to be needed in the future.
	Rural East	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Rural West	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
Rugby league	Batley & Spen	Shortfall of 5 senior, 8.5 junior and 1 primary match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 5.5 senior, 9 junior and 2 primary match equivalent sessions	Priority on improving quality to reduce shortfalls.
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Shortfall of 27.75 senior, 4 junior and 1 primary match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 29.25 senior, 5 junior and 2.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
	Huddersfield	Shortfall of 19 senior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 19 senior, 0.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
	Rural East	Shortfall of 5.75 senior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 0.5 primary match equivalent sessions	Priority on improving quality to reduce shortfalls.
	Rural West	Shortfall of 20.5 senior and 3 junior match equivalent sessions	Shortfall of 21 senior and 2 primary match equivalent sessions	Additional pitches required. Quality improvements could accommodate some shortfalls.
Hockey (Sand AGPs)	Batley & Spen	Current demand being met.	Pitch/s will require resurface.	Quality improvements as and when required.

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Sport	Analysis Area	Current picture	Future demand (2037)	Potential actions
	Dewsbury & Mirfield	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A
	Huddersfield	Current demand being met.	Pitch/s will require resurface .	Quality improvements as and when required.
	Rural East	Unmet demand from Storthes hall conversion	Pitch/s will require resurface .	Transfer play
	Rural West	No current demand for pitches	No demand expected.	N/A

As highlighted above there are significant shortfalls in match equivalents sessions across the whole of Kirklees and across all of the pitch sports. The strategy therefore will look at ways to reduce the shortfalls through a variety of recommendations and actions.

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PART 2: VISION

2.1 Vision

This study has been developed on the basis of the above strategic drivers in order to ensure that it reflects the Council's wider ambitions. A vision has been set out to provide a clear focus with desired outcomes for the Kirklees Playing Pitch Strategy:

'Provide a network of good quality outdoor sports provision, enabling everyone to be physically active and promoting a healthier lifestyle for all.'

PART 3: KEY ISSUES

In order to help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, a number of relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues in this section for the playing pitch sports resulting in the sport specific recommendations. The section below highlights the summary boxes from each sports section within the assessment report:

Football summary

Supply

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 378 football pitches in Kirklees. Of these, 322 are available, at some level, for community use
- ◀ Most football pitches available for community use are assessed as being of standard quality (53%) or good quality (25%), with less than a quarter (22%) assessed as poor

Demand

- ◀ 655 teams were identified as playing on pitches within Kirklees, however 22 of these play matches on FA certified AGP pitches
- ◀ There are three clubs (Liversedge FC, AFC Emley and Shelley FC) playing within the football pyramid structure at Steps 5, 6 and 7. All three clubs currently meet the required facilities specifications for their respective leagues.
- ◀ Imported demand from three Bradford based clubs for matches increases demand for adult pitches.

Training

- ◀ Access to training facilities, particularly floodlit 3G pitches, is a key issue within Kirklees. Many teams report a lack of available capacity and as a result a number have stopped training completely.
- ◀ There is exported demand for training facilities from two teams travelling to nearby Bradford to access AGPs. This reduces some demand for pitches within Kirklees.

Cricket summary

Supply

- ◀ In total, there are 70 grass cricket pitches identified in Kirklees, accommodating 363 teams (164 senior and 199 junior teams).
- ◀ There are 26 artificial wickets, mostly within education sites. None are currently used for competitive matches.
- ◀ All grass wickets are available for community use, only two are currently unused; these are Hyrstlands Park and Batley Grammar School.

Demand

- ◀ The split of senior teams playing across Kirklees is very heavily focussed on Saturday cricket with 71% of teams playing on this day, 17% play on Sundays and 12% play midweek (evening league) cricket.
- ◀ Population forecasts indicate that there will be future demand for seven senior teams and 28 more junior teams.

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- ◀ There are only 0.5 matches of spare capacity on pitches on Saturdays and 13.5 on Sundays.
- ◀ There is no spare capacity on local authority pitches on Sundays which is where the majority of Sunday cricket takes place.

Training

- ◀ Training provision is in an issue in Kirklees with 74% of clubs reporting that additional training facilities are required.

Rugby union summary

Supply

- ◀ In total, there are eight senior pitches and one mini; all of which are available for community use and used.
- ◀ Of the senior pitches one is rated as good quality, five as standard and two as poor. The mini pitch is rated as poor. Poor quality is a combination of over use, poor weather and inadequate maintenance.

Demand

- ◀ There are three community clubs and one University club servicing Kirklees, consisting of 41 teams (12 senior, 12 junior and 17 minis).
- ◀ There is no spare capacity on any of the pitches within Kirklees and all are over played.

Training

- ◀ The main reason for over play is excessive training on the pitches. Only Cleckheaton RFC trains off site and this is due to having only one pitch at the home ground.
- ◀ Clubs choose to train at the home ground in order to avoid additional costs.
- ◀ A World Rugby compliant pitch could also offer an alternative training venue for teams in order to reduce over play. The pitch could also offer spare capacity for fixtures should demand increase as predicted.

Rugby league summary

Supply

- ◀ There are 59 dedicated rugby league pitches in Kirklees (47 senior, 10 junior and two primaries) across 38 sites. All but five pitches are available for community use.
- ◀ The majority of clubs lease or rent the pitches from Kirklees Council
- ◀ Of the 59 pitches in Kirklees, most (30) are assessed as poor quality. There are 27 standard quality pitches and only two assessed as good quality
- ◀ Changing facilities where present are generally regarded as poor. Several teams do not have access to onsite changing provision and in some cases make use of local community buildings and halls which may not be appropriate

Demand

- ◀ There are a total of 134 rugby league teams competing in Kirklees, made up of 35 senior, 46 junior (U13-U18) and 53 primary (U7-U12) teams. There are three ladies teams, one Men's University team and three College teams

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- ◀ There is a need for 80.5 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches in Kirklees in order to accommodate overplay and future demand. The main issue is that over half of rugby league pitches are poor quality, limiting the recommended capacity. In addition, some pitches are played throughout the winter and summer season without time to rest
- ◀ There are not enough junior or primary pitches to accommodate current and future demand. There is the need for 27.5 and 7.5 match equivalent sessions on junior and primary pitches respectively

Training

- ◀ Overplay can only be dealt with by improving pitch quality or providing access to more training pitches or areas, ideally with floodlights. There is not enough spare capacity expressed in the respective areas to meet this level of demand currently or in the future.

Hockey summary

Supply

- ◀ There are five AGPs suitable for hockey within Kirklees; Heckmondwike Grammar School, Hyrstmount , Lockwood Park, Mirfield Free Grammar School and Storthes Hall Park;
- ◀ however, Heckmondwike Grammar School is not floodlit, Hyrstmount is unavailable during peak time and plans are in place to replace the sand based pitch at Storthes Hall Park with a 3G pitch.
- ◀ Mirfield Free Grammar School is assessed as good quality whilst Storthes Hall Park is deemed poor. The remaining pitches are rated standard.
- ◀ Plans to develop an additional hockey suitable AGP are underway at Royds Hall Community School.

Demand

- ◀ There are nine hockey clubs within Kirklees providing a total of 26 teams. In addition the University of Huddersfield also field two senior teams which currently play midweek.
- ◀ All junior teams play outside of Kirklees due to the nature of the Yorkshire Hockey Association.
- ◀ Consultation highlights a trend of decline within hockey clubs over recent years. Two clubs (Huddersfield Dragons HC and Cleckheaton Ladies HC) report a decrease in playing members whilst no clubs report an increase.
- ◀ Based on 18 senior teams playing within Kirklees there is a requirement for three full size AGPs, of which there are currently five. However, Hyrstmount is unavailable during peak time, Heckmondwike Grammar School is without floodlighting and Storthes Hall Park could soon become 3G, leaving a shortfall of two.
- ◀ Any current shortfall of pitches could be prevented by ensuring future use of Hyrstmount during peak time and/or the creation of an additional AGP at Royds Hall Community School.

3G AGP summary

Supply

- ◀ There are five 3G pitches in Kirklees. One 3G pitch owned by Huddersfield Town FC has been discounted from the analysis as it is not available for community use.

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- ◀ There are no 60mm pile carpets compliant to World Rugby or Rugby League Community Standard.
- ◀ In the main, availability and access to current provision in the peak period is generally good. Where there is provision on education sites, this is generally made available after school and at weekends.
- ◀ Two of the five full size pitches in Kirklees are assessed as good quality. One pitch is assessed as poor quality, located at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre (however, the pitch is due to be resurfaced).

Demand

- ◀ All full size 3G pitches are operating at capacity for midweek football training but there may be some spare capacity for matches at weekends (provided a test certificate is attained).
- ◀ The FA model estimates that one full size AGP can service 60 teams. On the basis there are 655 teams playing competitive football in Kirklees, there is a recommended need for 11 full size 3G pitches to cater for football demand, currently there are four.
- ◀ Current demand by analysis area equates to the need for a total of 13 pitches, one additional pitch in the Dewsbury & Mirfield and two additional pitches in the Batley & Spen, Rural East and Rural West and Huddersfield areas. The FPM also highlights short falls in the order of eight AGPs which is in line with the FA model.

Training

- ◀ Over half of football clubs which submitted views express additional demand for training facilities and all specified 3G pitches as a requirement

Bowls summary

Supply

- ◀ There are 83 crown green bowling greens in Kirklees. Of these, 22 are maintained by the council. The majority are private sports or social club greens.
- ◀ In general the quality of bowling greens in Kirklees is considered good with nearly all sites being assessed as good quality. Only five sites rate as standard.
- ◀ Clubs using council greens rate quality as good (59%) or standard (41%). No clubs consider provision to be poor.
- ◀ A total of 59% of clubs using council sites report that the quality of their home green has improved from the previous season. Just over a third (35%) state there has been no change.
- ◀ Vandalism is highlighted at several sites; with incidents of ball games, bike use and fires being noted

Demand

- ◀ Junior membership is more prevalent at private clubs compared to council based clubs.
- ◀ Analysis of club membership shows that demand has generally remained static over the previous three years. Nearly a third of clubs (29%) report increasing membership but none consider this to be restricting any further growth.
- ◀ No club (private or based at council sites) suggest additional bowling greens would lead to increases in membership levels. Therefore it would appear that there are enough greens available for community use to accommodate both the current and future demand.

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Tennis Summary

Supply

- ◀ There are a total of 102 tennis courts provided in Kirklees across 25 sites. Provision can be found on a range of sites including sports clubs and parks. There are 28 courts across council managed sites.
- ◀ In addition, there are 15 secondary schools providing 60 courts, all of which are available to the community. However, these tend to be multipurpose facilities which can act as a playground.
- ◀ Of provision, 89 courts (87%) are assessed as good quality and 12 courts (12%) assessed as average quality. The remaining court, located at Carr House Park, is assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ Nearly half of courts (42%) in Kirklees have floodlights. Floodlit courts are nearly all based at club sites.

Demand

- ◀ There are 17 tennis clubs located in Kirklees. Of the 14 clubs which were consulted, 10 assess their courts as good with the other four viewing quality as standard.
- ◀ Nine clubs suggest they have development plans or aspirations to improve current facilities. However, only Oakfield Tennis Club and Shepley Tennis Club have funding secured.
- ◀ On the whole senior and junior membership at clubs has remained roughly the same; although some clubs do report fluctuations. Only three clubs identify membership for both seniors and juniors have increased; Marsden TC, Cleckheaton Lawn TC and Mirfield TC.
- ◀ Both Longley Community Sports Club and Grove Park TC identify a decrease in senior and junior membership levels. For juniors, both clubs cite a lack of coaches.
- ◀ All council courts at park sites are available for recreational play purposes. The level of usage is hard to determine but anecdotal evidence suggests these are well used but that there is plenty of spare capacity.
- ◀ A handful of clubs suggest that with better ancillary facilities and/or with greater availability of court time they could provide more teams/increase membership levels.
- ◀ It appears that any increases in future demand could be accommodated at existing sites.

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PART 4: SPORT BY SPORT RECOMMENDATIONS & SCENARIOS

The following objectives and scenarios have been created through the use of the sport specific issues within the assessment report and in consultation with the NGBs:

FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATION

Seek to focus future investment in key football hub sites, to include improvement of changing facilities and creation of new 3G AGPs to serve the game for training, affiliated match play and recreational football.

Scenario testing

The alternative to grass pitches is the use of AGPs for competitive matches and this is something that the FA is supporting via the England Commission findings, particularly for mini football and 9v9. If we assume each format of football for 5v5, 7v7 and 9v9 has its own dedicated set of hub sites across the local authority boundary, a total of **16** full size 3G pitches would be required at peak time (Sun AM 9.30-1.30pm).

Format	Number of Full size 3G required
5v5	3
7v7	7
9v9	6

FA modelling

Having dedicated 3G pitches for each format of football may not be the most appropriate provision in a large rural authority like Kirklees. The FA has developed its own model to highlight how many AGP's would be required to move current council pitch users from grass and onto 3G in each of the analysis areas. This approach differs from the above by allowing different formats to use the same pitch and potentially 'sweat the assets' further.

Total number of teams playing on local authority pitches x 0.5 (to allow for home and away fixtures)

Analysis area	Number of AGPs
Batley & Spen	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	3
Huddersfield	4
Rural East	2
Rural West	2
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Both of these scenarios would allow the council to reduce their maintenance work (not remove entirely) carried out on mini football and 9v9 pitches and potentially move this budget onto youth 11v11 and adult 11v11 pitches to try and improve the pitch quality in line with the playing pitch strategy recommendations.

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The FA would recommend that rather than developing single 3G pitches in isolation, hub sites with two or three full size pitches should be explored alongside a new financially sustainable management and operational model for football.

Grass pitches

- ◀ Work with WRCFA and SHFA to identify potential hub sites in each area of Kirklees that could become a focal point for football delivery and to inform site by site action plan.
- ◀ Where pitches are assessed as poor quality at key strategic sites, review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain/improve pitch quality.
- ◀ Transfer play on sites which are played to capacity or overplayed to alternative venues which are not operating at capacity or are not currently available for community use.
- ◀ Work to accommodate displaced, latent and future demand on sites which are not operating at capacity or are not currently available for community use.
- ◀ Seek to improve changing provision on key strategic sites.
- ◀ Ensure that teams are playing on the correct sized pitches.
- ◀ Work with schools to maximise access to secondary schools and academies to address latent, displaced or future demand and to develop school-club links.
- ◀ Improve quality on adult pitches to provide additional capacity.
- ◀ Ensure all club sites have security of tenure.

3G pitches

- ◀ Seek to provide new AGPs on key hub sites to reduce shortfalls and ensure that they are fully utilised and available for community use at peak times, including weekends. All new pitches should be FA tested.
- ◀ Ensure that sinking funds are in place to maintain 3G pitches in the long term and consider the operational and management model of future hub sites.
- ◀ Ensure that all current AGPs are FA tested and reviewed.
- ◀ Ensure that all new full size 3G pitches are built to correct size specifications.

CRICKET RECOMMENDATION

Protect all current provision, including local authority pitches for Sunday cricket, and work to reduce over play on club sites.

- ◀ Protect current levels of provision and seek to provide new fine turf or non-turf wickets to accommodate over play.
- ◀ Support clubs to develop and improve 'off pitch' practice facilities or additional access to training provision elsewhere.
- ◀ Ensure all club sites have security of tenure.
- ◀ Improve maintenance of local authority sites.
- ◀ Ensure that any facilities developed support opportunities for women's and girl's competitive cricket.
- ◀ Greater use of artificial wickets could be one way to alleviate some of the over play.

Scenario testing

How many synthetic turf wickets would be required to accommodate over play?

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There is over play of **235** matches per season in Kirklees. To accommodate these matches on synthetic wickets (60 matches per wicket, per season) there would be a requirement for a minimum of **four** synthetic wickets depending on match days/times.

RUGBY UNION RECOMMENDATION

Work towards reducing over play at Club sites and increase the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities as required.

- ◀ Improve the quality and maintenance of pitches to help address overplay.
- ◀ Ensure all clubs have security of tenure.
- ◀ Ensure all clubs have access to additional training areas.
- ◀ Floodlighting would help to alleviate over play, however pitch improvements would also be required.
- ◀ Consider provision of additional pitches as a way to reduce over play.

Scenario testing

How is capacity affected if match equivalents for training are removed?

Match equivalents for training specifically taking place on competitive pitches (i.e. not training on the side of the pitch or other grassed areas, etc.) at the home grounds, has been removed as follows:

- ◀ Cleckheaton RFC – one match equivalent
- ◀ Huddersfield YMCA – three match equivalents
- ◀ Lockwood Park – Two match equivalents

Site ID	Site name	Security of tenure	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Floodlit?	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating
32	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Secured	Senior	1	Yes	2	2	0
115	Lockwood Park	Secured	Senior	1	Yes	1	2.5	-1.5
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Secured	Senior	1	Yes	4	3	+1

The table above shows that if training was removed from Cleckheaton the pitch would go from +1 to 0. At Lockwood Park the floodlit pitch could potentially have some spare capacity if training was removed, pitch capacity goes from +0.5 to -1.5 and at Huddersfield YMCA over play on the floodlit pitch reduces from +4 to +1.

What is the impact on capacity for Cleckheaton RFC, if access to Whitcliffe Mount is lost?

The Club currently has one senior pitch at the home ground and relies on offsite provision at Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields where there are two senior pitches. These fields are not considered to have secured community use. Should access be lost the Club would require

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access to a further **five match equivalent sessions** in addition to access at the home ground which is already over played by **one match equivalent** per week.

What is the impact of installing floodlighting on the second pitch at Huddersfield YMCA?

The Club has two pitches at the home ground. One floodlit pitch is overplayed by four match equivalents (three of which are training equivalents) and the non floodlit pitch is over played by 0.5. Floodlighting the second pitch would mean that training could be spread across the two pitches, which would even out the balance of over play, as well as improving quality in the long term based on the ability to rotate pitches for training.

RUGBY LEAGUE RECOMMENDATION

Protect current provision and work towards improving quality and reducing overplay.

- ◀ Ensure clubs have access to appropriate training facilities away from match pitches.
- ◀ Find ways to improve maintenance programmes and pitch quality at priority clubs.
- ◀ Explore options to add to pitch provision as a way to accommodate over play.
- ◀ Improve changing room provision.
- ◀ Consider asset transfer with larger, sustainable, development-minded clubs.

Scenario testing

What is the impact on capacity of improving poor quality over played pitches to standard quality?

There are 22 poor quality pitches that are over played in Kirklees. If those pitches were increased to standard quality three senior pitches (Broadlands Rec, Staincliffe Playing Fields and Scisset Middle School) would then have some minimal spare capacity and one primary pitch at Crow Nest Park would be played to capacity. The remaining 18 pitches would remain over played albeit overplayed by one less match per pitch. See Appendix 1 for the full break down.

What is the impact on capacity of removing training from match pitches?

Senior rugby league pitches in Kirklees are currently over played by **81.5** match equivalent sessions. The assessment report highlighted that senior match pitches also accommodate **77.5** match equivalent sessions for training. Should training be removed from match pitches over play would be hugely reduced to only **four** match equivalent sessions.

Junior rugby league pitches in Kirklees are currently over played by **25.5** match equivalent sessions. The assessment report highlighted that junior match pitches also accommodate **15** match equivalent sessions for training. Should training be removed from match pitches over played would be reduced to **10.5** match equivalent sessions.

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HOCKEY RECOMMENDATION

Protect current provision and improve pitch quality where possible and appropriate.

- ◀ Protect existing sand based pitches that have community use (Lockwood Park, Heckmondwike Grammar and Mirfield Free School).
- ◀ Work with schools to maximise access to education AGPs to accommodate both hockey training and competitive play, for example, at Hyrstmount Primary
- ◀ Improve pitch quality where possible
- ◀ Ensure that sinking funds are in place to maintain AGP quality in the long term.

BOWLS RECOMMENDATION

Maximise access to existing provision.

- ◀ Investigate the possibility of transferring teams from single green sites to double green sites when supply exists in order to reduce potential maintenance and associated costs;
- ◀ Also consider reducing two green sites to one green sites based on analysis and where there is no evidence of demand from other greens.
- ◀ Where possible ensure clubs provide pay and play opportunities at greens located in public parks.
- ◀ Support and encourage junior bowls development in order to grow and sustain future participation levels in the sport.
- ◀ Consider asset transfer with larger, sustainable, development-minded clubs.
- ◀ Develop maintenance arrangements with clubs on council bowling greens.

TENNIS RECOMMENDATION

Maximise access to existing provision and work towards improving the quality of provision.

- ◀ Improve court quality on key sites, including private sites.
- ◀ Ensure clubs can access the appropriate standard of courts to allow LTA competitions to be played.
- ◀ Where demand exists seek to increase court capacity though installation of floodlighting.
- ◀ Ensure that parks courts are of appropriate quality to accommodate recreational usage.

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PART 5: OBJECTIVES

The Kirklees PPS is a strategy not just for the local authority, but holistically for sport across the Borough as a whole. Delivery of the Strategy is the responsibility of and relies on, *all* stakeholders.

The following overarching objectives are based on the three Sport England themes (see figure 1 below). It is recommended that the following are adopted by the Council and its partners to enable it to achieve the overall vision of the Strategy and Sport England planning objectives. Objective specifics and timescales are included within the action plan (Part 7). There is recognition and acknowledgement throughout the objectives and action plan that provision for disability sport should be considered in all decision making.

AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs

AIM 2

To **enhance** outdoor sports facilities through improving quality and management of sites

AIM 3

To **provide** new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so

Figure 1: Sport England themes



Source: Sport England 2015

PART 6: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations for the Strategy have been developed via the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and analysis which culminated in the production of an assessment report, as well as key drivers identified for the Strategy.

Implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to also meet planning considerations. Provision for disability sport should also be considered and acknowledged in the decision making process.

OBJECTIVE 1

To protect the existing supply of sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs

Recommendations:

- a. Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch Strategy, that sports facilities are protected through the implementation of policy.
- b. Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- c. Maximise community use of outdoor sports facilities where there is a need to do so.

Recommendation (a) – Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch Strategy, that sports facilities are protected through the implementation of policy.

Based on the outcomes of the playing pitch strategy enhance local planning policy and emphasise the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF paragraph 73) and highlight Sport England’s statutory consultee role on planning applications that affect playing field land.

NPPF paragraph 74 states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- ◀ An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- ◀ The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- ◀ The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

Protect the existing supply of sports facilities where it is needed for meeting current or future needs. The majority of facilities from the assessment report justify protection. Local plan policies should protect facilities and the scope to legally safeguard long term use of strategically important sites to the community such as the strategic sites and key centres should be considered. For example, through the Fields in Trust programme (www.fieldsintrust.org).

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The following criteria should be established as the basis for negotiations to mitigate the loss of playing field provision:

- ◀ Ensure that where playing fields are lost through alternative development or closure, that the type of provision of the same or improved standard is provided to meet demand identified.
- ◀ Where pitches are lost due to redevelopment of the site, compensatory re-provision or an equivalent or better contribution for re-investment into new pitches will be sought as appropriate in an alternative accessible location.
- ◀ Where opportunities exist to additionally increase pitch quality (and therefore pitch capacity to accommodate more matches) this should be a priority (please refer to the action plan to identify quality deficiencies in the appropriate area).
- ◀ All negotiations and mitigation packages should be raised and discussed in partnership with the relevant NGB and Sport England through the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group.

For further information please refer to Sport England's Playing Fields Policy - 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' Policy Exceptions E4 and E5 which can be found at:

<http://www.sportengland.org/media/123579/policy-exception-4.pdf>

<http://www.sportengland.org/media/123588/policy-exception-5.pdf>

In terms of mitigation it is important, where possible and appropriate for a particular sport, that this takes place in an area that is accessible to the playing field that is lost to avoid a scenario where a redundant playing field is lost in an area of the Borough which has deficiencies and is replaced on the other side of the Borough.

Furthermore, any potential school sites which become redundant over the lifetime of the Strategy may offer potential for meeting community needs on a localised basis. Where schools are closed their playing fields may be dedicated to community use to help address any unmet community needs. Closed school playing fields should be considered in the first instance for becoming community playing fields to meet the needs identified in the Strategy, before being considered for other uses.

The following should be considered when assessing the suitability of conversion of former school playing fields for community use:

- ◀ Location and willingness of the Council or a club (or other party) to take on ownership/lease/maintenance
- ◀ Size
- ◀ Quality
- ◀ Physical accessibility
- ◀ History of community access
- ◀ Availability of ancillary facilities

There are a number of dormant sites within Kirklees that have been identified through this study and can be seen in the table below. With large shortfalls across the Borough it is important therefore **to protect these sites in the short term until such a point when there is no evidence of unmet demand**. Furthermore, these sites can act as strategic reserve and provide additional spare capacity.

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KKP Ref	OIs Ref	OIs Class I.D.	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current Status
Rural West Area							
360	396	2097	Carters Former Playing Fields	72 New Mill Road, HD9 6QQ	Football	Private	Lapsed youth 11v11. Not used for over ten years. Would require investment to be brought back in to use.
352	1167	1413	Playing Field	Sheffield Road, Spring Lane, Hole Bottom, Holmfirth.	Football		Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch, unused from 2002.
Huddersfield Area							
20	701	327	Botham Hall Recreation Ground	Rufford Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4RP	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.
237	309	653	Hillhouse & Birkby Bowls Club	King Cliffe Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2RR	Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.
284	728	114	Hopkinson Recreation Ground	Halifax Road, Huddersfield	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch. One set of goalposts up but no line markings. Site likely to need some investment to be brought back in to use.
243	357	158	Lindley Working Men's Club Bowling Green	Brian Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3EQ	Bowls	Club	Suspected lapsed bowling green.
193	130	300	Woodfield Park Police Sports Ground	Meltham Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7BG	Cricket/Rugby League	Huddersfield Giants	Lapsed site. Would require investment to bring one rugby league and one cricket pitch back into use.
193	130	299	Woodfield Park Police Sports Ground	Meltham Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7BG	Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.
361	736	128	Former Britannia Works Sports Club	New Hey Road, HD3 4GL	Football/ Cricket	Private	'Swimnation' now on site in old clubhouse. Former cricket ground with 2x youth 11v11 marked on outfield.
361b	736	128	Salendine Nook University PF	Raw Nook Road, Salendine Nook	Football	Private	Site appears to be lapsed. Previously accommodated at least one adult pitch.

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KKP Ref	Ols Ref	Ols Class I.D.	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current Status
Dewsbury & Mirfield							
18	494	1532	Birkdale High School	Wheelwright Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 4JB	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches.
255	521	1504	Former Cricket Ground	Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury	Cricket	Council	Lapsed cricket square on site. Square has not been in existence for over ten years. Would need investment to be brought back in to use.
105	525	1685	Lees Holme Park	Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9DZ	Bowls	Council	Two, lapsed bowling greens. Unlikely that demand exists for greens.
198			Old Bank Recreation Ground	WF14 ONE	Football	Council	One lapsed adult football pitch.
353	516	1492	Savile Sports Ground		Bowls	Council (leased from Savills)	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.
354	518	1499	Savile Town Bowling Green (Lapsed)	Pentland Road, Savile Town	Bowls	Council	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.
			West Mills Football Club	Off Shillbank Lane, Mirfield	Football	Private	Small 5v5 pitch which appears unused.
Batley & Spen							
359	489	1353	Cleckheaton Bowling Club	Park View, Cleckheaton, BD19 3AP	Bowls	Club	Private site with two lapsed bowling greens. Clubhouse burnt down in March 2015. Unlikely to be demand for greens
351	552	56	Former Heckmondwike & Carlinghow CC	Chapel Lane, Heckmondwike	Cricket	-	Lapsed site for over 10 years. Former cricket ground. Club relocated and site became disused. Site potentially too small for full size cricket outfield but could accommodate other sports. Would require investment.

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KKP Ref	Ols Ref	Ols Class I.D.	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current Status
90	483	1216	Hyrstlands Park	Hyrstlands Road	Bowls	Council	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.
136	80	1260	Owler Lane Recreation Ground	Owler Lane, Birstall, WF17	Football	Council	One lapsed youth 11v11 pitch. Power lines overhead so not used.
270	917	783	Spensborough United Ex Servicemen's Club	Moorland House, Bradford Road, BD19 3SU	Bowls	Private	Lapsed site, one crown green previously in existence
188	489	1352	West End Park	Park View, Cleckheaton BD19 3AP	Football	Council	Lapsed adult pitch. Potential to be brought back in to use. Now has 9v9 and 2 x 7v7 and will be used.
364	85	1264	White Lee Football Ground	Smithies Moor Lane, Batley	Football	Trust	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch which is being brought back in to use.
Rural East							
347	69	239	Bank Lane (Rear of Manor Farm)	Upper Denby	Football		Lapsed adult football pitch. Previously used by local team as part of the former Denby Sports & Social Club.
349	1205	1732	Grange Moor Recreation Ground	Briestfield Road, WF4 4DX	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch
156	78	246	Shelley Lane	Westerley Way, Shelley, HD8 8HN	Football	Council	Two 7v7 poor quality, lapsed football pitches.
199	37	1843	Thurstonland Recreation Ground	Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland, HD4 6XD	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch.
212	567	1724	Millbridge Park	Sampson Street, Heckmondwike, WF15 6JP	Tennis	Council	One lapsed Council tennis court.

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Recommendation (b) – Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.

Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council, NGBs or the County Sports Partnership (CSP) to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership working. For example, support club development and encourage clubs to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate an income through their facilities. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)¹. Clubs should also be encouraged to work with partners locally, such as volunteer support agencies or linking with local businesses.

There are a number of sites in Kirklees where security of tenure for the club/user needs to be secured, including on education sites where formal community use agreements are not in place. NGBs can often help to negotiate and engage with schools, particularly academies where the local authority may not have direct influence. For further information on this, please refer to Recommendation (c) of Objective 1.

A minimum of 25 years is recommended by Sport England and NGBs to ensure security of a site and enable clubs to apply for external funding. There are three clubs that have been identified as having less than this term remaining on their leases and **it is recommended that agreements are in place to future proof the sustainability of these clubs:**

- ◀ Birstall CC (Site ID 19) – Ten years left on lease
- ◀ Upperthong CC (Site ID 185) – 15 years left on lease
- ◀ Cumberworth CC (Site ID 41) – Nine years left on 99 year lease from local farmer

In addition to the clubs highlighted above there is a need to ensure security of tenure at Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields (adjacent to Whitcliffe Mount School). The three football and two rugby union pitches are well used within the Area but there is no formal community use agreement in place. The School is to be re-built and **it is recommended that agreements are in place to secure the future use of the pitches for football and rugby union.**

There is potential in the future for more sites in Kirklees to be leased to sports clubs. Each club should be required to meet service and/or strategic objectives. However, an additional set of criteria should be considered, which takes into account the quality of the club, aligned to its long term development objectives and sustainability.

In the context of public spending cuts it is increasingly important for the Council to work with voluntary sector organisations in order that they may be able to take greater levels of ownership and support the wider development and maintenance of facilities. To facilitate this, the Council should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds to allow this.

Recommended criteria for lease of sport sites to clubs/organisations:

Club	Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Clubs should have Clubmark/FA Charter Standard accreditation award. ◀ Clubs commit to meeting demonstrable local demand and show pro-active commitment to developing school-club links. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Sites should be those identified as 'Club Sites' (see section 7.2) for new clubs (i.e. not those with a Borough wide significance) but which offer development potential. For established clubs which have proven

¹ <http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/cascbenefits>

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Club	Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Clubs are sustainable, both in a financial sense and via their internal management structures in relation to recruitment and retention policy for both players and volunteers. ◀ Ideally, clubs should have themselves already identified (and received an agreement in principle) any match funding required for initial capital investment identified. ◀ Clubs have processes in place to ensure capacity to maintain sites to the existing, or better, standards. 	<p>success in terms of self-management 'Key Centres' (see section 7.2) are also appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ If required, sites should acquire capital investment via external funding and partnerships to improve quality. ◀ Sites should be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site. ◀ An NGB/Council representative should sit on a management committee for each site leased to a club.

The Council can further recognise the value of Clubmark/Charter Standard by adopting a policy of prioritising the clubs that are to have access to these better quality facilities. This may be achieved by inviting clubs to apply for season long leases on a particular site as an initial trial.

Where clubs are unable to meet the required outcomes of the agreement the Council will consider the continued support and use of the site and an intervention may be required.

Club outcomes for lease agreements

The Council should establish a series of core outcomes to derive from clubs taking on a lease arrangement to ensure that the most appropriate clubs are assigned to sites. As an example outcomes may include:

- ◀ Increasing participation.
- ◀ Supporting the development of coaches and volunteers.
- ◀ Commitment to quality standards.
- ◀ Improvements (where required) to facilities, or as a minimum retaining existing standards.

In addition, clubs should be made fully aware of the associated responsibilities/liabilities when considering leases of public playing fields.

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Community Asset Transfer Policy

Kirklees Council already has an Asset Advancement Policy which supports community management of assets, to include local clubs, community groups and trusts. The policy presents sports clubs and national governing bodies with opportunities to take greater responsibility for their own facilities. The Council encourages the better and wider use of assets.

For any asset transfer that involves changing facilities and/or buildings, but not pitches, it is imperative that community use of the pitches continues; not only for the organisations taking on the asset transfer, but for other clubs as well.

The Council Asset Advancement Policy can be accessed via the following website link:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/community/yourneighbourhood/pdf/communityAssetAdvancementPolicy.pdf>

The Sport England Community Sport Asset Transfer Toolkit is a generic, interactive web based tool that provides a step by step guide through each stage of the asset transfer process: www.sportengland.org/support_advice/asset_transfer.aspx to be used by clubs as an information point for any club considering an asset transfer request. The Council policy and procedures set out the specific requirements for a Kirklees asset transfer.

Recommendation (c) Maximise community use of outdoor sports facilities

Education sites

In order to maximise community use of educational facilities it is recommended to establish a more coherent, structured relationship with schools, regardless of ownership, i.e. academies, independent schools, etc. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play, but especially to train. In Kirklees, pricing policies at facilities can be a barrier to access at some of the education sites but physical access and resistance from schools, especially academies, to open up provision is also an issue for a number of reasons.

A large number of sporting facilities are located on education sites and making these available to sports clubs can offer significant benefits to both the school/college and the local clubs. The Council and other key partners must work with schools and colleges to develop an understanding of the issues that restrict or affect community access. Support should be provided, where appropriate, to address underlying problems and concerns that schools may have.

It is not uncommon for school pitch stock not to be fully maximised for community use. Even on established community use sites, access to outdoor sports facilities to the community is limited. Consultation identified several issues relating to the use of school facilities:

- ◀ Cost and insurance is the overarching problem for most schools.
- ◀ Many schools report that pitches cannot be accessed by the community due to being unable to staff the opening/closing of facilities both during and outside of the school day.
- ◀ Health and safety regulations/ child protection present barriers for opening schools out of hours.
- ◀ Community use is limited and often based on informal agreements between individual schools and clubs.

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- ◀ There is no strategic guidance as to which clubs are allocated the use of playing pitch facilities (i.e. in accordance with a strategic need).
- ◀ There are management issues inherent in developing, implementing and managing community use agreements. Advice and guidance can be obtained from Sport England's Schools toolkit and Sports organisations toolkit.
(www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning)

Where appropriate, it will be important for schools to negotiate and sign formal and long-term agreements that secure community use. This needs to be examined against the following:

- ◀ The analysis provides a clear indication of the future pitch requirements and provides a basis for partners to negotiate.
- ◀ Community use should not impact on the needs of schools to deliver curricular and extracurricular activities and;
- ◀ Community use must not impact on the school's educational budget.
- ◀ Community use should not impact on safeguarding during the school day.
- ◀ Consideration of "wear and tear" on school premises versus budget available for repairs and maintenance.
- ◀ The need for agreement by Governing Bodies responsible for the safe management of school premises.

'Use Our School' is a Sport England resource to support schools in opening their facilities to the community and keeping them open. It provides tried and tested solutions, real life practice, tips from people making it happen and a range of downloadable resources. The information can be accessed here:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/use-our-school/>

It is recommended that a working group, led by a partner from the education sector and supported by a range of other sectors including sport and leisure, is established to implement the strategic direction in relation to the increased/better use of school facilities. **In Kirklees it is recommended that the networks that are already in place such as the Heads of PE Network and Active Schools Network be used as a starting point for such a group.** Broadly speaking, its role should be to:

- ◀ Better understand current community use, practices and issues by 'auditing' schools.
- ◀ Ensure community use agreements are upheld
- ◀ Identify and pilot one school/club formal community use agreement with a view to rolling out the model across the area.
- ◀ Ensure that funding to improve the quality and maintenance of the facilities is identified and secured.
- ◀ As part of any agreement secure a management arrangement for community access, which does not rely on existing school staff structures.
- ◀ Ensure that pitch provision at schools is sufficient in quality and quantity to be able to deliver its curriculum. Once this has been achieved provision could contribute to overcoming deficiencies in the area.

Sport England reports that housing growth often leads to an increase in school places. S106 contributions are then secured to pay for these places which usually result in an extension to a school, sometimes on playing field. If applicable, this should be identified early in the process and embraced in policy that any replacement of playing fields i.e. compensatory provision, due to school expansion should be negotiated directly with the relevant developer.

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The following schools were reported as being **available for community use but currently unused**. It is recommended that these schools are prioritised in terms of further exploring the reason pitches are currently unused by the community:

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Sport	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes - unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Football	Mini	(5v5)	2
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes - unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Football	Youth	(11v11)	1
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes - unused	Batley & Spen	Football	Adult	-	1
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes - unused	Batley & Spen	Football	Mini	(7v7)	1
299	Golcar J I & N	Yes - unused	Huddersfield	Football	Adult	-	2
300	Gomersal Primary School	Yes - unused	Batley & Spen	Football	Youth	(9v9)	1
13	Batley Grammar School	Yes – unused	Batley & Spen	Cricket	-	-	8 wickets

OBJECTIVE 2

To enhance outdoor sports facilities through improving quality and management of sites

Recommendations:

- d. Improve pitch quality on poor quality sites.
- e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites.
- f. Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding
- g. Secure developer contributions.

Recommendation (d) – Improve pitch quality on poor quality sites.

There are a number of ways in which it is possible to increase pitch quality, including for example, addressing overplay and improving maintenance. Given that most councils are operating under reducing budgets it is currently advisable to look at improving only poor quality pitches as a priority. However, given such pressures on budgets any direct investment into pitch quality is unlikely and other options for improvements should be considered. This could be via asset transfer as highlighted in Objective 1, for example for cricket, the Club could maintain the square and the Council the outfield. Other options may include equipment banks and the pooling of resources for maintenance.

Addressing quality issues

Pitch quality in Kirklees is variable but is generally poor, particularly on local authority sites catering for rugby league and football. Currently used sites that are of poor quality and require pitch improvements can be seen in the table below. Improving pitch quality increases the carrying capacity of pitches and can help to reduce overplay and/or shortfalls.

Currently used sites with poor pitch quality and over played:

Sport	KKP ref	Site ²	Analysis area	Pitch type	Number of pitches
Rugby union	115	Lockwood Park	Huddersfield	Mini	1
	331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley & Spen	Senior	2
Rugby league	170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen	Senior	1
	175	Taylor Street	Batley & Spen	Junior	1
	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	2
	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	2
	56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	Junior	1

² For extended detail on the location of sites please refer to Kirklees Playing Pitch Assessment Report and Database.

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There are a number of poor quality football pitches that need improvements and these are highlighted within the action plan. Pitch improvements however need to be balanced alongside the recommendation that football should look to move towards a model of multi-pitch hub sites, particularly for mini and youth football. This means that improving poor quality, single pitch sites may not be appropriate and investment may be better used in creating hub sites.

For the purposes of the Quality Assessments, the Strategy will refer to pitches and ancillary facilities separately as Good, Standard or Poor quality. For example, some good quality sites have poor quality elements i.e. changing rooms or a specific pitch.

Good quality refers to pitches that have, for example, good grass cover, an even surface, are free from vandalism, litter etc. In terms of ancillary facilities, good quality refers to access for disabled people, sufficient provision for referees, juniors/women/girls and appropriate provision of showers, toilets and car parking.

Standard quality refers to pitches that have, for example, adequate grass cover, minimal signs of wear and tear, goalposts may be secure but in need of minor repair. In terms of ancillary facilities, standard quality refers to adequately sized changing rooms, storage provision and provision of toilets.

Poor quality refers to pitches that have, for example, inadequate grass cover, uneven surface and damage. Please refer to the Sport England/NGB quality assessments. Sites played beyond capacity may require remedial action to help reduce this.

In order to prioritise investment into key sites **it is recommended that the steering group works up a list of criteria, relevant to the Area, to provide a steer on future investment.**

For improvement/replacement of AGPs refer to Sport England and the NGBs 'Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union' document for a guide as to suitable AGP surfaces:

www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-sports-surfaces/

Addressing overplay

In order to improve the overall quality of the playing pitches stock; it is necessary to ensure that pitches are not overplayed beyond recommended weekly carrying capacity. This is determined by assessing pitch quality (via a non-technical site assessment) and allocating a weekly match limit to each. Each NGB recommends a number of matches that a good quality pitch should take:

Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week
	Youth pitches	4 per week
	Mini pitches	6 per week
Rugby union*	Pipe and Slit Drained and a good level of maintenance (D3/M2)	3.5 per week
	Pipe drained and a good level of maintenance (D2/M2)	3.25 per week
	Natural (adequate) drainage and a good level of maintenance (D1/M2)	3 per week
Rugby	Adult pitches	3 per week

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Sport	Pitch type	No. of matches
League		
Cricket	One grass wicket	5 per season
	One synthetic wicket	60 per season

* Please note that the RFU believes that it is most appropriate to base the calculation of pitch capacity upon an assessment of the drainage system and maintenance programme afforded to a site.

There are also sites that are poor quality but are not overplayed. These sites should not be overlooked as often poor quality sites have less demand than other sites but demand could increase if the quality was to increase. Improving pitch quality should not be considered in isolation from maintenance regimes.

Whilst it works both ways, in so much as, poor pitch condition is a symptom of pitches being over played, potential improvements may make sites more attractive and, therefore, more popular; which in the long run can lead again to poor quality pitches if they are not maintained properly.

There is also a need to balance pitch improvements alongside the transfer of play to alternative pitch sites. Therefore, work with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity and encourage play, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues which are not operating at capacity.

Increasing pitch maintenance

Standard or poor grass pitch quality may not just be a result of poor drainage. In some instances ensuring there is an appropriate maintenance for the level/standard of play can help to improve quality and therefore increase pitch capacity. Each NGB can provide assistance with reviewing pitch maintenance regimes.

For example, NGBs have introduced a Pitch Advisor Scheme and has been working in partnership with Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG). The key principles behind the scheme are to provide clubs with advice/practical solutions on a number of areas, with the simple aim of improving the club's playing surface.

In relation to cricket specifically, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, in some instances, become dangerous. The ECB recommends full technical assessments of wickets and pitches available through a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PQS assesses a cricket square to ascertain whether the pitch meets the Performance Quality Standards that are benchmarked by the Institute of Groundsmanship. Please note that PQS assessments are also available for other sports.

Recommendation (e) – Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites

To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities. Please refer to Part 7: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

Recommendation (f) – Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding

Partners, led by the Council, should ensure that appropriate funding secured for improved sports provision are directed to areas of need, underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in playing pitch facilities. Priorities should be identified from the NGBs that can also feed into the overall priorities of Kirklees.

In order to address the community's needs, to target priority areas and to reduce duplication of provision, there should be a coordinated approach to strategic investment. In delivering this recommendation the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners and through the Playing Pitch Steering Group.

Some investment in new provision will not be made by the Council directly, it is important, however, that the Council seeks to direct and lead a strategic and co-ordinated approach to facility development by education sites, NGBs, sports clubs and the commercial sector to address community needs whilst avoiding duplication of provision.

Please refer to Appendix Two for further funding information which includes details of the current opportunities, likely funding requirements and indicative project costs. The West Yorkshire County Sports Partnership is also a source of advice, guidance and 'critical friend' for clubs and organisations seeking funding.

Sport and physical activity can have a profound effect on peoples' lives, and plays a crucial role in improving community cohesion, educational attainment and self-confidence.

However, one of sport's greatest contributions is its positive impact on public health. It is therefore important to lever in investment from other sectors such as health through, for example, the CCG.

Recommendation (g) –Secure developer contributions

It is important that this strategy informs policies and supplementary planning documents by setting out the approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing development. As the Council has moved away from CIL, the Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy should be used as the evidence base for securing and negotiating developer contributions.

The guidance should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision and/or enhancement of appropriate playing fields and its subsequent maintenance. Section 106 contributions could also be used to improve the condition and maintenance regimes of the pitches in order to increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches. A number of planning policy objectives should be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:

- ◀ Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a Section 106 Agreement or equivalent must be completed specifying the amount which will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service from the date of the Planning Committee, and timing of the Contribution(s) to be paid.
- ◀ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up to date information on the associated costs.

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- ◀ External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate playing pitch facility enhancement and its subsequent maintenance .
- ◀ Where new multiple pitches are provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site.
- ◀ All new or improved playing pitches on school sites should be subject to community use agreements. For further guidance please refer to Sport England:
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/community-use-agreements/>

OBJECTIVE 3

To provide new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

Recommendations:

- h. Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current pitch stock.
- i. Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.

Recommendation (h) - Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current pitch stock

The Council and its partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the Assessment Report and the sport by sport specific recommendations (Part 4).

It is important that the current levels of grass pitch provision are protected, maintained and enhanced to secure provision now and in the future. Maximising use of existing pitches through a combination of the following will help to reduce shortfalls:

- ◀ Improving pitch quality in order to improve the capacity of pitches to accommodate more matches.
- ◀ The re-designation of pitches for which there is an oversupply.
- ◀ Securing long term community use at school sites.
- ◀ Working with commercial and private providers to increase usage.

Unmet demand, changes in sport participation and trends, and proposed housing growth should be recognised and factored into future facility planning. Assuming an increase in participation and housing growth occurs, it will impact on the future need for certain types of sports facilities. Sports development work also approximates unmet demand which cannot currently be quantified (i.e., it is not being suppressed by a lack of facilities) but is likely to occur. The following table highlights the main development trends in each sport and their likely impact on facilities. However, it is important to note that these may be subject to change.

Furthermore, retaining some spare capacity allows some pitches to be rested to protect overall pitch quality in the long term. Therefore, whilst in some instances it may be appropriate to re-designate a senior pitch where there is low demand identified a holistic approach should be taken to re-designation for the reasons cited.

Likely future sport-by-sport demand trends

Sport	Future sports development trend	Strategy impact
Football	Demand for adult football is likely to be sustained with the FA focusing on retention. There is also likely to be some continued movement towards small sided football for adults as well as mid-week 11 aside matches and hub sites for mini and youth football.	Additional need for 3G pitches.

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Sport	Future sports development trend	Strategy impact
	Demand for mini and youth football is likely to increase based on TGRs and The FA has a key objective to deliver 50% of mini and youth football on 3G AGP's.	Where possible utilise new or existing 3G pitches to accommodate this demand. There may also be a need for more mini and youth pitches in the Borough. This should be addressed through discussion with The FA.
	An increase in women and girls football following £2.4m investment over the next two years (2014-2016) from Sport England to increase the number of women and girls taking part in football sessions.	A need to provide segregated ancillary facilities and the potential need for more pitches. If hub sites are developed they could provide good quality ancillary facilities to support female usage,
Cricket	Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority and there is a target to establish two girls' and one women's team in every local authority over the next five years.	Support clubs to ensure access to segregated changing and toilet provision and access to good quality cricket pitches to support growth.
Rugby union	The Rugby World Cup (2015) is predicted to see a further increase in the demand for rugby provision. Continuation of strong junior sections and targeted growth.	Clubs are likely to field more teams in the future, and therefore have a demand for more pitches. It is important, therefore, to work with the clubs to maintain the current pitch stock and to support facility development where appropriate.
Rugby league	RFL is working towards growing rugby league participation in Kirklees, including through growth at junior clubs, Play Touch RL and 9 aside RL.	Sustain current levels of access to grass pitches and improve pitch quality/capacity to accommodate current and future growth. Seek 3G pitch venues for Play Touch and grass pitches for 9 aside.
AGPs	Demand for 3G pitches for football is high and will continue to increase as currently there is a shortfall of full size pitches in the Borough. It is likely that future demand for the use of 3G pitches, especially for training, will increase. Provision of 3G pitches which are World Rugby compliant (rugby union) and Community Standard, or Stadium Standard where appropriate (rugby league) could help to reduce overplay as a result of training on rugby pitches.	Requirement for new 3G pitches to be provided and a need for community use agreements to be in place for any new pitches as well as sinking funds. Utilise Sport England/NGB guidance on choosing the correct surface: http://www.sportengland.org/media/30651/Selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-Rev2-2010.pdf
Hockey	Potential increase of adult and junior teams.	Resurface of current sand based AGP.
Bowls	No expected increase in memberships.	Likely that any future increase could be accommodated on existing greens.
Tennis	No clubs report latent demand for access to additional courts. Therefore, it is likely that any increase in participation will be accommodated at existing courts in the Borough.	Increases in participation can be achieved through floodlighting courts to provide additional hours and the re-surfacing of courts.

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Recommendation (i) - Identify opportunities to add to the overall pitch stock to accommodate both current and future demand

The Steering Group should use, and regularly update, the Action Plan within this Strategy for improvements to council pitches whilst recognising the need to support partners. The Action Plan lists improvements to be made to each site focused upon both qualitative and quantitative improvements as appropriate for each area.

Based on the FA model for calculating AGP requirements the table below identifies the current number of 3G pitches across the Borough and the shortfalls based on the FA model:

Analysis area	Current number of teams	3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Potential shortfall
Batley & Spen	138	3	1	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	118	2	1	1
Huddersfield	202	4	2	2
Rural East*	104	2	-	2
Rural West	93	2	-	2
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*Once completed, the new 3G pitch at Storthes Hall will mean the potential shortfall in Rural East is reduced from two to one.

Potential new developments

Plans are in place to create a multi-sport hub at Dearne Valley Sports Village. The Parkgate Sport & Community Trust has signed a 35 year lease on a 23 acre site in Skelmanthorpe and has plans to develop the Site. Plans include 3 AGPs, a MUGA, athletics facilities, cycle paths and orienteering courses as well as sports hall and ancillary facilities. The Site has the potential to accommodate shortfalls identified in the Area, particularly for football and rugby league. Furthermore, in line with recommendations to provide football hub sites Dearne Valley Sports Village should be considered as a potential hub site.

Football hub sites

Further to the developments above and in line with recommendations to create a number of football hub sites within the Borough, the table below suggests potential sites within each analysis area that could be developed to create hub sites. The sites are not in priority order and recommendations are largely driven by size and a sites ability to accommodate several pitches, as well as ancillary facilities. **NB: it is recommended that further analysis is carried out, alongside the FA, on the exact number of hub sites that would be required to accommodate demand in an efficient and sustainable manner.**

Management of hub sites

It should be noted that for any local authorities to be part of the Parklife programme with the FA it would be expected that facilities would come under the management of an independent trust.

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Potential hub sites:

Analysis area	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site
Batley & Spen	Spenn Valley Sports College – currently has two adult, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch and one RL pitch.	Heckmond-wike Grammar – currently has two adult, one 9v9 and two 5v5 pitches. One RL and one sand AGP.	Batley Grammar – currently has three adult and one 9v9 pitch and one cricket square.	Batley Business College – currently has three adult and two 7v7 pitches and one non-turf cricket wicket.	Batley Sports Centre/Upper Batley Lane/ Batley Girls – Potential joint hub – currently has one 3G, 2 adult, one youth 9v9, one youth 11v11.
Dewsbury & Mirfield	Sands Lane – currently has five adult football pitches and three cricket squares	St John Fisher School – currently has full size 3G, adult pitch and youth 11v11 pitch and mini RL pitch.	Wakefield Road Rec – currently has 2 adult, 3 9v9, 2 7v7 and 2 5v5 pitches.	West Mills – currently has one adult, 2 11v11, 2 9v9v, 3 7v7 and 2 5v5 pitches.	-
Huddersfield	Bankfield Rec – currently has 2 adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch.	Leeds Road Sports Complex – currently has 5 adult pitches, full size 3G and 3G barn, four cricket squares and one RL pitch.	Deighton Centre – currently has 3 adult and 2 mini 7v7 pitches.	Huddersfield New College – currently has 6 adult pitches and full size 3G and one RL pitch.	Newsome High School – currently has one adult, one 11v11, one 9v9 pitch, 2 sand based AGP and one RL.
	Huddersfield YMCA – currently has 3 adult, one 9v9, one 7v7, one adult football/rugby, one rugby union and one rugby league.	-	-	-	-
Rural East	Deerne Valley Sports Village – No current facilities. Potential for 3 AGPs, MUGA and ancillary.	Kirkburton Middle School – currently has two adult, two 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch as well as sand AGP (slightly smaller than full size)	Storthes Hall – currently has 5 adult, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitches and one 3G.	-	-

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Analysis area	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site	Potential Site
Rural West	Colne Valley High – currently has two youth 11v11 pitches, two senior RL and half size sand AGP.	Holmfirth Sports Centre – currently has one adult, one 9v9, one 5v5 and half size sand AGP.	-	-	-

Additional provision of AGPs

Provision of additional AGPs within Kirklees is likely to be one of the solutions in reducing the shortfall of match equivalent sessions, not just for football (hub sites) but also for rugby union and rugby league, **it is therefore recommended that partnership working between the FA, RFU and RFL is essential in providing sustainable solutions for all the sports.**

PART 7: ACTION PLAN

Introduction

The site-by-site action plan seeks to address key issues identified in the accompanying Assessment Report. It provides recommendations based on current levels of usage, quality and future demand, as well as the potential of each site for enhancement.

It should be reviewed in the light of staff and financial resources in order to prioritise support for strategically significant provision and provision that other providers are less likely to make. Recommendation e below explains the hierarchy of priorities on the list. It is imperative that action plans for priority projects should be developed through the implementation of the strategy.

The Council should make it a high priority to work with NGBs and other partners to comprise a priority list of actions based on local priorities, NGB priorities and available funding.

Recommendation - Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites

To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities.

Kirklees has a number of 'key centres', which are sites that are considered to be the most popular and therefore need to be of a high standard in order that they can accommodate a sufficient number of matches per week. This applies mostly to football pitch hire. However, the Council should extend this provision model to recognise the supply and demand issues identified throughout the Assessment Report (i.e. current levels of overplay) and the investment necessary to improve sites based on current levels of usage. The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance in a Borough-wide context (i.e. they accommodate the majority of play). In addition to this, there are a number of sites which have been identified as accommodating both senior and junior matches, sometimes concurrently. Not only could such sites require a mixture of mini, youth and senior pitches, but they also require split-level ancillary facilities, in order to maximise their usage at all times.

In the context of developing a tiered model approach to the management of sports facilities Kirklees has a large number of multi-team junior clubs which place a great demand on the pitch stock. There are therefore a number of sites which are still owned and maintained by the local authority, but are actually booked by the clubs for the entire season. The sites are then recognised as the 'home ground' of the club. Such sites are fundamentally different from those which can be hired on a regular basis because they are in effect, 'allocated' to a certain club and management responsibility, in terms of allocating teams to pitches, is transferred to the individual club.

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Proposed tiered site criteria

Criteria	Strategic sites	Key centres	Local club or education sites	Reserve sites
Site location	Strategically located in the Borough. Priority sites for NGB.	Strategically located within the analysis area.	Serves the local community.	Serves the local community.
Site layout	Accommodates three or more grass pitches, including provision of an AGP.	Accommodates two or more grass pitches.	Accommodates more than one pitch.	Likely to be single-pitch site.
Type of sport	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.	Supports informal demand and/ or training etc.
Management	Management control remains within the local authority/other provider or with an appropriate lease arrangement through a committee or education owned.	Management control remains within the local authority or with an appropriate club on a lease arrangement.	Club either has long-term lease/hires the pitch for the entire season or owns the site. Management control remains within the local authority/other provider or with an appropriate lease arrangement through a committee or education owned.	Management control remains with the Council or existing management body.
Maintenance regime	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime either by the club or in house maintenance contract.	Basic level of maintenance i.e. grass cutting and line marking as required.
Ancillary facilities	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Appropriate access changing to accommodate both senior and junior use concurrently (if required).	No requirement for access changing to accommodation.

Strategic sites are of Borough wide importance where users are willing to travel to access the range and high quality of facilities offered and are likely to be multi sport. These have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

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The financial, social and sporting benefits which can be achieved through development of strategic sites (also known as hub sites) are significant. Sport England provides further guidance on the development of community sports hubs at:

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities_planning/planning_tools_and_guidance/sports_hubs.aspx

Key centres although these sites are more community focused, some are still likely to service a wider analysis area (or slightly wider). However, there may be more of a focus on a specific sport i.e. a dedicated site.

From a football perspective, these sites already seek to accommodate the growing emphasis on football venues catering for youth football (especially mini-soccer) matches. The conditions recommended for mini and youth football are becoming more stringent. This should be reflected in the provision of a unique tier of pitches for mini and youth football solely that can ensure player safety, as well as being maintained more efficiently. It is anticipated that both youth and mini-football matches could be played on these sites. Initial investment could be required in the short term and identified in the Action Plan.

Additionally, it is considered that some financial investment will be necessary to improve the ancillary facilities at both Strategic sites and Key Centre sites to complement the pitches in terms of access, flexibility (i.e. single-sex changing if necessary), quality and that they meet the rules and regulations of local competitions.

Local club/education sites refer to those sites which are hired to clubs for a season, or are sites which have been leased on a long-term basis. Primarily they are sites with more than one pitch. The level of priority attached to them for Council-generated investment may be relatively low and consideration should be given, on a site-by-site basis, to the feasibility of a club taking a long-term lease on the site (if not already present), in order that external funding can be sought.

It is possible that sites could be included in this tier which are not currently hired or leased to a club, but have the potential to be leased to a suitable club. Such sites will require some level of investment, either to the pitches or ancillary facilities, and it is anticipated that one of the conditions of offering a hire/lease is that the club would be in a position to source external funding to improve the facilities.

Reserve sites could be used as overspill for neighbouring sites and/or for summer matches/competitions, training or informal play. They are most likely to be single-pitch sites with no ancillary facilities.

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Management and development

The following issues should be considered when undertaking sports related site development or enhancement:

- ◀ Financial viability.
- ◀ Security of tenure.
- ◀ Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.
- ◀ Adequacy of existing finances to maintain existing sites.
- ◀ Business Plan/Masterplan – including financial package for creation of new provision where need has been identified.
- ◀ Analysis of the possibility of shared site management opportunities.
- ◀ The availability of opportunities to lease sites to external organisations.
- ◀ Options to assist community groups to gain funding to enhance existing provision.
- ◀ Negotiation with landowners to increase access to private strategic sites.
- ◀ Football investment programme/3G pitches development with The FA.

Action plan columns

Partners

The column indicating Partners refers to the main organisations that the Council would look to work with to support delivery of the actions. Given the extent of potential actions it is reasonable to assume that partners will not necessarily be able to support all of the actions identified but where the action is a priority and resource is available the partner will endeavour to provide support.

Site hierarchy tier and priority level

Strategic sites have a **high** priority level as they have Borough wide importance and have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the key issues identified in the assessment.

Key centres are a **medium** priority and have analysis area importance and have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

Low priority sites are club or education sites with local specific importance and have been identified on a site by site basis as issues appertaining to individual sites but that may also contribute to addressing the issues identified in the assessment

Costs

The strategic actions have also been ranked as low, medium or high based on cost. The brackets in which these sit are:

(L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above. These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs which can be found at www.sportengland.org/media/198443/facility-costs-4q13.pdf

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Timescales

The action plan has been created to be delivered over a ten year period. The information within the Assessment Report, Strategy and Action Plan will require updating as developments occur. The timescales relate to delivery times and are not priority based.

Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years).

Site recommendation

Each action seeks to meet at least one of the three aims of the Strategy; **Protect, Enhance, Provide.**

Due to the significant shortfalls in provision almost all sites are currently recommended to be protected. It is imperative therefore to **keep the action plan up to date and review regularly** as developments take place. With pitch improvements and/or facility developments the status of sites could therefore change, as could any site specific recommendations.

BATLEY & SPEN AREA ACTION PLAN

KKP Site ID	OLS Ref	OL Class ID	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Timescales ³	Site recommendation	Cost ⁴
9	484	1212	Batley Bulldogs RLFC (Formerly Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Heritage Road, Batley, WF17 7NZ	Rugby League	Club	Semi-professional rugby league club. Potential opportunity to develop the Site further e.g. with an artificial pitch.	Investigate the potential of developing a Rugby League Stadium Standard 3G pitch on the site aligned to community use by identified community rugby league clubs	Batley Bulldogs RLFC RFL	Key Centre	M	PROTECT Key site for rugby league in the Area	H
10	465	1177	Batley Business & Enterprise College	Blenheim Drive, Batley, WF17 0BJ	Football	College	Three adult and two mini 7v7 pitches all standard quality except for one poor adult pitch. There are 1.5 7v7 match equivalents spare. Adult pitches are heavily overplayed. Site used by Batley Juniors FC.	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	College FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Club site for football, as well as being used by the College.	M
					Cricket		One standalone artificial wicket, mainly used by the college	Investigate the potential of community use of the site for LMS.	College ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Unused school site	L
11	484	1213	Batley Cricket Club	Purlwell Hall Road, Batley, WF17 7NL	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets. Minimal spare capacity for one Sunday team. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site.	M
12	463	1249	Batley Girls High School	Windmill Lane, Batley, WF17 0LD	Football	School	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitch, both poor quality. Used by Howden Clough U11-14 teams. Overplayed by one and 1.5 matches respectively	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	School FA	School	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used by the Club but limited curriculum use	M
13	86	1564	Batley Grammar School	Carlinghow Hill, Batley, WF17 0AD	Football	School	Three adult pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch all good quality. Overplayed by 2.5 and two matches respectively when accounting for curriculum use	Seek options for access to additional pitches to accommodate overplay. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	School FA	Key Centre	M	PROTECT Used as a club site as well as by the School.	H
					Cricket		One good quality square with eight wickets, available but currently unused	Investigate potential to accommodate shortfalls within the Area.	ECB	Education	S	PROTECT Unused school site	L

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KKP Site ID	OLS Ref	OL Class ID	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Timescales ⁵	Site recommendation	Cost ⁶
14	463	1249	Batley Sports & Tennis Centre	Windmill Lane, Batley, WF17 0QD	AGP	Trust	Recently refurbished 3G pitch. Used by Howden Clough FC mini teams	Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	KAL	Key Centre	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Important site for football in the area	M
					Tennis		Four good quality polymeric courts with floodlights.	Ensure an appropriate maintenance regime is in place to retain the quality of the courts.					
15	539	1254	BBG Academy	Bradford Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4BE	Football	School	One adult pitch unused by community clubs and one youth 11v11 pitch used by Gommersal & Cleckheaton FC. Both standard quality and overplayed when considering curriculum use	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity	FA	Education	M	PROTECT School site used for club matches	L
16	572	73	Beck Lane Football Ground	Beck Lane, Heckmondwike, WF16 0JZ	Football	Sports Club	Littletown FC club site with one good quality adult. Capacity available but not at peak time	Retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Club	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
221	538	1429	Birkenshaw BC	Bradford Road/Allen Croft, BD11 2DS	Bowls	Council	Council green likely to be able to accommodate additional demand	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	L
19	461	1245	Birstall Cricket Club	Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0EJ	Cricket	Sports Club	14 wickets at the ground, potential spare capacity for 0.5 matches Sunday pm	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site.	L
293	464	1381	Carlinghow Princess Royal Primary School	Ealand Road, Batley	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Unavailable school site	L
27	466	1537	Carters Field	North Bank Road, Batley, WF17 8ES	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches played to capacity. One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch overplayed by one match	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity	FA	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used site for football	M
31	476	2615	Chestnut Avenue Playing Fields	Chestnut Avenue, Batley, WF17 7DH	Football	Council	Site being developed for use by Mount Pleasant Juniors FC.	Ensure maximum use of the site is achieved and pitch quality is maintained.	FA	Club	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Future sports club site	M
359	489	1353	Cleckheaton Bowling Club	Park View, Cleckheaton, BD19 3AP	Bowls	Club	Private site with two lapsed bowling greens. Clubhouse burnt down in March 2015. Unlikely to be demand for greens	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	-

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227	1001	975	Cleckheaton Moorend Working Men's Club	Victoria Street, Cleckheaton, BD19 3TF	Bowls	Private	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
32	560	1363	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3UD	Cricket	Sports Club	Nine wickets significantly overplayed by a total of 31 matches per season	Investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
					Rugby Union		One standard quality senior pitch overplayed by one match session	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	RFU	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
					Bowls		Two good quality greens, well used by several teams.	Ensure good quality maintenance continues in order to sustain quality and usage.	Club Bowling Association	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	S-M
37	88	1566	Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club	The Rumbolds Lea Road, Batley, WF17 8BB	Cricket	Sports Club	Standard quality ten wicket square with two matches of capacity available	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
232	480	1550	Dewsbury Gate Park	Dewsbury Gate, Staincliffe, Batley	Bowls	Council	Two council greens likely to be able to accommodate additional demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	L
52	535	1251	East Bierley Cricket Club	South View Road, Bradford, BD4 6PJ	Cricket	Sports Club	12 wickets at the ground, 12 matches available but none at weekends. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
53	102	1265	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Hunsworth Lane, Bradford, BD4 6PU	Football	Council	One good quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week at peak time. Poor quality changing facilities.	Improve poor quality changing facilities. Retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local football site	M
					Rugby League		One poor quality pitch played to capacity by Birkenshaw RLFC. Poor quality changing facilities	Improve poor quality changing facilities on site. Improve quality of pitch and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	RFL	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site	M
297	478	1189	Field Lane J & I School	Albion Street, Batley	Football	Council	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Used by school	L
203	553	57	Firth Park	Westgate, Flush, Heckmondwike, WF16 0HH	Tennis	Council	Three good quality macadam courts, no floodlighting. Often casual use during summer	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	PROTECT Local site for casual use	L
		58			Bowls		Two greens with capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local site for casual and club	L

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351	552	56	Former Heckmondwike & Carlinghow CC	Chapel Lane, Heckmondwike	Cricket	-	Lapsed site for over 10 years. Former cricket ground. Club relocated and site became disused. Site potentially too small for full size cricket outfield but could accommodate other sports. Would require investment.	Consider feasibility of bringing playing fields back in to use and further investigate demand for each sport.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT With investment site could potentially accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	M
234	479	1191	France Street	France Street, Batley, WF17 6NU	Bowls	Council	One green used by Soothill Park Vets BC with capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local site for casual and club use	L
61	544	1643	Gomersal Cricket Club	Oxford Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4HE	Cricket	Sports Club	12 wicket square overplayed by four matches	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Important site for cricket in the Area	M
300	103	1662	Gomersal Primary School	Oxford Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton	Football	School	One standard mini 7v7 pitch with capacity but unavailable at peak time. One youth 9v9 pitch current unused by community clubs	Consider community use agreement for the site to address shortfall in 9v9 provision.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT School site used for club matches	S
67	119	11	Hartshead Junior & Infant School	School Lane, Hartshead, Liversedge, WF15 8AW	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Used by school	L
68	490	1360	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club	Highmoor Lane off Halifax Road, Liversedge, WF15 8DU	Cricket	Sports Club	Site has 14 wickets of standard quality, overplayed by six matches	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Important site for cricket in the Area	M
69	574	76	Hartshead Rec	School Lane, Hartshead, Liversedge, WF15 8AW	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch used by Hartshead FC. 0.5 matches spare capacity available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local football site	M
73	557	64	Heckmondwike Grammar School	High Street, Heckmondwike, WF16 0AH	Football	School	Five good quality pitches, of which two adult pitches are overplayed by 1.5	Seek options for access to additional pitches to accommodate overplay.	FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT School site used for club matches	L

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							matches when considering school use. Two mini 5v5 pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch have 1.5 and 0.5 matches spare capacity available at peak time respectively	Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site					
	555				Rugby League		One poor quality pitch currently unused. Overplayed when considering school use	Improve quality of pitch and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	RFL	Local	S	PROTECT Used by school	L
	555	62			AGP		One standard quality sand filled pitch used for matches by four different hockey clubs. Unavailable in the evenings due to lack of floodlighting	Identify funding for future replacement of carpet and identify feasibility of providing floodlighting to the pitch.	EH	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Key hockey venue for matches	H
74	551	55	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Cemetery Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9ED	Football	Sports Club	One standard quality adult pitch with 0.5 matches spare capacity at peak time. One mini 5v5 and one 7v7 both good quality, each with one match available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
					Cricket		10 wickets with spare capacity of ten matches, available on Sunday pm	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
					Bowls		Private bowls club with two greens, likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
206	1089	888	Hillside Tennis Club	Spens Lane, Gomersal, Liversedge, BD19 4AB	Tennis	Sports Club	Three good quality tarmac courts with no floodlighting	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	PROTECT Important local tennis site	L
86	462	1246	Howden Clough Playing Fields	Leeds Road, Howden Clough, Batley, WF17 0JD	Football	Council	One good quality adult pitch used by Howden Clough FC. One match spare capacity available at peak time	Retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local site well used for football	L
90	483	1216	Hyrstlands Park	Hyrstlands Road, Batley, WF17 7JT	Football	Council	Two poor quality pitches of mini 5v5 and 7v7 sizes. Mini 7v7 spare capacity of 0.5 matches at peak time. Currently used by Mount Pleasant FC	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local site well used for football	M
					Cricket		Ten wickets square with one artificial wicket. Previously used by Mount CC but currently unused	Consider feasibility of bringing playing fields back in to use and further investigate demand for each sport.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Due to shortfalls in the area the pitch is required	M
					Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green.	Unlikely to be required to	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be	-

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							Unlikely that demand exists for green.	service Bowls demand. Further investigate.				required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	

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91	484	1212	Hyrstmount STP	Heritage Road, Batley, WF17 7NZ	AGP	Council	Standard quality sand filled pitch used by rugby league teams for training	Investigate the potential of changing the surface to a Rugby League Community Standard 3G pitch	RFL Council Clubs FA	L	L	PROTECT ENHANCE Pitch required due to shortfalls	H
93	117	1667	King George V Playing Field	Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15 8DU	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches used by five different teams. 0.5 matches available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local site well used for football	L
95	540	1255	Kingsley Rec	Kingsley Crescent, Birkenshaw, Bradford, BD11 2NL	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch played to capacity by Birkenshaw FC.	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local site well used for football	L
101	546	37	Leeside School Fields	Leeds Old Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9BB	Football	School	One poor quality adult pitch used by Six Lane Ends FC and overplayed when considering school use. Possible school rebuild could result in pitch converted to rugby league	Work with club to find a suitable alternative home pitch, should a school rebuild go ahead	FA	Local	S	PROTECT PROVIDE Used by school, replace provision if school rebuilt	L
					Rugby League		Two poor quality pitches, one senior and one junior size used by Birstall Victoria ARLFC. Possible school rebuild could threaten the loss of one pitch. No access to changing facilities onsite	Establish security of tenure for rugby league onsite and support the Club in securing access to changing or development of external changing facility	RFL	Local	S	PROTECT PROVIDE Used by school, replace provision if school rebuilt	M
113	112	9	Liversedge Cricket Club	Roberttown Lane, Liversedge, WF15 7NP	Cricket	Sports Club	12 grass wickets overplayed by four matches per season. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
114	118	1375	Liversedge Football Club	Quaker Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 5JD	Football	Sports Club	One good quality adult pitch which meets the required Step 5 ground requirements. One match space capacity at peak time	Retain quality and spare capacity in order to protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Key site for football the area	L
209	571	71	Liversedge Tennis Club	Richmond Park Avenue, Roberttown, WF15 7NZ	Tennis	Sports Club	Four good quality artificial courts, of which two are floodlit	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	L

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304	475	1185	Lydgate J & I School	Lydgate, Batley	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch unavailable for use	Consider community use agreement for the site to address shortfall in adult provision.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Used by school	L
335	1431	2642	Mill Street	Mill Street, Birstall	Football		One standard quality adult pitch used by Birstall St Patricks FC. Spare capacity of 0.5 matches available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local football site	L
337	550	46	Millbridge Junior & Infant School	Vernon Road, Liversedge	Football	School	One standard quality youth 9v9 pitch used by Cleckheaton Sporting FC. No spare capacity at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Club	Local	S	PROTECT School site used for club matches	
212	567	1724	Millbridge Park	Sampson Street, Heckmondwike, WF15 6JP	Bowls	Council	One green used by Millbridge Park BC with capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local site for casual and club use	L
					Tennis		One lapsed Council tennis court.	Other council courts available in the Area. Further investigate demand at this site. Investment for improvements likely to be required.					
129	487	1347	Moorend Recreation Ground	Hunsworth Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 4EJ	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch available but currently unused	Improve quality and identify potential club(s) to use the site.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local football site. Retain to help address overplay	M
363	484	1214	Mount Pleasant Bowling Club	Purwell Hall Road, WF17 7NZ	Bowls	Club	Good quality bowling green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
132	104	1663	Nibshaw Rec	Nibshaw Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4PD	Football	Council	Two good quality pitches, one adult and one mini 7v7 used by Gommersal & Cleckheaton FC. Spare capacity for 1.5 and five matches respectively but neither available at peak time	Retain quality and spare capacity in order to protect pitch quality	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local football site well used by club	L
357	573	74	Norristhorpe Junior & Infant School Playing Fields	School Street, Norristhorpe	Football	School	Mini 5v5 pitch on site. Does not currently have any community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect for school use.	L
133	113	10	Norristhorpe Recreation Ground	Norristhorpe Lane, Liversedge, WF15 7AA	Football	Council	Two standard quality mini 5v5 pitches, available for use but currently unused	Explore potential for remarking as youth 9v9 to accommodate existing overplay	FA	Council	L	PROTECT Local football site	L

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136	80	1260	Owler Lane Recreation Ground	Owler Lane, Birstall, WF17	Football	Council	One lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing pitch back in to use.	FA	Council	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
139	124	1734	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Primrose Lane, off Bradford Road, Liversedge, WF15 6NW	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch played to capacity and two standard mini 5v5 pitches, the latter with 5.5 matches spare capacity but none available at peak time.	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local football site well used by club	L
214	459	1235	Raikes Lane	Soothill Lane, Birstall, WF17 9QU	Bowls	Council	One standard quality green used by Birstall BC. Quality improved due to increased maintenance. Capacity for additional use and pay and play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local site for casual and club use	L
143	115	7	Roberttown Church Of England Voluntary Controlled Junior And Infant School	Church Road, Liversedge, WF15 8BE	Football	School	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area.	L
215	92	1989	Royds Park	Rawfolds, Cleckheaton, BD19 3RW	Tennis	Council	One average quality macadam court	Retain for community use	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local site.	L
267	92	1990	Royds Park (Liversedge)	Bradford Road, Liversedge, BD19 5LY	Bowls	Council	One green used by Royds Park BC. Club reports increase in membership and added one extra team. Capacity for further growth in membership and additional use	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site.	L
151	488	1350	Scholes Cricket Club	New Popplewell Lane, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6NN	Cricket	Sports Club	16 wickets with spare capacity for an additional 40 matches, available on Sundays. One artificial wicket	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site.	L
					Football		One standard quality adult pitch with 0.5 matches available, though not at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Club	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site.	L

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159	542	1610	Shirley Recreation Ground	Shirley Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4LX	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch used by Gommersal & Cleckheaton FC. 1.5 matches spare capacity with 0.5 matches available at peak time	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site.	L
163	764	2265	Spennymoor Bottoms Recreation Ground/Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club	Church Street, Cleckheaton, BD19 3RG	Football	Council	One standard quality mini 5v5 pitch available but currently unused	Retain for community use if needed.	FA	Council	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area.	L
					Tennis	Sports Club	Five good quality courts, none of which are floodlit, made up of one grass, two macadam and two clay courts. Aspiration to provide two new courts	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality. Investigate feasibility of adding new courts to the site.	LTA	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site.	M
164	114	6	Spennymoor Valley Sports College	Roberttown Lane, Liversedge, WF15 7LX	Football	College	Four standard quality pitches mostly used by Littleton FC. One mini 5v5 played to capacity with two adult and one mini 7v7, overplayed when considering school use.	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Education	S	PROTECT Well used College site with community use.	M
					Rugby League		One standard quality senior pitch unused by community clubs but overplayed when considering school use	Consider improvements to pitch to help reduce shortfalls in the area.	RFL	Education	S	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
165	105	1664	Spennymoor Victoria Cricket Bowling And Athletic Club	Spennymoor Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4PJ	Cricket	Sports Club	14 wickets with spare capacity for six more matches per season, though not available at peak time	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site.	L
					Bowls		One green with likely spare capacity for additional use. Second green disused.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand. Unlikely to require a second green.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site.	L
166	123	1730	Spennymoor Pool & Fitness Complex	Bradford Road, Liversedge, WF15 6LW	Football	Trust	One standard quality adult pitch available for community use but currently unused	Assess potential of bringing pitch back in to use.	Council	Local	M	PROTECT Due to shortfalls in the area the pitch is required.	L
270	917	783	Spennymoor United Ex Servicemen's Club	Moorland House, Bradford Road, BD19 3SU	Bowls	Private	Lapsed site, one crown green previously in existence	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Club	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further	-

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317	476	1548	Staincliffe CE Junior	Staincliffe Hall Road, Batley	Football	School	Two standard quality mini 5v5 pitches currently unavailable for community use	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect due to current shortfalls in the area.	L
170	481	1553	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Dewsbury, WF13 4BD	Rugby League	Council	One poor quality senior pitch used all year round and therefore has no capacity for additional use. Poor drainage causes pitch to become waterlogged in winter	Improve poor quality pitch on site.	RFL	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
		Cricket			10 wickets overplayed by two matches per season by Mount CC. One artificial wicket		Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site.	L	
169	466	1538	St Mary's Primary	Upton Street, WF17 8PH	Football		Unused youth 9v9 pitch by community but school use.	Consider community use agreement for the site to address shortfall in 9v9 provision.	FA	Education	S	PROTECT Pitch could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
175	477	1186	Taylor Street	Victoria Avenue, Batley, WF17 5BA	Rugby League	Council	One poor quality junior pitch used by Batley Boys ARLFC for matches and training. Overplayed with no capacity for further use	Improve poor quality pitch on site. Seek to remove or reduce training demand on pitch to alleviate overplay	RFL	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	L
275	1074	861	Hightown Bowling Green	Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15 8JF	Bowls	Private	One crown green with likely capacity to accommodate future play	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
281	81	1261	Upper Batley Lane Fields	Upper Batley Lane, Batley	Football	Council	Two standard quality pitches played to capacity by Howden Clough FC	Improve quality and retain spare capacity in order to sustain / protect pitch quality. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
188	489	1352	West End Park	Park View, Cleckheaton BD19 3AP	Football	Council	Lapsed adult pitch. Potential to be brought back in to use.	Likely to need some investment in order to be brought back in to use but could help to reduce current shortfalls in the Area.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M

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331	91	1368	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Whitechapel Road, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6HW	Football	KAL	Three standard quality pitches of adult, youth 11v11 and 9v9 sizes. All pitches are overplayed when considering school use. Imported club demand from Wyke Wanderers FC	Improve the quality of pitches and identify options for access to additional pitches to accommodate overplay.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Well used School site with community use.	M
					Rugby Union		Two poor quality pitches used by Cleckheaton RUFC as an additional venue for senior and juniors. Site is overplayed and has no capacity for additional use	Improve quality in order to address shortfall in match equivalents in the Area.	RFU	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Very well used club site. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
192	90	1367	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Whitechapel Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6HR	Football	School	Four poor quality pitches mainly used by Gommersal & Cleckheaton FC. One adult and one mini 7v7 pitch both currently available but unused. One youth 9v9 currently overplayed. One youth 11v11 with 0.5 matches spare capacity available at peak time	Improve quality in order to address shortfall in match equivalents in the Area (especially for adult, youth and 9v9 pitches).	FA	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Used by school and club. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
364	85	1264	White Lee Football Ground	Smithies Moor Lane, Batley	Football	Trust	Lapsed Youth 11v11 pitch.	Assess potential of bringing pitch back in to use.	Council	Local	S-M	PROTECT Due to shortfalls in the area the pitch is required.	L
218	83	1559	Wilton Park	Bradford Road, Batley WF17 0AS	Bowls	Council	Two greens used by Wilton Park Vets BC with capacity for additional use and pay and play. Club has decreasing membership and 21 active players. Subject to misuse and damage	Consider ways to maximise use of double green capacity, or viability of two greens in operation	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site. Further investigate the demand for two greens.	L
278	83	1560	Wilton Park	Bradford Road, Dewsbury, WF17 8JH	Tennis	Council	Four good quality polymeric courts without floodlights.	Ensure court maintenance retains current quality.	LTA	Local	L	PROTECT Local site.	

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18	494	1532	Birkdale High School	Wheelwright Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 4JB	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could potentially help to reduce current shortfalls	M-H
291	510	1587	Boothroyd Primary Academy	Temple Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard mini 5v5 pitch not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School FA	Education	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
23	101	1652	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury, WF13 3EN	Football	Council	Two good quality adult pitches currently unused.	Explore opportunity to reconfigure pitch for other formats and secure use for a local club.	FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	L
					Cricket		Standard quality with nine wickets on the square used for Sunday cricket. Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB		S	PROTECT Local club site	L
292	498	1295	Bywell CE Junior School	Bendigo Road, West Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard mini 5v5 pitch not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School FA	Education	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
102	498	2618	Bywell Playing Fields	Leeds Road, Dewsbury, WF12 7DR	Football	Council	Two adult standard pitches with spare capacity for two matches per week.	Improve quality and maximise use of the site to best effect to accommodate demand.	Council FA		M	PROTECT Local club site	M
					Rugby league		Two poor quality senior pitches overplayed by 9.5 matches.	Improve pitch quality and explore options for additional dedicated training space to address overplay.	Council RFL		S	PROTECT ENHANCE Heavily used. With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
201	497	1293	Carr House Park	Rock House Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 2BU	Tennis	Council	One poor quality macadam court.	Improve quality and maximise use for pay and play opportunities.	Council	Local	M	PROTECT Local site	M
28	587	1460	Castle Hall Academy	Richard Thorpe Avenue, Mirfield, WF14 9PH	Football	School	Two adult, two 9v9 and one 7v7 all poor quality. Used by Norristhorpe FC and Hopton FC.	Explore options to improve quality.	FA	Education	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Used as a club site as well as by the School	M
					Cricket		School	Four outdoor nets of standard quality.	Allow clubs to make better use of nets for training.		ECB		S

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30	522	1505	Centenary Square Football Field	Centenary Square, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9HJ	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch. No changing facilities. Used by Savile United FC. Spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Maximise use of the site and explore opportunities for funding for modular changing facility.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	M-H
294	509	1315	Chickenley Community JI & N School	Princess Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard mini 5v5 pitch not currently available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School FA	Education	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
34	100	1647	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Tanhouse Street, Dewsbury, WF13 3ES	Football	Council	Three adult and one 5v5 standard quality pitches. 5v5 unused. Spare capacity on adult for 1.5 matches per week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
295	578	1445	Crossley Fields J & I School	Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield	Football	School	Two standard adult pitches. Spare capacity for 1.5 matches at peak time. Used by Old Bank WMC FC.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	School	Education	S	PROTECT Used as a club site as well as by the School	L
39	504	1579	Crow Nest Park	Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 2LW	Rugby league	Council	One senior, one junior and one primary pitch, all poor quality and overplayed by 2.5 sessions. Used by Dewsbury Celtic RLFC.	Improve quality in order to address overplay.	Council RFL	Key Centre	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site	M
	504	1585			Bowls		Green likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council		L	PROTECT Local club site	L
	504	1581			Tennis		Four good macadam courts, not floodlit.	Sustain court quality/capacity as required in the future.	Council		L	PROTECT Local site	L
296	590	1465	Crowlees CE J & I School	Springfield Park, off Parker Lane, Mirfield	Football	School	One standard adult pitch not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Pitch required due to shortfalls	L
46	499	1577	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Carr Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 3NU	Rugby league	Club	Club owned site with two standard quality junior pitches and one standard senior pitch. Site at capacity. Heavy Woollen Donkeys accessing pitch in Summer.	Improve pitch quality in order to build future capacity at the site.	Club	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
50	506	1308	Earlsheaton Park	Cross Park Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, WF12 8AG	Bowls	Council	Two good quality greens, well used. Club is likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
		1305			Football		Disused youth 11v11 pitch.	Further investigate why pitch is not currently used. Potential to be brought back into use to meet shortfalls.			S	PROTECT Pitch required due to current shortfalls	L

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51	503	1301	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Old Bank Road, Dewsbury, WF12 7DW	Football	College	One adult, one 11v11 and two 5v5 pitches. Adult pitch is standard quality with some drainage issues. Other pitches are good quality. Used only by the College but potential for community use.	Investigate community use to help address local shortfalls.	College	Education	S	PROTECT Used by College and potential for community use that could reduce current shortfalls	L
					Rugby league		Standard quality senior pitch used only by school. Could offer community use if quality improved.	Retain for college use, potential site for future community use if needed.			L		L
280	492	1530	Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road)	Healds Road, Dewsbury, WF13 4HY	Football	Council	Youth 9v9 standard quality used to capacity.	No further use to be considered. Ensure appropriate maintenance is applied to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Well used local club site	L
					Cricket		Cricket square with two wickets used to capacity.	No further use to be considered. Ensure appropriate maintenance is applied to help improve/sustain quality.					
255	521	1504	Former Cricket Ground	Lees Hall Road, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury	Cricket	Council	Lapsed cricket square on site. Square has not been in existence for over ten years. Would need investment to be brought back in to use.	Unlikely to be demand for the square in the immediate vicinity, however, any loss should be mitigated due to shortfalls in other parts of the Area.	Council ECB	-	S-M	PROTECT Due to shortfalls in the Area	M
66	485	1290	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club	Bennett Lane, Batley, WF17 6DB	Cricket	Club	Square with 10 wickets, potential capacity for one additional Sunday team.	Maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
	485	2593			Bowls		Club is likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		PROTECT Local club site
83	532	1636	Holroyd Park	Bradbury Street, Dewsbury, WF13 3AU	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches with one match equivalent spare capacity each week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
	532	1640			Bowls		Some spare capacity for additional members. Green used regularly but some issues with unofficial use, e.g. football.	Improve quality through adding controls and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.			S		PROTECT Local club site
197	109	1484	Hopton Mills Cricket Ground	Woodbottom, Mirfield, WF14 8NG	Cricket	Club	Ten wickets used to capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club	Local	M	PROTECT Very well used club site	L
303	108	1483	Hopton Primary School	Woodend Road, Mirfield, WF14 8PR	Football	School	7v7 pitch not currently used by the community.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School	Education	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L

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334	583	1452	House of Resurrection	Stocksbank Road, Mirfield	Football	Private	Standard quality 7v7 pitch, used as a second site by Battyeford SC FC as home ground at capacity.	No further use to be considered. Ensure appropriate maintenance is applied to help improve/sustain quality.	Club	Local	S	PROTECT Provides important second site for the Club	L
99	588	1462	Knowl Park	Knowl Road, Mirfield, WF14 9UU	Football	Council	Former youth 11v11 pitch. No longer marked out. Pitch is uneven; requires investment to bring back in to use.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT Site could help to reduce shortfalls in the Area	M-H
153	97	1321	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Leeds Road, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury, WF12 7HP	Rugby league	Club	Leased from the Council to Shaw Cross Sharks RLFC. Two senior and one junior pitch, all standard quality. Site overplayed by three matches. The Club is planning an extension to the Clubhouse.	Improve quality in order to address overplay and support the Club to achieve clubhouse extension.	RFL	Local	S-M	PROTECT Important local site for Rugby League	M-H
105	525	1668	Lees Holme Park	Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9DZ	Bowls	Council	Two, lapsed bowling greens. Unlikely that demand exists for greens.	Unlikely to be required to service bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
247	1080	854	Lower Hopton Working Men's Club	53 North Street, Hopton, Mirfield, WF14 8PN	Bowls	Private	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
118	76	1050	Lower Hopton Football Club	Woodend Road, Mirfield, WF14 8PR	Football	Council	One adult pitch standard quality with spare capacity for one match per week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
123	580	1446	Mirfield Free Grammar School Sports Field	Kirson Hill Road, Mirfield, WF14 0HW	Football	School	Two good quality adult pitches. Not available for community use in order to protect for school use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	School	Education	S	PROTECT Protect for school use	L
					AGP		Full sized sand based pitch well used by school and community teams. Two years old and therefore considered good quality.	Retain quality and usage. Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment.			L	PROTECT Well used by school and community	M
124	576	1441	Mirfield Free Grammar School Sports Field 2	Slipper Lane Mirfield, WF14	Rugby league	School	Two senior rugby league pitches currently not available for community use but rarely used by school. Also previously had two youth 11v11 football pitches.	Explore options to make available for community use.	School	Education	S	PROTECT If available for community use could help to reduce shortfalls	L

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125	591	1476	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8AE	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity of 0.5 matches per week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Local football site	L
					Cricket		Two squares with 14 wickets on each. Overplayed by 22 matches per season	Seek access to an additional pitch in order to accommodate overplay.	Council ECB		S	PROTECT Very well used club site	L
	Bowls	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.			Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.		Council	L	PROTECT Local club site		L		
	Tennis	Six good quality tarmac courts, two of which are floodlit.			Retain quality and maximise use.		Council	L	PROTECT Local club site		L		
126	586	1459	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club	Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0PN	Cricket	Club	Square with ten wickets played to capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Very well used club site	L
255	1023	928	Morton House Club & Institute	Lees Hall Road, Thornhill lees, WF12 9HB	Bowls	Club	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
198			Old Bank Recreation Ground (Mirfield ARLFC)	Sunny Bank Avenue, Mirfield, WF14 0NE	Football	-	Lapsed adult football pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	Council	Local	M	PROTECT Protect due to shortfalls in area	M-H
260	1257	2177	Old Bank Working Men's Club	89 Old Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0HY	Bowls	Club	Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
307	527	1519	Overthorpe J & I Academy	Edge Top Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	Standard quality 9v9 pitch used by school and community. Spare capacity for 0.5 matches a week.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	School	Education	S	PROTECT Well used by school and community	L
135	528	1523	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Chapel Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 0DF	Football	Council	Standard quality adult pitch with minimal spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Council	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
					Rugby league		Two poor quality senior pitches overplayed by five matches. Used by Thornhill Trojans RLFC.	Improve quality in order to address overplay.	Council Club		S	PROTECT ENHANCE Very well used club site. Improvements could help to reduce shortfalls	M
261	527	1518	Overthorpe Sports Club	Ings Lane, Thornhill, WF12 0DF	Football	Club	One good adult and one good 7v7 pitch. Mini has 0.5 matches spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help improve/sustain quality.	Club	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
	527	1520			Bowls		Likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	PROTECT Local club site	L

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308	524	1508	Ravenshall School	Ravensthorpe Road, Thornhill Lees	Football	School	One 9v9 pitch not available for community use.	Explore potential to open up for community use.	School FA	Education	S	PROTECT If available for community use could help to reduce shortfalls in the Area	L
309	532	1637	Ravensthorpe C of E Junior School	Myrtle Road, Dewsbury	Football	School	One adult and one mini 5v5 standard quality, no community use.	Explore potential to open up for community use.	School FA	Education	S	PROTECT If available for community use could help to reduce shortfalls in the Area	L
141	99	1808	Rectory Park	Church Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0JZ	Football	Council	One 5v5 and one 7v7 pitch both poor quality. No spare capacity. Used by Thornhill United FC	Improve pitch quality in order to build future site capacity.	Council	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Very well used club site. Pitch improvements required	M
266	497	1292	Rock House Park	Rockhouse Drive, Batley Carr, WF13 2BU	Bowls	Council	37 club members, but likely to have some spare capacity for additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
201	497	1293			Tennis	Council	One poor quality macadam court.	Improve quality and maximise use.			S	PROTECT Local site	L
147	95	1320	Sands Lane Playing Fields	Sands Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 8EH	Football	Council	Five standard quality adult pitches located next to the river. Pitches have poor drainage. Spare capacity for three matches per week.	Ensure pitches are rotated to preserve quality, therefore keep any spare capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Well used local club site	L
					Cricket		Three squares with 16 wickets. No spare capacity on Sundays and quality not high enough for Saturday cricket.	Improve quality in order to increase capacity for a higher standard of play.			Council ECB	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used local club site
149	515	1491	Savile Playing Field	Park Road, Savile Town, Dewsbury, WF12 9LW	Football	Council	One standard quality adult, pitch overplayed by one session. Used by Savile Town FC that would like to take on a long term lease. Club also has aspirations to build a full size 3G surface AGP.	Improve quality in order to accommodate overplay and seek options for club to take on a long term lease. Potential site for 3G pitch.	Council FA Club	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
353	516	1492	Savile Sports Ground	Park Road, Savile Town, Dewsbury, WF12 9LW	Football	Council	One 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 all standard quality. 5v5 and 7v7 at capacity, 9v9 appears unused. Also	Improve quality in order to build the future capacity of the site.	Council	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M

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							used by Savile Town FC									
					Bowls		Lapsed bowling green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.	Unlikely to be required to service bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council		S	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L			
354	518	1499	Savile Town Bowling Green (Lapsed)	Pentland Road, Savile Town	Bowls	Council	Lapsed bowling green. Unlikely that demand exists for green.	Unlikely to be required to service bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	S	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L			
167	501	1536	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Oxford Road, Dewsbury, WF13 4LL	Football	KAL	Adult and youth 11v11. Standard quality, overplayed by two and 2.5 respectively. Heavy school and community use.	Improve quality in order to help accommodate overplay. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	School FA	Education	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Very well used club and school site. Pitch improvements required	M			
					Rugby league		Mini rugby league pitch. Currently only school use. Pitch is overplayed.	Retain for school use and improve quality in order to help accommodate overplay.	School					L	L	
					AGP		Full size 3G used extensively by school and community. Worn in places and will require resurface in near future.	Ensure sinking fund is in place for refurbishment.	School FA					M	M-H	
177	1032	934	The Tetleys Stadium	Owl Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 7RH	Rugby league	Club	Semi-professional club with one adult pitch good quality. No community use. There is potential for funding and new developments at the site.	Explore options for potential on site development.	Club	-	S-M	PROTECT Key site for rugby league	M-H			
181	526	1512	Thornhill Cricket & Bowling Club	Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0QL	Football	Club	Three good quality adult football pitches with spare capacity for three matches per week.	Covert one adult pitch to youth 11v11 in order to meet shortfalls identified.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Local club site	L			
					Bowls		One good quality green on site.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club					L	PROTECT Local club site	L
					Cricket		Disused cricket square since 2014 season due to teams folding.	Unlikely to be demand for the square in the immediate vicinity, consider use for other clubs due to shrtfalls in the Area.	Council ECB					M	PROTECT Protect for cricket initially due to current shortfalls in the Area	M
					Tennis		Three floodlit tarmac all weather courts, good quality resurfaced in April 2014.	Sustain quality and maximise use.	Club					L	PROTECT Local club site	L

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182	529	1527	Thornhill Junior And Infant School	Edge Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 0QT	Football	School	One standard quality 9v9 pitch. At capacity used by Thornhill United FC	Improve quality in order to build future pitch capacity.	School Club	Education	M	PROTECT Well used school and club site	M
180	530	1528	Thornhill Sports Centre	Thornehill Valley Drive, Thornehill, Dewsbury, WF12 0HE	AGP	KAL	40x30m sand filled AGP standard quality.	Consider future change of carpet to 3G.	KAL	Local	M	PROTECT Pitch helps to support current shortfalls	M
289	1421	2588	Thornhill Street Recreation Ground	Thornhill St, Thornhill	Football	Council	Adult pitch currently unused. Standard quality.	Explore reconfiguration of pitch to provide for shortfalls in other pitch types.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Pitch required due to current shortfalls	L
184	559	1436	Upper Hopton Cricket Club	Jackroyd Lane, Mirfield, WF14 8HU	Football	Club	Poor quality mini 7v7 pitch with no spare capacity at peak time.	Improve quality in order to build the future capacity of the site.	Club	Local	M	PROTECT Very well used club site	M
	559	1437			Cricket		Square with 12 wickets played to capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club		M		L-M
186	507	1310	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Wakefield Road, Dewsbury, WF12 8PX	Football	Council	Two adult, three 9v9, two 7v7 and two 5v5 pitches all poor quality. Only spare capacity is 0.5 matches on 9v9. Used exclusively by Battyeford SC FC.	Improve quality in order to build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
343	1432	1432	Wellhouse Lane Football Ground	Wellhouse Lane, WF14 0PW	Football	Club	One standard 7v7 and one standard 5v5. No spare capacity at peak time. Used by Norristhorpe FC.	Improve quality in order to build future site capacity.	Club FA	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
189	582	1450	West Mills Playing Fields	Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 9PX	Football	Council	One adult, two 11v11, two 9v9, three 7v7 and two 5v5 pitches. All standard quality. Only spare capacity is for two matches on 5v5 pitches. Used by Battyeford SC FC.	Improve quality in order to build future site capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
190	501	1536	Westborough High School	Stockhill Street, Dewsbury, WF13 2JE	Football	School	Two poor quality adult pitches and two poor 5v5. Not available for community use due to poor drainage.	Improve pitch quality and investigate opportunities to establish community use.	School FA	Education	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
318	500	1535	Westmoor Junior School	Church Lane, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury	Football	School	Two 5v5 mini-pitches standard quality, not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed	School	Education	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area.	L

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1	632	1051	All Saints Catholic College	Bradley Road, HD2 2JT	Football	College	Two adult and two 9v9 pitches all good quality. Used by various primary schools but not currently by community.	Investigate possibility of community use to meet shortfalls identified. Ensure maintenance is appropriate to higher levels of use.	FA RFL	Education	S	PROTECT Pitches could help to reduce shortfalls in the area	L
					Rugby league		Senior rugby league pitch standard quality. Used by school but not currently by community.						
220	319	539	Almondbury BC	4 Thorpe Lane, HD5 8TA	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
333	671	562	Almondbury CE Infant & Nursery School	Longcroft, Almondbury	Football	School	Used by Almondbury Lions JFC. Mini 5v5 of standard quality, played to capacity.	Sustain current levels of use and ensure maintenance is appropriate to levels of use.	FA	Education	S	PROTECT Well used club site as well as for school use	L
2	666	554	Almondbury Cricket Club	Fernside Avenue, HD5 8PQ	Cricket	Club	Good quality square with nine wickets overplayed by 19 matches per season.	Investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Very well used club site	M
3	668	556	Almondbury Junior School	Southfield Road, Almondbury, HD5 8TG	Football	School	Mini 5v5 standard quality pitch. Currently no community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
4	671	564	Almondbury Rec	Cemetery Drive, Almondbury, HD5 8XD	Football	Council	Standard adult pitch with spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Retain spare capacity in order to improve/protect quality.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
	671	563			Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	L	PROTECT Local club site	L	
5	666	555	Almondbury Sports Centre	Fernside Avenue, Huddersfield, HD5 8PQ	Football	PFI	Two good quality adult pitches with spare capacity for two matches.	Covert one adult pitch to youth 11v11 in order to meet shortfalls identified.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Used by school and also by community	L
6	1429	2640	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club	Kaye Lane, HD5 8XT	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with nine wickets with large amount of overplay (31 matches per season).	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Very well used club site	M
7	129	600	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club	Dean Brook Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7PB	Football	Club	One standard quality 9v9 with minimal spare capacity.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
					Cricket		One standard quality square with 22 wickets. Potential capacity for two additional Sunday teams.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls.	ECB				

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290	637	1066	Ashbrow Primary School	Ash Meadow Close, Huddersfield	Football	School	Mini 5v5 of standard quality, not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L	
8	75	1113	Bankfield Rec	Bankfield Lane, Huddersfield, HD5 0JE	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches overplayed by 0.5, as well as, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 all standard quality with no spare capacity. Used by Kirkheaton Youth FC.	Investigate options to improve quality in order to address overplay and build future site capacity for the Club to grow. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Well used club site, key for football in the Area	M	
17	131	432	Berry Brow Rec	Bridge Street, Huddersfield, HD4 7QD	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week. Open access and dog foul an issue.	Retain spare capacity in order to improve/protect quality.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L	
286	722	96	Birchcliffe CC	Halifax Road, Birchcliffe, Huddersfield	Football	Club	Mini 5v5 and 7v7, both poor quality; marked on cricket outfield.	Consider pitches at capacity due to being marked on outfield.	FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Very well used multi-sport site, especially for cricket	L	
					Cricket		Good quality square with eight wickets which is at capacity.	Investigate future potential to increase number of wickets if needed.	Club					L
					Rugby league		One senior pitch of standard quality. At capacity due to being used all year round.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club					M
285	599	611	Birkby Rose Hill CC	Rose Hill, Birkby Hall Road, Birkby, Huddersfield	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with six wickets, overplayed by 22 matches per year.	Improve quality and investigate potential to increase number of wickets on the square or seek access to additional pitch to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M	
20	701	327	Botham Hall Recreation Ground	Rufford Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4RP	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing the pitch back in to use to meet shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Pitch has potential to reduce current shortfalls of youth pitches	M-H	
21	641	1073	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club	Warrenside Keldregate, Huddersfield, HD2 1LJ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with ten wickets and spare capacity of 10 matches per season; potential for one additional Sunday team.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used local club site	M	
222	987	782	Bradley And Colne BC	19 Colne Bridge Road, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD5 0RH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L	
223	596	1016	Bradley Mills Cricket & Bowling Club	Barr Street, Huddersfield, HD1 6PB	Football	Club	Standard quality adult pitch played to capacity. Cricket no longer at the site.	Retain spare capacity in order improve/protect quality.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L	

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					Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.					
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22	633	1054	Bradley Park	Off Wilton Avenue, Huddersfield, HD2 1RS	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch currently unused.	Reconfigure pitch to accommodate other shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Pitch has potential to reduce current shortfalls of youth pitches	L
26	631	1105	Canal Side Sports Complex	509 , Leeds Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1YJ	Football	Private	One youth 11v11 pitch not available for community use.	Work with the provider to allow formalised community use.	FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
					AGP		Full size 3G AGP, good quality available for public hire.	Ensure sinking fund is in place.					
					Bowls		One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.					
26a		1106	Canal Side Sports Complex – pitches across the Canal.		Football		Split site with three adult pitches located across the canal. Youth pitches over marked on adult as and when required. No community use.	Work with the provider to allow formalised community use.	FA		S		
29	736	130	Celandine Avenue Recreation Ground	Celandine Avenue, Huddersfield, HD3 3US	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch. Spare capacity for 0.5 matches. Lots of casual use through summer as goal posts left up.	Improve quality and maximise use. Consider actions to reduce casual use.	Council	Local	M	PROTECT Local football site	M
282	144	486	Coronation Park	Park Road, Milnsbridge	Football	Council	Used only as a recreational/informal football area.	Protect for informal use.	Council	Reserve	L	PROTECT Protect for informal use	L
228	870	1117	Cowcliffe Lib	181 Netheroyd Hill Road, Cowcliffe, Huddersfield, HD2 2LZ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
229	345	401	Crosland Moor BC	Moorside Avenue, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5BH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
38	703	410	Crow Lane Rec	Crow Lane, Huddersfield, HD3 4QT	Football	Council	Poor quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Improve quality. Transfer play and reconfigure site to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local site	M
230	597	2595	Dalton CBC	Dalton Fold Road, Off Coniston Avenue, Dalton,	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L

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				Huddersfield, HD5 9EW									
42	648	1165	Dalton School	Mayfield Avenue, Huddersfield, HD5 9HN	Football	School	Mini 5v5 not currently available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
43	632	1049	Deighton Centre	Deighton Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1JP	Football	Council	Three good adult and two good mini 7v7 pitches, adult spare capacity of 2.5 and mini 0.5. Well used by community including six Deighton Juniors teams.	Protect quality and maximise use. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Council	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
47	609	712	Douglas Avenue	Douglas Avenue, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD3 4HD	Football	Council	Same site as the Royds Hall School Playing Fields, refer to site 145 for action.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PROTECT ENHANCE Pitches required due to current shortfalls	N/A
48	645	1154	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Ridgeway, Huddersfield, HD5 9QJ	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch overplayed by 1.5 matches. Used heavily by Dalton Dynamos FC.	Seek options to improve quality or reduce play at the site and transfer elsewhere.	Council	Key Centre	M	PROTECT Multi-sport site very well used	M
					Rugby league		One senior and one junior pitch of standard quality. Overplayed due to year round use.	Improve quality in order to accommodate overplay.					
49	696	593	Dryclough Recreation Ground	Dryclough Avenue, Huddersfield, HD4 5JU	Football	Council	One adult pitch standard quality with minimal spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to improve/protect quality.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local football site	L
54	597	1168	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club	Dalton Fold Road, Huddersfield, HD5 9NL	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets and 28 matches spare capacity. Potential for additional Sunday team.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
56	626	652	Fartown Arena	Spaines Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2SA	Rugby league	Council	One poor quality junior pitch and one standard senior pitch both overplayed by 3.5 and 0.5 respectively. Pitches used for both training and matches. Used by St Joseph's RLFC.	Improve quality in order to help accommodate overplay and explore options for a dedicated training area.	Council RFL	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site	M
298	618	1084	Fixby J & I School	Lightridge Road, Fixby	Football	School	Mini 5v5 pitch standard quality. Not available for community use.	Retain for school use, potential site for future community use if needed.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
361	736	128	Former Britannia Works Sports Club	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4GL	Football /cricket	Private	'Swimnation' now on site in old clubhouse. Former cricket ground with 2x youth 11v11 marked on outfield.	Consider options to bring back into use or fully mitigate any loss.	Council FA ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Currently protect due to shortfalls in the Area	H
361b			Salendine Nook	Raw Nook Road,	Football	Private	Site appears to be lapsed.	Consider options to bring	Council	Local	M		H

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			University PF	Salendine Nook			Previously accommodated at least one adult pitch.	back into use or fully mitigate any loss.	FA				
60	709	447	Golcar Cricket Club	Swallow Lane, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4NB	Cricket	Club	Good quality square with 12 wickets, overplayed by eight matches per year.	Seek access to an additional pitch in order to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used cricket site	L-M
					Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	PROTECT Local club site	L
299	710	358	Golcar J I & N	Manor Road, Golcar	Football	School	Two adult and one 9v9 pitch, all standard quality. Pitches near capacity due to school use.	Seek options to improve quality.	FA	Education	M	PROTECT Club site for football, as well as being used by the School	M
235	351	416	Golcar Central Liberal Club	Church Street, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4AH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
63	612	635	Greenhead College	Greenhead Road, Huddersfield, HD1 4ES	AGP	College	Standard quality sand filled AGP 60x 40m.	Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment and consider for 3G.	FA	Local	M	PROTECT Well used pitches, protect for College use	M-H
64	601	662	Greenhead College Sports Field	Highfields Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5NG	Football	College	Three standard quality adult pitches, well used by the College and therefore not available for community use.	Retain for College use and improve quality as required.	College	Education	L		L
					Rugby league		Standard pitch played to capacity and therefore not available for community use.						
204	608	627	Greenhead Park	Park Drive, Greenhead, Huddersfield, HD1 4HR	Bowls	Council	Two private greens, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Investigate demand to sustain two greens.	Council	Local	M	PROTECT Well used local park site	L
		608		626	Tennis		Nine good quality macadam courts, well used by the community.	Retain for local community use and maximise use.					
355	344	395	Griffin Lodge	Rear of Griffin Lodge, 273 Manchester Road	Bowls		Bowling green likely to be disused and unlikely to have local demand.	Further investigate local demand.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
205	305	677	Grove Lawn Tennis Club	Heaton Road, Gledholt, HD1 4HX	Tennis	Club	Three good quality clay courts, well used.	Sustain quality and usage.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
279	132	392	Hall Bower Cricket Ground	Hall Bower, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD4 6RN	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 13 wickets currently overplayed by 23 matches per season.	Seek access to an additional pitch in order to accommodate overplay.	ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Very well used club site	L-M
70	700	606	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Hawkroyd Bank Road, Huddersfield,	Football	Council	One adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch all standard quality. 9v9 and 7v7 are over	Improve quality and maximise use of the site to best effect to accommodate	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club	M

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				HD4 7JP			marked. 5v5 currently unused, adult pitch overplayed. Sole use by Netherton FC.	demand.				site	
72	721	95	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Lindley Moor Road, Mount, Huddersfield, HD3 3TD	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch, minimal spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity to retain/improve quality.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
					Rugby league		Poor quality senior pitch at capacity, used by Swifts ARLFC.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity at the site.			M		M
237	309	653	Hillhouse & Birkby Bowls Club	King Cliffe Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2RR	Bowls	Private	Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
77	679	481	Hillside Primary School	Headfield Road, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6LU	Football	School	One standard quality adult pitch not available for community use.	Investigate potential to reconfigure pitch to meet shortfalls and allow community use.	FA	Education	M	PROTECT Protect for school use. Investigate community use to help reduce pitch shortfalls	L
332	636	1063	Northfield Hall (also known as Holt Avenue)	Oxley Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1NX	Football	Northfield Hall	One adult, one 9v9 pitch. Spare capacity on adult pitch.	Transfer play and reconfigure adult pitch to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11. Improve quality.	FA	Local	M	PROTECT Local site	M
284	728	114	Hopkinson Recreation Ground	Halifax Road, Huddersfield	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch. One set of goalposts up but no line markings. Site likely to need some investment to be brought back in to use.	Explore feasibility of bringing the pitch back in to use.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Pitch has potential to reduce current shortfalls of youth pitches	H
87	609	2236	Huddersfield Grammar School	Luck Lane, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4QX	Football	School	Mini 5v5 not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect for School use	L
88	736	2263	Huddersfield New College	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4GL	Football	College	Five poor adult and one standard adult pitch. Overplayed by two matches per week.	Improve pitch quality. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Education	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used site, multi-sport and with College and community use. Some quality improvements required	M
					Rugby league		One standard senior pitch with spare capacity.	Seek options to maximise community use.	RFL		S		L
					AGP		Full size 3G pitch with good community use.	Sustain quality and usage.	FA		L		L
208			Huddersfield Tennis Club	Highfields, Huddersfield, HD1 5NF	Tennis	Club	Large tennis club with six artificial (four floodlit), one macadam and one polymeric, good/average quality.	Improve court quality/capacity as required in the future.	LTA	Local	M	PROTECT Local club site	M
238	339	586	Hudds RUFC BC	Brewery Drive, Lockwood, Huddersfield,	Bowls	Club	Two private greens, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L

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				HD4 6EN										
89	725	105	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	New Hey Road, Salendine Nook, HD3 3XG	Football	Club	Four adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 9v9 pitch (over marked on adult). One adult pitch over marked on to rugby union. No spare capacity at peak time.	Ensure quality of the maintenance is sustained in order that pitches remain as good standard. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Club FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Very well used club site. Key multi-sport venue	L	
					Rugby union		Two senior rugby union pitches. One has adult football pitch over marked. One pitch is good quality, over marked pitch is standard. Pitches overplayed due to draining and match demand. Third pitch currently unused.	Explore options to bring third pitch back in to use and consider additional floodlighting in order to reduce overplay and alleviate pressure from training.	Club RFU		S		M	
					Rugby league		One standard senior pitch over marked with rugby union. No spare capacity as pitches used all year round.	Explore options to improve pitch capacity through pitch improvements/maintenance.	Club RFL		S		M	
94	127	601	King James' School	St. Helens Gate, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG	Football	School	Poor quality adult and poor quality 9v9 pitch. School use only.	Retain for school use and improve pitch quality.	School	Education	L	PROTECT ENHANCE Protect for school use	L	
					Cricket		Good quality square with 12 wickets. Used by Old Almondburians CC. Potential capacity for two Sunday teams.	Maximise use to accommodate shortfalls in the Area.	School ECB		S		PROTECT Local club site	L
					Rugby league		Poor senior pitch, only used by the School.	Retain for school use and improve pitch quality.	School		L		PROTECT ENHANCE Protect for school use	L
240	75	1116	Kirkheaton CBC	Bankfield Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, HD5 0JL	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L	
241	451	1045	Kirkheaton Conservation Club	10 Town Road, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, HD5 0HW	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L	
98	75	1113	Kirkheaton Cricket Club	Bankfield Lane, Huddersfield, HD5 0JE	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 16 wickets, minimal (four matches) spare capacity at peak time.	Retain spare capacity in order to sustain/improve quality.	ECB	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	L	
100	45	572	Lascelles Hall	Highfield Lane,	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with	Maximise use to	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT	L	

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			Cricket Club	Huddersfield, HD5 0BB			16 wickets. Potential capacity for one Sunday team.	accommodate shortfalls in the Area.				Local club site	
104	595	1150	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Leeds Road, Deighton, Huddersfield, HD2 1YY	Football	KAL	Five good quality pitches with 2.5 matches of spare capacity. Cricket outfields overlap football pitches.	Retain spare capacity in order to help protect pitch quality given over marking.	KAL	Strategic	L	PROTECT Strategic site for sport in Kirklees	L
					Cricket		Four cricket squares, each with 10 wickets. Spare capacity on Saturdays but quality not to standard.	Improve quality in order to increase capacity.	KAL ECB		M		M
					AGP		Full size 3G pitch outside and indoor barn 3G pitch 60x40m.	Retain quality and usage.	KAL		L		L
					Rugby league		One senior pitch used by Huddersfield Giants for training and Kirklees College.	Retain quality and usage.	KAL		L		L
106	407	604	Lepton C E (VC) Junior Infant & Nursery School	Station Road, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0DE	Football	School	Two 5v5 mini pitches not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
108	708	597	Leymoor Cricket Club	Leymoor Road, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4QP	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with eight wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
109	698	607	Lightenfield Lane Recreation Ground	Lightenfield Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7WJ	Football	Council	One adult standard pitch. Spare capacity for one match per week.	Seek options to maximise use.	Council	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
355	209	146	Lindley Bowling Club	Daisy Lea Lane, HD3 3LP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
242	356	157	Lindley Liberal Club	36 Occupation Road, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3EQ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
110	731	119	Lindley Recreation Ground	Daisy Lea Lane, Huddersfield, HD3 3LP	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches, played to capacity.	Improve quality/capacity and reconfigure one adult pitch to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT Local club site	M
243	357	158	Lindley Working Men's Club Bowling Green	Brian Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3EQ	Bowls	Club	Suspected lapsed bowling green.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	PROTECT Protect until no evidence of demand	L
245	1423	2591	Lockwood Conservative Club	246 Lockwood Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield,	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L

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				HD1 3TG									
115	133 200	365 440	Lockwood Park	Brewery Drive Lockwood Park, Lockwood, Huddersfield, HD4 6EN	Rugby union	Club	Three standard quality senior pitches and one poor quality mini. Pitches overplayed due to training and match play.	Improve pitch quality and seek options for additional pitches to cater for training.	RFU	Key Centre	M	PROTECT Key site for rugby union	M
					AGP	Club	Full size sand based AGP, at capacity for hockey. Will need resurfacing in near future.	Protect site for hockey and ensure sinking found is in place for carpe refurbishment.	EH		M	PROTECT Key site for hockey	M-H
116	711	452	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Longfield Avenue, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4AZ	Football	Council	Two adult and one youth 9v9 standard quality. Spare capacity due to poor quality changing facilities.	Maximise use of the site and seek options to improve changing facilities.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Club site in need of improvement	M-H
210	682	438 & 437	Longley Community Sports Club	Longley Road, Lowerhouses Lane, Huddersfield, HD5 8JN	Tennis	Club	Large tennis club. Three artificial and three macadam courts, half are floodlit.	Sustain court quality and increase capacity (through additional floodlighting) as required in the future.	LTA	Local	M	PROTECT Well used tennis club site	L-M
246	353	446	Longwood Bowling Club	Dodlee Lane, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4TZ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
248	329	499	Lowerhouses Bowling Club	Lowerhouses Lane, Lowerhouses, Huddersfield, HD5 8JZ	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
249	296	734	Marsh Lib	31 New Hey Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD3 4AL	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
250	306	675	Marsh Utd BC	Eldon Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4ND	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
252	349	735	Milnsbridge Bowling Club	Bowling Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD4 5TF	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
253	348	394	Milnsbridge Liberal Club	54 George Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4JD	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
254	659	546	Moldgreen Con	Almondbury Bank (next to	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential	Club	Local	L	PROTECT	L

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				allotments), Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8HG			additional members.	future demand.				Local club site	
128	697	420	Moorend Academy	Dryclough Road, Huddersfield, HD4 5JA	Football	Academy	Two good quality adult pitches, currently unused.	Explore potential to accommodate community shortfalls.	FA	Education	S	PROTECT School use. Potential to accommodate community shortfalls	L
345			Moorend Phoenix CC	off Walpole Road. HD4 5EZ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with eight wickets, played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
306	725	104	Moorlands Primary	Moorlands Road, Huddersfield	Football	School	One 5v5 mini pitches not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
9914	644	1036	Nether Hall High School	Nether Hall Avenue	Football	School	Three poor adult and one poor 11v11 pitch. Overplayed.	Improve pitch quality in order to accommodate overplay.	FA	Education	M	PROTECT Protect site for school use and community use	M
256	343	441	Netherton and South Crosland Conservative Club	4 Lightenfield Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7WJ	Bowls	Club	Likely to be disused bowling green.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
131	688	454	Newsome High School And Sports College	Castle Avenue, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6JN	Football	College	One adult, one youth 11v11 and one 9v9, all standard quality. Heavily used by community and overplayed.	Seek options to improve quality/capacity. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	FA	Education	S	PROTECT Well used site. Protect for school use and community use	M
					Rugby league		One poor quality senior pitch overplayed with school use.	Seek options to improve quality/capacity.	Club				
					AGP		Two sand filled AGPs. One almost full size (but too narrow) and one 60x30m.	Ensure sinking fund is in place for future refurbishment and consider for 3G.	FA				H
9902	132	392	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Hall Bower	Rugby league	Club	Three standard senior pitches overplayed due to training and match play.	Improve pitch quality and seek options for additional pitch access to cater for training.	Club RFL	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
258	332	501	Newsome WMC	St John's Avenue, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6JP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
9913	642	1077	North Huddersfield Trust		Football	Trust	One adult pitch, standard quality and unused.	Explore opportunity to reconfigure pitch for other formats and secure use for a	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local site	L

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					Tennis/netball		Three courts overmarked for tennis and netball.	local club. Improve court quality/capacity as required in the future.	LTA		M		L-M
213	310	671 & 2206	Oakfield Tennis Club	Beechfield Road, Birkby, HD2 2XQ	Tennis	Club	Two macadam and two artificial pitches, not floodlit. Over 10 years old.	Improve court quality/capacity as required in the future.	LTA	Local	S	PROTECT Important tennis site	L-M
	310	673			Bowls		One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	PROTECT Local site	L
137	614	639	Paddock Cricket Club	West View Rise, Huddersfield, HD1 4UR	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 10 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
	614	638			Bowls		One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		L
262	304	680	Paddock Institute & Conservative Club	Raven Street, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD1 4TY	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
283	678	322	Primrose Hill Cricket Club	Cross Lane, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield	Football	Club	One adult standard pitch, spare capacity for one match.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
263	194	407	Primrose Hill Liberal Club	29 Stile Common Road, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 6DE	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
264	655	2247	Ravensknowle Park	Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 8DJ	Bowls	Council	There are two greens, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
142	603	89	Reinwood Rec	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4DD	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches with one match spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
144	411	494	Rowley Lane Junior Infants & Nursery School	Rowley Lane, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0JD	Football	School	One adult and one youth 9v9 standard pitch. No spare capacity.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	FA	Education	S	PROTECT School use and local club site	L
145	609	710	Royds Hall High School	Victory Avenue, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD3 4HA	Football	PFI	Site totals four adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch. Three adult, one 9v9, one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch located at the back of the School as well as an additional adult pitch at the front of the School. Standard quality and overplayed. Used by Linthwaite JFC	Reduce play and improve pitch quality to accommodate overplay.	School FA	Education	S	PROTECT Protect for school and community use	M
					AGP		Plans to develop a hockey suitable AGP are underway.	Further explore local demand and sustainability of business case.	EH		M		H

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146	736	128	Salendine Nook High School	New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4GN	Football	PFI	Two poor adult and one poor 9v9 pitch. Overplayed by 9.5 matches.	Reduce play and improve pitch quality to accommodate overplay.	School FA	Education	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used site for school and community. Quality improvements required	M
					Rugby league		One senior poor quality pitch overplayed by three matches.	Improve pitch quality to accommodate overplay.	School Club		M		M
312	698	607	South Crosland CE Junior School	Moor Lane, Huddersfield	Football	School	Two adult pitches of standard quality, not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
313	1422	2589	Spring Grove JI & N School	Water Street, Huddersfield	Football	School	5v5 mini not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
271	303	516	Springwood Bowling Club	Springwood Avenue, Springwood, Huddersfield, HD1 4BH	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
314	648	1165	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Hudds)	Grosvenor Road, Huddersfield, HD5 9UA	Football	School	Standard quality mini 7v7 used by Dalton Dynamos. Minimal spare capacity available at peak time.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	Club	Education	L	PROTECT Protect for school and community use	L
315	599	614	St Patricks Catholic Primary School	George Avenue, Huddersfield	Football	School	5v5 mini not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
316	633	1055	St Thomas CE Primary School	Sherwood Avenue, Huddersfield	Football	School	5v5 mini not available for community use.	Retain for school use. Use as strategic reserve if demand increases.	FA	Education	L	PROTECT Protect site for school use and strategic reserve	L
171	647	1037	Standiforth Recreation Ground (Dalton Playing Fields)	Grosvenor Road, Huddersfield, HD5 9UA	Football	Council	Three poor quality adult pitches with 1.5 matches spare capacity.	Improve quality/capacity and reconfigure two adult pitches to accommodate shortfalls, e.g. 9v9 or youth 11v11.	Council FA	Key Centre	M	PROTECT Local club site	M
					Rugby league		Standard quality senior pitch used in summer by Moldgreen Juniors, spare capacity.	Maximise use of the site to meet local demand.	Council		S		L
342	77	1072	Stoney Ford	Bar Croft, Kirkheaton	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch. One match of spare capacity.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve quality.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local site	L
276	352	406	Thorpe Green Bowling & Social Club	227 Leymoor Road, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4QP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L

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187	641	1073	Warrenside Football Club	Warrenside, Huddersfield, HD2 1LG	Football	Club	One good adult, one standard adult and one good 5v5 pitch. Some spare capacity.	Maximise use to accommodate local shortfalls.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
277	1424	2592	Waterloo Bowling Club	Wakefield Road, Waterloo, Huddersfield, HD5 9XP	Bowls	Club	One private green, likely to be able to accommodate additional members.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
193	130	300	Woodfield Park Police Sports Ground	Meltham Road, Huddersfield, HD4 7BG	Cricket/ rugby league	Huddersfield Giants	Lapsed site. Would require investment to bring one rugby league and one cricket pitch back into use.	Engage with club to further determine the feasibility of bringing this site back into use.	RFL ECB	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE With investment site could help to accommodate some current shortfalls	H
	130	299			Bowls		Lapsed Bowling Green. Unlikely that demand exists for pitch.	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate.	Council	-	M	Unlikely to be required to service Bowls demand. Further investigate	L
219	981	781	Woodland Glade Leisure Centre	The Green, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD2 1QB	AGP	Private	3G 5v5 pitch, mostly used for recreational and casual use.	Investigate suitability for accommodating training and competitive matches.	FA	Local	S	PROTECT Protect for casual use	L

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KKP Site ID	OLS Ref	OL Class ID	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Timescales ²¹	Site recommendation	Cost ²²
New Site			Dearne Valley Sports Village	Standback Way, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9GA	Multi - Sport	Parkgate Sports & Community Trust	The Trust has signed a 35 year lease on a 23 acre site in Skelmanthorpe and has plans to create a multi-sport community hub site. Plans include 3 AGPs, a MUGA, athletics facilities, cycle paths and orienteering courses as well as sports hall and ancillary facilities.	The Site has the potential to accommodate shortfalls identified in the Area, particularly for football and rugby league. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Trust Council KAL FA RFL Clubs	Strategic	M-L	PROVIDE Potential to provide significant facilities and reduce shortfalls in a number of sports in the Area.	H
347	69	239	Bank Lane (Rear of Manor Farm)	Upper Denby	Football	Private	Lapsed adult football pitch, previously used by local team as part of the former Denby Sports & Social Club.	Explore feasibility to bring back in to use due to shortfalls in the Area. Remark as youth 9v9 or 7v7 pitches.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT Due to shortfalls in the Area the pitch is required	M-H
338	55	219	Birdsedge First School	Birdsedge Lane, Birdsedge	Football	School	Standard quality 5v5 pitch used by Cumberworth FC. Spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	School FA	Education	S	PROTECT Used as a club site as well as by the School	L
339	55	221	Birdsedge Recreation Ground	Birdsedge Lane, Birdsedge	Football	Council	Standard quality 7v7 pitch used by Cumberworth FC. Spare capacity for one match at peak time.	Maximise use to cater for future demand. Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT Important club site in the Area	L
226	65	233	Clayton West Bowling Club	Cliff Woods Park, Cliffe Street, HD8 9NR	Bowls	Club	Good quality green. Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
9905	428	167	Clayton West Cricket Club	Back Lane, Clayton West	Cricket	Club	12 wickets at club site, square at capacity, standard quality.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
36	47	209	Cross Lane Recreation Ground, Skelmanthorpe	Cross Lane, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9BR	Football	Club	Two standard quality adult pitches leased to Skelmanthorpe United and over played by one match per week.	Improve pitch quality in order to cater for overplay.	Club FA	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
40	67	237	Crown Fields	Park Lane, Birdsedge, HD8 8XW	Football	Council	Two adult, one 5v5, one 7v7 and one 9v9 pitch, all poor quality. 7v7 and 9v9 over marked on one adult pitch. Site at capacity. Pitches leased to Cumberworth FC.	Reconfigure pitch layout in order to maximise use of the site. Improve pitch quality.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Very well used club site requiring additional capacity	H
41	49	212	Cumberworth United Cricket Club	Cumberworth Lane, Lower Cumberworth,	Cricket	Club	One cricket pitch with 12 wickets used to capacity. Only nine years remain of 99 year lease with local	Ensure pitch quality is sustained and support club to negotiate long lease.	ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Important club site for cricket in the Area	L

²¹ Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

²² (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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44	50	213	Denby Cricket Club (Formerly Denby Sports & Social Club)	Denby Lane, Upper Denby, HD8 8UN	Cricket	Club	Nine wickets at club site, played to capacity. Standard quality.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
45	442	189	Denby Dale Cricket Club	Wakefield Road, Denby Dale, HD8 8RX	Cricket	Club	12 wickets at club site, played to capacity. Standard quality.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
					Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	PROTECT Local club site	L
202	257	279	Denby Dale Tennis Club	Bank Lane, Denby Dale, HD8 8QP	Tennis	Club	Two well used, floodlit, good quality tennis courts and clubhouse. Received match funding for court and clubhouse redevelopment in 2013.	Sustain quality and usage.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	L
233	419	1775	Farnley Tyas BC	Woodsome Road, Farnley Tyas, HD4 6UE	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
55	33	1977	Farnley Tyas Recreation Ground	Butts Road, Farnley Tyas, HD4 6TZ	Football	Council	Standard quality adult pitch played to capacity.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local site well used for football	L
59	43	1853	Flockton Cricket Club	Lockout Park, Flockton, WF4 4AF	Cricket	Club	Nine wickets (standard quality) with spare capacity for 0.5 match sessions at peak time (Saturday pm). Club wishes to add a second team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
62	1183	1598	Grange Moor Football Ground	Liley Lane, Grange Moor, WF4 4DT	Football	Club	Two good quality adult pitches with spare capacity for two matches at peak time.	Remark one adult pitch to cater for shortfall in youth pitches.	Club FA	Local	S	PROTECT Good quality club site	L
349	1205	1732	Grange Moor Recreation Ground	Briestfield Road, WF4 4DX	Football	Council	Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch.	Explore feasibility to bring back into use due to shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT Due to shortfalls in the Area the pitch is required.	M
		Bowls			Club	Green used by Grange Moor Bowling Club.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	L		PROTECT Local club site	L	
200	413	1761	Gregory Fields Tennis Club	Burton Acres Lane, Kirkburton, HD8 0QR	Football	Club	One standard quality adult pitch with one match equivalent spare capacity at peak time.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Could accommodate shortfalls in the Area	L

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		2586			Tennis		Three standard quality floodlit courts.	Improve quality and seek options for funding to resurface in next 2-3 years.	Club LTA		M	PROTECT ENHANCE Popular club site needing improvements in the future	M-H
76	405	1744	Hill Top (Flockton Recreation Ground)	Park View, Flockton, WF4 4AF	Football	Club	Adult football pitch, poor quality, overplayed by two matches per week.	Increase to good quality in order to accommodate overplay.	Club FA	Local	S	ENHANCE Well used site for football	M
96	420	1776	Kirkburton Cricket Club	Riley Park, Kirkburton, HD8 0SA	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets which is overplayed by four sessions per season.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for overplay.	Club ECB	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
97	414	1764	Kirkburton Middle School	Turnshaw Avenue, Kirkburton, HD8 0TJ	Football	School	Two adult, two 9v9, one 5v5 and one 7v7 standard quality pitches. Overplayed due to school and community use by Kirkburton FC.	Improve pitch quality and/or consider transfer of some 9v9 play to alternative sites. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Club FA	Education	S-M	PROTECT Used as a club site as well as by the School	L-H
					Sand AGP		Half sized sand based pitch built in 2006. Used as a playground.	Consider value of pitch in current state and explore options to improve given local shortfalls of AGPs.	Council FA		S	PROTECT ENHANCE Pitch required due to shortfalls	M-H
107	42	2105	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Wakefield Road, Lepton, HD8 0LX	Football	Club	Two adult pitches, one 5v5 and one 7v7 all of standard quality. Spare capacity at peak time on adult pitches.	Maximise use to cater for future demand. Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
					Cricket		Standard quality pitch with 13 wickets and spare capacity for nine matches per season (i.e. additional ad hoc usage).	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for potential future growth.	Club ECB		M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
134	48	211	Nortonthorpe Sports Club	Springfield Avenue, Clayton West, HD8 9HJ	Football	Club	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week at peak time.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
					Cricket		Standard quality pitch with eight wickets and potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for potential future growth.	Club ECB		M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
9915	434	177	Scisset Middle School	Wakefield Road	Rugby league	School	One poor senior rugby league pitch overplayed. Used by Emley Moor ARLFC. Club leases an old classroom which it has converted to changing facilities and added a porta cabin extension.	Explore funding opportunities with the Club to improve pitch quality in order to accommodate overplay.	School Club	Education	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Used as a club site as well as by the School	M

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154	455	205	Shelley College	Huddersfield Road, Shelley, HD8 8NL	Rugby league	School	Two poor quality senior pitches, used only by the School but overplayed.	Where possible improve pitch quality.	School	Education	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
155	78	1857	Shelley Cricket Club	Westerley Way, Shelley, HD8 8HN	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets and played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
156	78	246	Shelley Lane	Westerley Way, Shelley, HD8 8HN	Football	Council	Two 7v7 poor quality, lapsed football pitches.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate large shortfalls in the Area. Any loss should be mitigated.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	H
348		1659	Shepley Bowls Club	Lea Head	Bowls	Club	One good quality green on site.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
157	40	1852	Shepley Cricket Club	Marsh Lane, Shepley, HD8 8AS	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 14 wickets with potential spare capacity for 0.5 matches Sunday pm.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for potential future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
158	34	1840	Shepley Recreation Ground	Firth Street, Shepley, HD8 8DD	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
	1206	1771	Shepley Tennis Club	Lea Head	Tennis	Club	Two artificial floodlit courts of good quality. Club cites plans for a third court.	Support the Club to create additional courts in order to unmet/future demand expressed.	Club LTA	Local	M	PROTECT Important tennis site in the area	M-H
268	264	290	Skelmanthorpe Central Bowling Club	Rear Direct House, New Street, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9BL	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
160	437	182	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club	Lidgett Lane, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9AQ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets and played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
269	71	241	Skelmanthorpe Windmill	2 Busker Lane, Skelmanthorpe, HD8 9EW	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
172	35	1869	Storthes Hall Park	Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, HD8 0WA	AGP	Club	Used extensively by Shelley FC and due to be converted to 3G. One hockey club currently access.	Accommodate hockey team elsewhere and resurface to 3G. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	University Club FA	Strategic	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitch will help to reduce current shortfalls of 3G	H
					Football	Club	Five good quality adult	Develop as a football hub				PROTECT	

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							pitches, one 5v5 and one 7v7 pitch. Site owned by University and leased long-term to Shelley FC with agreed University use for Step 7 football. One match equivalent available at peak time on adult pitch.	site. Retain spare capacity on grass pitches in order to protect quality.				Well used club site	
173	430	171	Sunnymead Recreation Ground	Sunnymead, Scissett, HD8 9JA	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with one match equivalent available at peak time. Used by Scissett FC.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
178	427	164	The Welfare Ground	Upper Lane, Emley, HD8 9RE	Football	Council	One good quality adult football pitch used by Emley FC (Step 6). Pitch partially overlaps the cricket outfield.	Retain spare capacity in order to protect quality particularly given over marking.	Council Clubs	Key Centre	L	PROVIDE Key site for football in the Area	L
					Cricket		Pitch with 10 wickets. Limited spare capacity used by Emley Clarence CC, standard quality.	Retain spare capacity in order to protect quality particularly given over marking.				PROTECT Well used club site	
183	38	1847	Thurstonland Cricket Club	Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland, HD4 6XD	Cricket	Club	Standard quality pitch with 12 wickets and played to capacity.	Improve quality in order to build future capacity.	Club	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
199	37	1843	Thurstonland Recreation Ground	Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland, HD4 6XD	Football	Council	Lapsed 9v9 football pitch.	Explore feasibility of bringing back in to use to accommodate large shortfalls in the Area. Any loss should be mitigated.	Council FA	Local	M-L	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	H

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KKP Site ID	OLS Ref	OL Class ID	Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost
224	1136	1021	Broad Oak BC	Cowlersley Lane, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5TE	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
24	8	1897	Broad Oak Cricket Club	Gillroyd Lane, Broad Oak, Huddersfield, HD7 5SH	Cricket	Club	Well used standard quality cricket ground with 16 wickets. Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
25	370	1702	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Broadlands, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5QX	Football	Council	One good quality and one standard quality adult pitch. Spare capacity for 1.5 match sessions at peak time.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Council FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitches require protection	L
					Rugby League	Council	One poor junior pitch and one poor senior pitch over played by 1.75 and 0.5 respectively.	Improve pitch quality where possible in order to alleviate overplay.	Council RFL		S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
225	1195	1672	Brockholes BC	New Mill Road (A616), Brockholes	Bowls	Club	Good quality green. Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
360	396	2097	Carters Former Playing Fields	72 New Mill Road, HD9 6QQ	Football	Private	Lapsed youth 11v11. Not used for over ten years. Would require investment to be brought back in to use.	Consider feasibility of bringing back in to use due to shortfalls in the Area.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
336	20	1842	Cartworth Moor	Cartworth Moor Road, Holmfirth	Football	Club	Standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Club FA	Key Centre	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Local club site with capacity to reduce shortfalls	L
194	18	1841	Cartworth Moor Cricket Ground	Gill Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 2TU	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with ten wickets. Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use.	Club ECB		M	PROTECT Well used club site	M

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33	1	1759	Colne Valley High School	Gillroyd Lane, Linthwaite, HD7 5SP	Football	School	Two poor quality 11v11 pitches. Overplayed and hired to Linthwaite FC which further exacerbates poor quality.	Improve pitch quality where possible. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	Education FA	Education	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
					Rugby League		Two poor quality senior pitches not used for community use due to quality.	Improve pitch quality where possible.	Education RFL	M	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M	
					AGP	School	Half size sand AGP, standard quality. Used for football.	Consider value of pitch in current state and explore options to improve given local shortfalls of AGPs.	Education	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Pitch required due to shortfalls	M	
340	24	1870	Flowery Fields	Snittle Road, Hade Edge	Football	Parish Council	Adult standard pitch over played by three matches per week. Used by Hade Edge AFC	Consider transfer of teams to pitches with capacity.	Parish Club FA	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	L
236	10	1916	Hemplow BC	Adj Marsden CC, Mount Road, Hemplow, HD7 6NN	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
75	1173	1419	Hepworth United FC	Far Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1RN	Football	Club	Two poor adult pitches. One adult pitch has two 7v7 over marked. Over played by 0.5. Club has planning application to build a clubhouse.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Ensure clubhouse building goes ahead.	Club FA	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Important football club site in the Area	H
78	2	1884	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Commerical Street, Slaithwaite, HD7 5JZ	Rugby League	Council	One senior poor quality pitch. Used by Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC.	Improve pitch quality.	Council Club RFL	Local	S	PROTECT Well used club site	M
196	390	1815	Holmbridge Cricket Ground	Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, HD9 2NQ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality cricket square with 10 wickets, played to capacity. Poor quality clubhouse	Explore opportunities to improve clubhouse.	Club ECB	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site	M
79	391		Holmbridge Recreation Ground	Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NW	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with spare capacity for one match per week.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitch requires protection	L

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80	377	1783	Holmfirth Cricket Club	Bridge Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 7AN	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for current usage and future demand.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
					Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Green assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	PROTECT Local club site	L
81	378	1789	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Springwood Road, Thongsbridge, HD9 7SJ	Football	PFI	Offsite pitches. Adult, youth 11v11 and 5v5 all poor quality. All over played due to school and community use.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Education FA	Education	S	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	M
					Rugby League	PFI	Poor quality senior pitch, used only by the School but would be available if quality improved. Overplayed.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Education RFL		S	PROTECT ENHANCE With improvements pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls.	M
301	15	1832	Holmfirth J I & N School	Cartworth Road, Holmfirth	Football	School	Standard quality 7v7 pitch not currently available for community use.	Explore community use options with the school in attempt to reduce shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	PROTECT Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitch requires protection.	L
207	1201	1680	Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club	New Mill Road, Thongsbridge, HD9 1HG	Tennis	Club	Three good quality floodlit macadam courts. Membership of 100.	Sustain quality and usage.	Club LTA	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site.	L
82	378	1998	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Heys Road, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SE	Football	PFI	One adult, one 9v9 and one 5v5 pitch of standard quality. 9v9 over played. Adult and 5v5 unused.	Reconfigure pitch layout in order to maximise use of the site. Carry out analysis of the site alongside The FA to determine the suitability to become a football hub site	PFI Education FA	Education	S	PROTECT Due to other shortfalls in the Area pitches require protection	L
					AGP	PFI	Half size sand based AGP, poor quality.	Consider value of pitch in current state and explore options to improve given local shortfalls of AGPs.	PFI Education		M	PROTECT Pitch required due to shortfalls	M
302	394	1902	Honley CE Junior School	Jaggar Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6BT	Football	School	One 5v5 and one 7v7 on site. Standard quality with spare capacity for one 5v5 and one 7v7 match each week. Used by Honley FC.	Explore options to maximise use of the site to accommodate shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	PROTECT School site with community use	L
341	394	1901	Honley Cricket Club	Jaggar Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6BT	Football	Club	Mini 7v7 pitch marked on outfield, standard quality at capacity.	Sustain pitch usage.	Club FA	Local	L	PROTECT Very well used club site	L
					Cricket		Standard square with 10 wickets over played by 14 matches per season.	Improve pitch quality to sustain overplay. Ensure appropriate maintenance.	Club ECB		M	PROTECT Very well used club site	M

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85	32	2101	Honley High School	Station Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QJ	Tennis	PFI (SPIE)	Five tarmac tennis courts. Currently not used by the community.	No local demand. Sustain for school use.	PFI Education	Education	L	PROTECT Strategic reserve if demand increases in the Area	L
239	1161	1407	Jackson Bridge	Chapel Bank, Off Sheffield Road, Scholes, HD9 1HR	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
92	394	1900	Jagger Lane Recreation Ground	Jagger Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6NS	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches, over played by two matches per week. No changing rooms.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay. Explore options regarding ancillary facilities.	Council FA	Local	S-M	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site	M
111	6	1994	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Manchester Road, Linthwaite, HD7 5QH	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets. Potential spare capacity for two Sunday teams.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Local club site	M
					Bowls		Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		L
244	363	1698	Linthwaite Hall	Linfit Lane, Linthwaite, HD7 5LQ	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
216	364	1708	Linthwaite Methodist Sports Club	Linthwaite Methodist Church, Stones Lane, HD7 5PD	Tennis	Club	Three good quality macadam courts. Funding received for floodlights and court renovation. Poor clubhouse.	Sustain court quality. Ensure funding for floodlight and court renovation is used. Improve clubhouse.	Club LTA	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Local club site	M
112	3	1997	Linthwaite Recreational Ground	Manchester Road, Linthwaite, HD7 5NE	Football	Council	Two standard quality adult pitches. Spare capacity for two matches per week.	Consider transfer of teams from overplayed sites in order to maximise usage.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
119	10	1915	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club	Mount Road, Marsden, HD7 6NN	Cricket	Club	Good quality square with 16 wickets. No spare capacity at peak time.	Sustain quality. Ensure appropriate maintenance levels in order to sustain and maximise usage.	Club ECB	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	L
					Tennis		Three average quality macadam courts and one is floodlit.	Improve quality and seek options for funding to resurface the courts.	Club LTA		M		PROTECT ENHANCE Local club site
344	367	1864	Marsden Football Club	Fall Lane, Marsden	Football	Club	Poor quality adult pitch over played by two matches per week. Club has aspirations to grow.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay and accommodate future demand.	Club FA	Local	S	PROTECT ENHANCE Well used club site	M
350	368	2072	Marsden Park	Manchester Road	Bowls	Club	Council green assessed as good quality. Club likely to be able to accommodate future demand.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club Council	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L

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305	373	1811	Meltham C of E Primary School	Holfirth Road, Holmfirth	Football	School	Standard quality 7v7 pitch with no spare capacity at peak time. Used by Meltham Athletic FC.	Sustain quality and usage.	Education FA	Education	L	PROTECT School site with community use	L
120	370	1872	Meltham Cricket Club	Mean Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5QT	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 18 wickets. Potential spare capacity for additional Sunday team.	Improve quality in order to maximise use and cater for future growth.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
251	370	1704	Meltham No 1	Mean Lane (Past Cricket Club), Meltham, HD9 5QT	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
358	372	1873	Meltham Park (Robert Ashton Memorial Park)	Huddersfield Road, Meltham	Football	Council	Unused mini 7v7 pitch.	Explore reasons for unused pitch and feasibility to bring back in to use.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT Protect currently due to shortfalls of mini 7v7 pitches in the Area	L
					Tennis		Two macadam courts, not floodlit. Average quality.	Improve quality to maximise usage.			Council LTA	M	PROTECT Local club site
121	30	2009	Meltham Road Recreation Ground	Meltham Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6HL	Football	Council	One standard adult pitch played to capacity.	Sustain pitch for continued usage. Improve pitch to create additional capacity.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
130	395	2036	Neilley Pavilion	New Mill Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QT	Football	PFI	Standard quality adult and 9v9 pitches. Over played by three matches per week.	Improve quality to alleviate overplay. Consider transfer of play to alternative sites.	PFI Education FA	Education	S	PROTECT School site with community use	M
257	1156	1400	New Mill Club	Sheffield Road, New Mill, HD9 7JT	Bowls	Club	Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Green assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club	Local	L	PROTECT Local club site	L
352	1167	1413	Playing Field	Sheffield Road, Spring Lane, Hole Bottom, Holmfirth.	Football		Lapsed youth 11v11 pitch, unused from 2002.	Explore feasibility to bring back in to use due to shortfalls in the Area	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT Protect currently due to shortfalls of youth 11v11 pitches in the Area	M
148	377	2001	Sands Recreation Ground	Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3TS	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches over played by 3.5 matches per week.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Council FA	Local	M	PROTECT Well used council site	M
310	146	2114	Scapegoat Hill J & I School	School Road, Golcar, Huddersfield	Football	School	Standard quality 5v5 not available for community use.	Explore community use options with the School in attempt to reduce shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	PROTECT Pitch could help to reduce shortfalls	L
150	16	1834	Scholes Cricket Club	Chapelgate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SX	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with ten wickets over played by 30 matches per season.	Improve pitch quality to sustain overplay. Ensure appropriate maintenance. Consider transfer of teams.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Very well used club site	M
311	362	1696	Slaithwaite CE J & I School	Holme Lane, Slaithwaite,	Football	School	One adult and one 5v5 standard quality not available for community use.	Explore community use options with the School in attempt to reduce shortfalls.	Education FA	Education	S	PROTECT Pitches could help to reduce shortfalls	L

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161	359	1694	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Racton Street, Slaithwaite, HD7 5DQ	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 14 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for current usage and future demand.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Very well used club site	M
					Bowls		Private bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Green assessed as good quality.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L	PROTECT Local club site	L
162	5	2004	Slaithwaite Spa	Spa Lane, Linthwaite, HD7 5QB	Rugby League	Council/Club	Two poor quality senior pitches. Pitches considered to be at capacity due to year round usage. No changing facilities. Used by Slaithwaite Saracens.	Improve pitch quality to maximise use and cater for demand. Explore ancillary facility options.	Club Council RFL	Local	M	PROTECT ENHANCE Very well used club site	M
174	379	1792	Sycamore Recreation Ground	Stoney Bank Lane, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7LZ	Football	Council	Two adult and one 7v7 pitch, standard quality currently unused.	Determine why pitches are currently unused. Seek transfer of teams from overplayed sites. Consider reconfiguration of pitches to suit demand.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT Pitches could help to reduce current shortfalls	L
176	23	1850	The Cross Grounds	Dunford Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2RR	Rugby League	Club	One poor quality senior pitch. Over played by 9.25. Used all year round.	Improve pitch quality to alleviate overplay.	Club RFL	Local	M	PROTECT Very well used club site	M
346	17	1838	Thongsbridge Cricket Club	Miry Lane	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets played to capacity.	Improve quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to cater for current usage and future demand.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Well used club site	M
179	14	1831	Thongsbridge Recreation Ground	Miry Lane, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SA	Football	Council	Standard quality 9v9 pitch. No spare capacity at peak time.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use.	Council FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L
					Bowls		Bowls club likely to be able to accommodate future demand. Good quality green.	Sustain quality and maximise use to cater for potential future demand.	Club		L		L
179	17	1837 & 2504	Thongsbridge Tennis Club	Miry Lane, Holmfirth, Yorkshire, HD9 7RY	Tennis	Club	Seven artificial, four polymeric and two macadam courts all assessed as good quality and well used by the Club.	Sustain court quality.	Club LTA	Local	L	PROTECT Well used club site	L
185	1430	2641	Upperthong Cricket Club	Dean Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3XB	Cricket	Club	Standard quality square with 12 wickets over played by 40 matches per season. Poor clubhouse and only 15 years remaining on lease.	Prioritise lease renewal. Improve pitch quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance in order to better accommodate usage. Explore transfer of teams. Improve clubhouse.	Club ECB	Local	M	PROTECT Enhance Very well used club site	H

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362	1436	2655	West Fields Park	Winney Bank Lane, Holmfirth HD9 1US	Football	Club	Private one pitch site (adult). Included as standard quality as currently no pitch assessment. Used by local club Wooldale Wanderers.	Ensure maintenance is appropriate for levels of use. Seek further pitch assessment.	Club FA	Local	S	PROTECT Local club site	L

PART 8: KEEP THE STRATEGY ROBUST AND UP TO DATE

Delivery

The Playing Pitch Strategy seeks to provide guidance for maintenance/management decisions and investment made across Kirklees. By addressing the issues identified in the Assessment Report and using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the current and future sporting and recreational needs of Kirklees can be satisfied. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and identifies how best to resolve this in the future.

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities.

The production of this Strategy should be regarded as the beginning of the planning process. The success of this Strategy and the benefits that are gained are dependent upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a strategic approach.

Each member of the steering group should take the lead to ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence. The role of the steering group should not end with the completion of the PPS document

To help ensure the PPS is well used it should be regarded as the key document within the study area guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch provision. It needs to be the document people regularly turn to for information on how the current demand is met and what actions are required to improve the situation and meet future demand. In order for this to be achieved the steering group need to have a clear understanding of how the PPS can be applied and therefore delivered. Key uses for the PPS include evidence for supporting funding bids, guidance to inform planning decisions and planning applications and decision making for capital investment.

The process of developing the PPS will hopefully have already resulted in a number of benefits that will help with its application and delivery. These may include enhanced partnership working across different agendas and organisations, pooling of resources along with strengthening relationships and understanding between different stakeholders and between members of the steering group and the sporting community. The drivers behind the PPS and the work to develop the recommendations and action plan will have also highlighted, and helped the steering group to understand, the key areas to which it can be applied and how it can be delivered.

Monitoring and updating

It is important that there is regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This monitoring should be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the steering group. The Kirklees Sport and Physical Activity Group will monitor and review both the Playing Pitch Strategy and Indoor Built Facilities Strategy and check progress on actions. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPS has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. This should form an on-going role of the group. It is possible that in the interim between

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annual reviews the steering group could operate as a 'virtual' group; prepared to comment on suggestions and updates electronically when relevant.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the steering group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date. If the PPS is used as a 'live' document, and kept up to date, the time frame can be extended to five years.

Furthermore, the process of refreshing the PPS would be much less resource intensive if changes and updates have been made throughout the five years. If there are no updates to the document within the period the nature of the supply and in particular the demand for playing pitches is likely to have changed. Therefore, without any form of review and update within this time period it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust.

Ideally the PPS should be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the steering group. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment that would have been built up when developing the PPS. Taking into account the time to develop the PPS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.

An annual review should not be regarded as a particularly resource intensive task. However, it should highlight:

- ◀ How the delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g. the priority of some may increase following the delivery of others)
- ◀ How the PPS has been applied and the lessons learnt
- ◀ Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g. the most used or high quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues
- ◀ Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport
- ◀ Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.

Once the PPS is complete the role of the steering group should evolve so that it:

- ◀ Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPS and playing pitch provision in the area
- ◀ Monitors, evaluates and reviews progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan
- ◀ Shares lessons learnt from how the PPS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances
- ◀ Ensures the PPS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmes and initiatives
- ◀ Maintains links between all relevant parties with an interest in playing pitch provision in the area;
- ◀ Reviews the need to update the PPS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:

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- ◀ Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
- ◀ Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
- ◀ Lead a full review and update of the PPS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).

Alongside the regular steering group meetings it is recommended that Kirklees Council holds annual sport specific meetings with the pitch sport NGBs and other relevant organisations. These meetings should look to update the key supply and demand information, if necessary amend the assessment work, track progress with implementing the recommendations and action plan and highlight any new issues and opportunities. Things to consider include formation of new teams or loss of teams, any new formats of the sports that would impact on facilities, changes in quality or creation of new facilities.

These meetings could be timed to fit with the annual affiliation process undertaken by the NGBs which would help to capture any changes in the number and nature of sports clubs in the area. Other information that is already collected on a regular basis such as pitch booking records for local authority and other sites could be fed into these meetings. The NGBs will also be able to indicate any further performance quality assessments that have been undertaken within the study area. Discussion with the league secretaries may also indicate annual league meetings which it may be useful to attend to pick up any specific issues and/or enable a review of the relevant club details to be undertaken.

The steering group should regularly review and refresh area by area plans taking account of any improvements in pitch quality (and hence increases in pitch capacity) and also any new negotiations for community use of education or other private sites in the future. Updating the action plans will make the task of updating the PPS much easier.


It is important that the Council maintains the data contained with the accompanying Playing Pitch Database. This will enable it to refresh and update area by area plans on a regular basis. The accompanying databases are intended to be refreshed on a season by season basis and it is important that there is cross-departmental working, including for example, grounds maintenance and sports, to ensure that this is achieved and that results are used to inform subsequent annual sports facility development plans. Results should be shared with partners via a consultative mechanism.

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Checklist

To help ensure the PPS is delivered and is kept robust and up to date, the steering group can refer to the new methodology Stage E Checklist: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date	Tick 	
	Yes	Requires Attention
Step 9: Apply & deliver the strategy		
1. Are steering group members clear on how the PPS can be applied across a range of relevant areas?		
2. Is each member of the steering group committed to taking the lead to help ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence?		
3. Has a process been put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered and the PPS is being applied?		
Step 10: Keep the strategy robust & up to date		
1. Has a process been put in place to ensure the PPS is kept robust and up to date?		
2. Does the process involve an annual update of the PPS?		
3. Is the steering group to be maintained and is it clear of its on-going role?		
4. Is regular liaison with the NGBs and other parties planned?		
5. Has all the supply and demand information been collated and presented in a format (i.e. single document that can be filtered accordingly) that will help people to review it and highlight any changes?		
6. Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?		

APPENDIX ONE: STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The recommendations within this Strategy have been developed via the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and analysis. They reflect key areas to be addressed over its lifetime. However, implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to also meet planning considerations.

National context

The provision of high quality and accessible community outdoor sports facilities at a local level is a key requirement for achieving the targets set out by the Government and Sport England. It is vital that this strategy is cognisant of and works towards these targets in addition to local priorities and plans.

Sport England: A Sporting Habit for Life (2012-2017)

In 2017, five years after the Olympic Games, Sport England aspires to transforming sport in England so that it is a habit for life for more people and a regular choice for the majority. Launched in January 2012 the strategy sets out how Sport England will invest over one billion pounds of National Lottery and Exchequer funding during the five year plan period. The investment will be used to create a lasting community sport legacy by growing sports participation at the grassroots level following the 2012 London Olympics. The strategy will:

- ◀ See more people starting and keeping a sporting habit for life
- ◀ Create more opportunities for young people
- ◀ Nurture and develop talent
- ◀ Provide the right facilities in the right places
- ◀ Support local authorities and unlock local funding
- ◀ Ensure real opportunities for communities

The vision is for England to be a world leading sporting nation where many more people choose to play sport. There are five strategic themes including:

- ◀ Maximise value from current NGB investment
- ◀ Places, People, Play
- ◀ Strategic direction and market intelligence
- ◀ Set criteria and support system for NGB 2013-17 investment
- ◀ Market development

The aim by 2017 is to ensure that playing sport is a lifelong habit for more people and a regular choice for the majority. A specific target is to increase the number of 14 to 25 year olds playing sport. To accomplish these aims the strategy sets out a number of outcomes:

- ◀ 4,000 secondary schools in England will be offered a community sport club on its site with a direct link to one or more NGBs, depending on the local clubs in a school's area.
- ◀ County sports partnerships will be given new resources to create effective links locally between schools and sport in the community.
- ◀ All secondary schools that wish to do so, will be supported to open up, or keep open, their sports facilities for local community use and at least a third of these will receive additional funding to make this happen.

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- ◀ At least 150 further educational colleagues will benefit from a full time sports professional who will act as a College Sport Maker.
- ◀ Three quarters of university students aged 18-24 will get the chance to take up a new sport or continue playing a sport they played at school or college.
- ◀ A thousand of our most disadvantaged local communities will get a Door Step Club.
- ◀ Two thousand young people on the margins of society will be supported by the Dame Kelly Holmes Legacy Trust into sport and to gain new life skills.
- ◀ Building on the success of the Places People Play, a further £100 million will be invested in facilities for the most popular sports.
- ◀ A minimum of 30 sports will have enhanced England Talent Pathways to ensure young people and others fulfil their potential.

National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out planning policies for England. It details how these changes are expected to be applied to the planning system. It also provides a framework for local people and their councils to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

The NPPF states the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It identifies that the planning system needs to focus on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. A presumption in favour of sustainable development is a key aspect for any plan-making and decision-taking processes. In relation to plan-making the NPPF sets out that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs.

The 'promoting healthy communities' theme identifies that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficiencies or surpluses in local areas should also be identified. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area.

As a prerequisite the NPPF states existing open space, sports and recreation buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- ◀ An assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown that the open space, buildings or land is surplus to requirements.
- ◀ The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location.
- ◀ The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

In order for planning policies to be 'sound' local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities.

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The FA National Game Strategy (2015 – 2019)

The main aims of the National Game Strategy are summarised below:

- ◀ Sustain and Increase Participation
- ◀ Ensure access to education sites to accommodate the game.
- ◀ Help players to be the best that they can be and provide opportunities for them to progress from grassroots to elite
- ◀ Recruit, retain and develop a network of qualified referees
- ◀ Support clubs, leagues and other competition providers to develop a safe, inclusive and positive football experience for everyone.
- ◀ Support Clubs and Leagues to become sustainable businesses, understanding and serving the needs of players and customers.
- ◀ Improve grass pitches through the pitch improvement programme to improve existing facilities and changing rooms
- ◀ Deliver new and improved facilities including new Football Turf Pitches.
- ◀ Work with priority Local Authorities enabling 50% of mini-soccer and youth matched to be played on high quality artificial grass pitches

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Champion Counties Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2013 which seeks to deliver successful England teams at all levels, to produce a vibrant domestic game as well as increasing participation during the period 2014-17. It builds on the 2005 plan, Building Partnerships and the subsequent 2009 initiative, Grounds to Play.

The plan will take advantage of local partnerships developed in earlier plans and support local delivery of priorities through the County network. It targets operational excellence to make maximum use of scarce resources and facilities during a time of economic austerity.

Among the targets set under the four pillars of Effective Governance, Vibrant Domestic Game, Enthusiating Participation and Successful England teams, which are relevant to the playing pitch strategy, are:

- ◀ An increase in participation as measured by Sport England's Active People Survey from 183,400 to 197,500
- ◀ Expand the number of clubs participating in NatWest CricketForce from 2,000 to 2,200
- ◀ Increase the number of cricket's volunteers to 80,000 by 2017
- ◀ Expand the number of participants in women's and disabilities cricket by 10% by 2017
- ◀ To increase the number of TwelfthMan members from 220,000 to 250,000 by 2017
- ◀ Complete an approved Community Engagement programme with all 18 First Class Counties and MCC
- ◀ For each £1 provided in facility grants through the 'Sport England Whole Sport Plan Grant Programme' ensure a multiplier of three with other funding partners
- ◀ Provide a fund of £8.1m of capital investment to enhance floodlights, sightscreens, replay screens, power sub-stations and broadcasting facilities at First Class County venues
- ◀ Provide an interest-free loan fund to community clubs of £10 million
- ◀ Qualify and engage 50 Level 4 coaches to support the development of professional cricketers

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- ◀ Expand the number of coaches who have received teacher level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications to 50,000
- ◀ Provide a fund of £2 million for community clubs to combat the impact of climate change
- ◀ Introduce a youth T20 competition engaging 500 teams by 2017

The following actions executed during the duration of Building Partnerships provide a strong base for this plan. Actions include:

- ◀ Streamlining ECB governance
- ◀ Building participation by more than 20% per annum (as measured through ECB focus clubs and County Cricket Boards)
- ◀ Developing women's cricket
- ◀ Attracting volunteers
- ◀ Expanding cricket's spectator base
- ◀ Introducing grants and loans to clubs
- ◀ Developing disabilities cricket

This plan therefore influences 'Grounds to Play' in the areas of facilities and coaches, which is where ECB investment will be focussed. Partnership funding and support will play a key role in the delivery of actions and maintaining the strength of the pillars.

The Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy (2013-2017)

The RFU National Facility Strategy 2013-2017 provides a framework for development of high-quality, well-managed facilities that will help to strengthen member clubs and grow the game in communities around them. In conjunction with partners, this strategy will assist and support clubs and other organisations, so that they can continue to provide quality opportunities for all sections of the community to enjoy the game. It sets out the broad facility needs of the sport and identifies investment priorities to the game and its key partners. It identifies that with 1.5 million players there is a continuing need to invest in community club facilities in order to:

- ◀ Create a platform for growth in club rugby participation and membership, especially with a view to exploiting the opportunities afforded by RWC 2015.
- ◀ Ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of rugby clubs, through supporting not only their playing activity but also their capacity to generate revenue through a diverse range of activities and partnerships.

In summary the priorities for investment which have met the needs of the game for the Previous period remain valid:

- ◀ Increase the provision of changing rooms and clubhouses that can sustain concurrent adult and junior male and female activity at clubs
- ◀ Improve the quality and quantity of natural turf pitches and floodlighting
- ◀ Increase the provision of artificial grass pitches that deliver wider game development

It is also a high priority for the RFU to target investment in the following:

- ◀ Upgrade and transform social, community and catering facilities, which can support the generation of additional revenues

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- ◀ Facility upgrades, which result in an increase in energy-efficiency, in order to reduce the running costs of clubs
- ◀ Pitch furniture, including rugby posts and pads, pitch side spectator rails and grounds maintenance equipment

England Hockey (EH) - A Nation Where Hockey Matters (2013-2017)

EH have a clear vision, a powerful philosophy and five core objectives that all those who have a role in advancing Hockey can unite behind. With UK Sport and Sport England's investment, and growing commercial revenues, EH are ambitious about how they can take the sport forward in Olympic cycles and beyond.

"The vision is for England to be a 'Nation Where Hockey Matters'. A nation where hockey is talked about at dinner tables, playgrounds and public houses, up and down the country. A nation where the sport is on the back pages of our newspapers, where children dream of scoring a goal for England's senior hockey team, and where the performance stirs up emotion amongst the many, not the few"

England Hockey aspires to deepen the passion of those who play, deliver and follow sport by providing the best possible environments and the best possible experiences. Whilst reaching out to new audiences by making the sport more visible, available and relevant and through the many advocates of hockey.

Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes the sport function. EH understand the importance of volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational people can be, the more progressive Hockey can be and the more befitting the facilities can be, the more EH will achieve. The core objectives are as follows:

- ◀ Grow our Participation
- ◀ Deliver International Success
- ◀ Increase our Visibility
- ◀ Enhance our Infrastructure
- ◀ Be a strong and respected Governing Body

England Hockey has a Capital Investment Programme (CIP) that is planned to lever £5.6 million investment into hockey facilities over the next four years, underpinned by £2m million from the National Governing Body. With over 500 pitches due for refurbishment in the next 4-8 years, there will be a large focus placed on these projects through this funding stream. The current level of pitches available for hockey is believed to be sufficient for the medium term needs, however in some areas, pitches may not be in the right places in order to maximise playing opportunities

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'The right pitches in the right places'²³

In 2012, EH released its facility guidance which is intended to assist organisations wishing to build or protect hockey pitches for hockey. It identifies that many existing hockey AGPs are nearing the end of their useful life as a result of the installation boom of the 90's. Significant investment is needed to update the playing stock and protect the sport against inappropriate surfaces for hockey as a result of the rising popularity of AGPs for a number of sports. EH is seeking to invest in, and endorse clubs and hockey providers which have a sound understanding of the following:

- ◀ Single System – clubs and providers which have a good understanding of the Single System and its principles and are appropriately places to support the delivery.
- ◀ ClubsFirst accreditation – clubs with the accreditation are recognised as producing a safe effective and child friendly hockey environment
- ◀ Sustainability – hockey providers and clubs will have an approved development plan in place showing their commitment to developing hockey, retaining members and providing an insight into longer term goals. They will also need to have secured appropriate tenure.

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APPENDIX TWO: FUNDING PLAN

Funding opportunities

In order to deliver much of the Action Plan it is recognised that external partner funding will need to be sought. Although seeking developer contributions in applicable situations and other local funding/community schemes could go some way towards meeting deficiencies and/or improving provision, other potential/match sources of funding should be investigated. Below is a list of current funding sources that are relevant for community improvement projects involving sports facilities.

Awarding body	Description
Big Lottery Fund http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/	Big invests in community groups and to projects that improve health, education and the environment
Sport England : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement Fund • Sportsmatch • Small Grants • Protecting Playing Fields • Inspired Facilities • Strategic Facilities Fund http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/strategic-facilities/	Sport England is keen to marry funding with other organisations that provide financial support to create and strengthen the best sports projects. Applicants are encouraged to maximise the levels of other sources of funding, and projects that secure higher levels of partnership funding are more likely to be successful.
Football Foundation http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/	This trust provides financial help for football at all levels, from national stadia and FA Premier League clubs down to grass-roots local development.
Rugby Football Foundation - The Grant Match Scheme www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org	The Grant Match Scheme provides easy-to-access grant funding for playing projects that contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players. Grants are available on a 'match funding' 50:50 basis to support a proposed project. Projects eligible for funding include: 1. Pitch Facilities – Playing surface improvement, pitch improvement, rugby posts, floodlights. 2. Club House Facilities – Changing rooms, shower facilities, washroom/lavatory, and measures to facilitate segregation (e.g. women, juniors). 3. Equipment – Large capital equipment, pitch maintenance capital equipment (e.g. mowers).
EU Life Fund http://ec.europa.eu/environment/funding/intro_en.htm	LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU.
EH Capital Investment Programme (CIP)	The CIP fund is for the provision of new pitches and re-surfacing of old AGPs. It forms part of EH's 4 year Whole Sport's Plan.
National Hockey Foundation http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/	The Foundation primarily makes grants to a wide range of organisations that meet one of our chosen areas of focus: Young people and hockey.

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Awarding body	Description
	Enabling the development of hockey at youth or community level.

Protecting Playing Fields

SE launched a funding programme; Protecting Playing Fields (PPF) as part of its Places People Play Olympic legacy mass participation programme. The programme is being delivered via funding rounds with approximately £4 million being awarded to projects in each round.

Its focus is on protecting and improving playing fields and developing community sport. It will fund capital projects that create, develop and improve playing fields for sporting and community use and offer long term protection of the site for sport. Projects are likely to involve the construction of new pitches or improvement of existing ones that need levelling or drainage works.

Sport England's 'Inspired Facilities' funding programme is an open programme where clubs, community and voluntary sector groups and local authorities can apply for grants of between £25k and £150k where there is a proven local need for a facility to be modernised, extended or modified to open up new sporting opportunities.

The programmes three priorities are:

- ◀ Organisations that haven't previously received a Sport England Lottery grant of over £10k.
- ◀ Projects that are the only public sports facility in the local community.
- ◀ Projects that offer local opportunities to people who do not currently play sport.

Besides this scheme providing an important source of funding for potential voluntary and community sector sites, it may also providing opportunities for Council to access this funding particularly in relation to resurfacing the artificial sports surfaces

Strategic Facilities Fund

Facilities are fundamental in providing more people with the opportunity to play sport. The supply of the right facilities in the right areas is key to getting more people to play sport. Sport England recognises the considerable financial pressures that local authorities are currently under and the need to strategically review and rationalise leisure stock so that cost effective and financially sustainable provision is available in the long-term. Sport England has a key role to play in the sector, from influencing the local strategic planning and review of sports facility provision to investing in major capital projects of strategic importance.

The Strategic Facilities Fund will direct capital investment into a number of key local authority projects that are identified through a strategic needs assessment and that have maximum impact on growing and sustaining community sport participation. These projects will be promoted as best practice in the delivery of quality and affordable facilities, whilst demonstrating long-term operational efficiencies. The fund will support projects that bring together multiple partners, including input from the public and private sectors and national governing bodies of sport (NGBs). The fund is also designed to encourage applicants and their partners to invest further capital and revenue funding to ensure sustainability. Sport

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England has allocated a budget of circa £30m of Lottery funding to award through this fund (2013-17).

Key features which applications must demonstrate are:

- ◀ A robust needs and evidence base which illustrates the need for the project and the proposed facility mix
- ◀ Strong partnerships which will last beyond the initial development of the project and underpin the long-term sustainability of the facility
- ◀ Multi-sport provision and activity that demonstrates delivery against NGB local priorities
- ◀ A robust project plan from inception to completion with achievable milestones and timescales.

Lottery applications will be invited on a solicited-only basis and grants of between £500,000 and £2,000,000 will be considered.

The Strategic Facilities Fund will prioritise projects that:

- ◀ Are large-scale capital developments identified as part of a local authority sports facility strategic needs assessment/rationalisation programme and that will drive a significant increase in community sports participation
- ◀ Demonstrate consultation/support from two or more NGBs and delivery against their local priorities
- ◀ Are multi-sport facilities providing opportunities to drive high participant numbers
- ◀ Are a mix of facility provision (indoor and/or outdoor) to encourage regular & sustained use by a large number of people
- ◀ Offer an enhancement, through modernisation, to existing provision and/or new build facilities
- ◀ Have a long-term sustainable business plan attracting public and private investment
- ◀ Show quality in design, but are fit for purpose to serve the community need
- ◀ Have effective and efficient operating models, combined with a commitment to development programmes which will increase participation and provide talent pathways.

Projects will need to demonstrate how the grant will deliver against Sport England's strategic priorities. The funding available is for the development of the capital infrastructure, which can contribute to the costs of new build, modernisation or refurbishment and purchasing of major fixed equipment as part of the facility development.

Funder's requirements

Below is a list of funding requirements that can typically be expected to be provided as part of a funding bid, some of which will fall directly out of the Playing Pitch Strategy:

- ◀ Identify need (i.e., why the Project is needed) and how the Project will address it.
- ◀ Articulate what difference the Project will make.
- ◀ Identify benefits, value for money and/or added value.
- ◀ Provide baseline information (i.e., the current situation).
- ◀ Articulate how the Project is consistent with local, regional and national policy.
- ◀ Financial need and project cost.
- ◀ Funding profile (i.e., Who's providing what? Unit and overall costs).
- ◀ Technical information and requirements (e.g., planning permission).

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- ◀ Targets, outputs and/or outcomes (i.e., the situation after the Project/what the Project will achieve)
- ◀ Evidence of support from partners and stakeholders.
- ◀ Background/essential documentation (e.g., community use agreement).
- ◀ Assessment of risk.

Indicative costs

The indicative costs of implementing key elements of the Action Plan can be found on the Sport England website:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/cost-guidance/>

There are two sets of costs that are highlighted here; facility capital costs and lifecycle costs.

Facility capital costs

- ◀ Facility capital costs are calculated using estimates of what it typically costs to build modern sports facilities, including fees and external work, naturally taking into account varying conditions, inflation and regional adjustments.
- ◀ Costs are updated regularly in conjunction with information provided by the BCIS (Building Cost Information Service) and other Quantity Surveyors.
- ◀ The document is often referred to as the Planning Kitbag costs as the figures are often used by planners and developers when reviewing potential planning contributions to site developments.

Lifecycle costs

- ◀ Life cycle costs are how much its costs to keep a facility open and fit-for-purpose during its lifetime.
- ◀ It includes costs for major replacement and planned preventative maintenance (PPM) – day to day repairs. The costs are expressed as a percentage of the capital cost.
- ◀ You should not underestimate the importance of regular maintenance and the expense in maintaining a facility throughout its life.

APPENDIX THREE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Pitch quality

The quality of pitches in Kirklees has been assessed via a combination of site visits (using non-technical assessments as determined by the methodology) and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

- ◀ Good
- ◀ Standard
- ◀ Poor

The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments were as follows; Good (>80%), Standard (50-80%), Poor (<50%). The final quality ratings assigned to the sites also take into account the user quality ratings gathered from consultation.

Criteria for pitch quality, and examples of non-technical assessment forms, can be accessed on the Sport England website:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>

Unmet demand

See page 21 of the Sport England methodology:

<http://www.sportengland.org/media/217868/pps-guidance-october-2013-updated.pdf>

*“Current **unmet demand** could be in the form of a team that has currently got access to a pitch for its matches but nowhere to train or vice versa. It could also be from an educational establishment that is currently using an indoor facility because of the lack of access to outdoor pitch provision. Along with a lack of pitches of a particular type being available to the community unmet demand may be due to the poor quality and therefore limited capacity of pitches in the area and/or a lack of provision and ancillary facilities which meet a certain standard of play/league requirement.”*



APPENDIX B

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ASSESSMENT REPORT

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GLOSSARY

AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
NGB	National Governing Body
FA	Football Association
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
RFU	Rugby Football Union
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
S106	Section 106
FIT	Fields in Trust
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LDF	Local Development Framework
MUGA	Multi-use Games Area (an enclosed area using a synthetic grass or hard surface for playing sports)
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
FE	Further Education
HE	Higher Education
TGR	Team Generation Rate

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1. INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

- 1.1. This is the Playing Pitch Assessment Report prepared by Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) for Kirklees Council and its partners.
- 1.2. This report presents a supply and demand assessment of playing pitch facilities in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy. It has been followed to develop a clear picture of the balance between the local supply of, and demand for, playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities.
- 1.3. The guidance details a stepped approach to developing a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS). These steps are separated into five distinct sections:
 - ◀ Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach (Step 1)
 - ◀ Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision (Steps 2 & 3)
 - ◀ Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views (Steps 4, 5 & 6)
 - ◀ Stage D: Develop the strategy (Steps 7 & 8)
 - ◀ Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date (Steps 9 & 10)

Stages A to C are covered in this report.

Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach

Why the PPS is being developed

- 1.4. As outlined by the Council in the preparation stages of the study, the key drivers for a new PPS include:
 - ◀ The current Playing Pitch Strategy was published in 2006 and is now out of date
 - ◀ Budget cuts for local authorities are posing significant pressures on Councils abilities to maintain and develop their playing pitch stock. This document will help to identify areas that need prioritising, including key sites, and will reflect supply and demand analysis, team generation and future projection rates.
 - ◀ To provide a baseline for current and future supply and demand assessments for each of the sports being considered, and also set out a vision with a strategic approach to playing pitch provision in the Borough in the short, medium and long term.
 - ◀ To provide an evidence base for use in planning, investment and sports development decisions.
 - ◀ To provide a robust and up-to-date evidence base to inform the policy direction of the new Local Plan, specifically the development of planning policies concerned with the protection of playing fields and new playing pitch provision required to meet future demand. The findings and recommendations will also be used as a basis upon which to consider planning applications and development proposals involving playing pitches and the requirement for new open space.
 - ◀ To establish the principles to help inform where future resources should be focused and evidence need for funding bids to increase and improve playing pitch provision.

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Agreed scope

- 1.5. The following types of outdoor sports facilities were agreed by the steering group for inclusion in the Assessment and Strategy:
 - ◀ Football pitches
 - ◀ Cricket pitches
 - ◀ Rugby league pitches
 - ◀ Rugby union pitches
 - ◀ Hockey/artificial grass pitches (AGPs)
 - ◀ Bowling greens
 - ◀ Tennis courts
- 1.6. The Council has also chosen to include crown green bowls and tennis, given that they too may be affected by possible cuts to budgets for public spaces.

Policy context

- 1.7. With a population of 422,458 in 2011, Kirklees is 11th highest populated district in England. The 408,600 square kilometre area is a blend of urban & rural areas, made up of a network of settlements varying in landscape, social and demographic profile. Kirklees has a higher than average number of young people (0 – 15 year olds make up 20.4% of the population) and this is expected to increase in the future. The prospective growth in population in under 15 year olds and older people will mean an increase in provision for those age groups particularly important.
- 1.8. Kirklees Council's Corporate Plan for 2014 – 2015 establishes two key strategic drivers that provide a context for all the services that we deliver. These are:
 - ◀ Improving health and wellbeing in Kirklees
 - ◀ Further strengthening the Kirklees economy
- 1.9. The Corporate Plan sets out eight Community Commitments, which the Cabinet wish to make, and they include a commitment to “promote a healthy lifestyle for everyone and help people take part in our community.”
- 1.10. At the same time, the Kirklees Sport and Physical Activity Partnership are currently finalising an updated Activity Plan for the 2014 – 2019 period. This strategy sets out the vision for sport and physical activity in Kirklees, with an aspiration “Everyone Active in Kirklees: By 2020 everyone will be physically active through work, play, sport, travel or leisure”. This strategy is one of the key documents contributing to the corporate strategic aim of “Improving Health and Wellbeing in Kirklees.”

Planning Context

- 1.11. The National Planning Policy Framework March 2012 (NPPF) recognises that access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities.

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- 1.12. NPPF requires that planning policies are based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area.
- 1.13. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required.
- 1.14. Paragraph 74 of NPPF is concerned with the protection of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields. One of the matters set out is that such buildings and land should not be built on unless an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements. National Planning Practice Guidance (March 2014) refers local authorities to Sport England's guidance on how to assess the need for sport and recreation facilities.
- 1.15. Kirklees Council has an adopted Unitary Development Plan (UDP) that sets out the council's policies and proposals for the use and development of land and buildings. The plan was adopted on 1 March 1999 and constitutes the statutory development plan. It includes saved planning policies for the protection of land designated as urban greenspace (UDP policy D3) and private playing fields (UDP policy R7A)
- 1.16. The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan to replace the UDP. This plan will be prepared in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework and will set out policies and proposals for the protection of open space and playing fields in accordance with the framework.

Management arrangements

- 1.17. A Project Team from the Council has worked with KKP to ensure that all relevant information is readily available and to support the consultants as necessary to ensure that project stages and milestones are delivered on time, within the cost envelope and to the required quality standard to meet Sport England methodology.
- 1.18. Further to this, the Steering Group is and has been responsible for the direction of the PPS from a strategic perspective and for supporting, checking and challenging the work of the project team. The Steering Group is made up of representatives from Sport England and NGBs.
- 1.19. It will be important for the Steering Group to continue once the PPS has been finalised for several reasons, including a continuing responsibility to:
 - ◀ Be a champion for playing pitch provision in the area and promote the value and importance of the PPS.
 - ◀ Ensure implementation of the PPS's recommendations and action plan.
 - ◀ Monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the PPS.
 - ◀ Ensure that the PPS is kept up to date and refreshed.

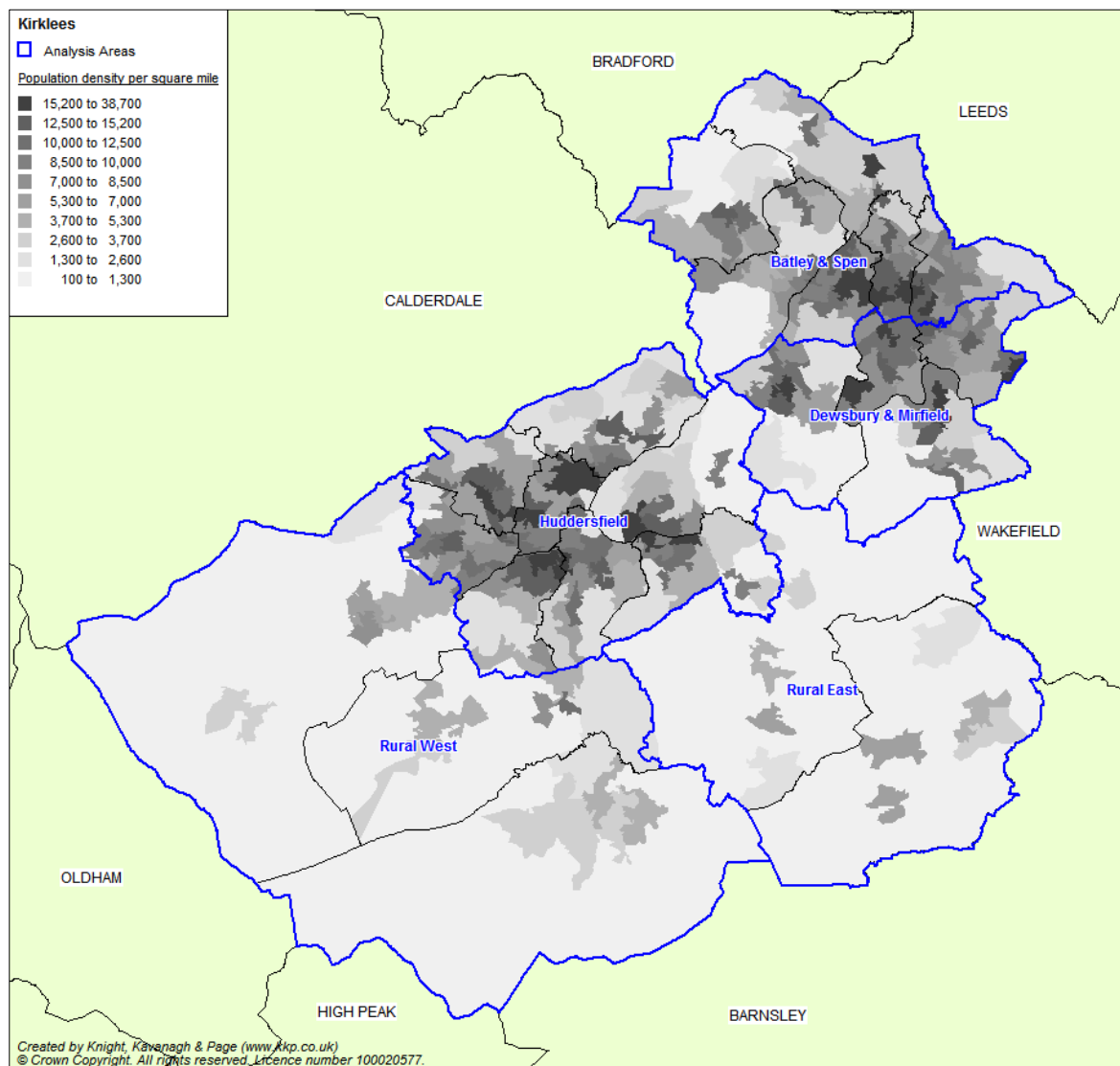
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Study area

1.20. The area covered by the PPS is the district of Kirklees. Further to this sub areas or analysis areas have been created to allow a more localised assessment of provision and examination of playing pitch surplus and deficiencies at a local level. Use of analysis areas also allows local circumstances and issues to be taken into account. Kirklees is divided into five analysis areas:

- ◀ Batley & Spen
- ◀ Dewsbury & Mirfield
- ◀ Huddersfield
- ◀ Rural East
- ◀ Rural West

Figure 1.1: Analysis area map



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Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision

- 1.21. It is essential that a PPS is based on the most accurate and up-to-date information available for the supply of and demand for playing pitches. This section provides details about how this information has been gathered in Kirklees.

Gather supply information and views – an audit of playing pitches

- 1.22. PPS guidance uses the following definitions of a playing pitch and playing field. These definitions are set out by the Government in the 2010 'Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order'.¹

- ◀ ***Playing pitch*** – a delineated area which is used for association football, rugby, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, American football, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo.
- ◀ ***Playing field*** – the whole of a site which encompasses at least one playing pitch.

- 1.23. This PPS counts individual grass pitches (as a delineated area) as the basic unit of supply. The definition of a playing pitch also includes artificial grass pitches (AGPs).

Quantity

- 1.24. All playing pitches are included irrespective of ownership, management and use. Playing pitch sites were initially identified using Sport England's Active Places web based database. The Council and NGBs supported the process by checking and updating this initial data. This was also verified against club information supplied by local leagues. For each site the following details were recorded in the project database (which will be supplied as an electronic file):

- ◀ Site name, address (including postcode) and location
- ◀ Ownership and management type
- ◀ Security of tenure
- ◀ Total number, type and quality of pitches

Accessibility

- 1.25. Not all pitches offer the same level of access to the community. The ownership and accessibility of playing pitches also influences their actual availability for community use. Each site is assigned a level of community use as follows:

- ◀ ***Community use*** - pitches in public, voluntary, private or commercial ownership or management (including education sites) recorded as being available for hire and currently in use by teams playing in community leagues.
- ◀ ***Available but unused*** - pitches that are available for hire but are not currently used by teams which play in community leagues; this most often applies to school sites but can also apply to sites which are expensive to hire.
- ◀ ***No community use*** - pitches which as a matter of policy or practice are not available for hire or used by teams playing in community leagues. This should include professional club pitches along with some semi-professional club pitches, where play is restricted to the first or second team.

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Quality

- 1.26. The capacity of pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by their quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of a sport. In extreme circumstances it can result in a pitch being unable to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times.
- 1.27. It is not just the quality of the pitch itself which has an effect on its capacity but also the quality, standard and range of ancillary facilities. The quality of both the pitch and ancillary facilities will determine whether a pitch is able to contribute to meeting demand from various groups and for different levels and types of play.
- 1.28. The quality of all pitches identified in the audit and the ancillary facilities supporting them are assessed regardless of ownership, management or availability. Along with capturing any details specific to the individual pitches and sites, a quality rating is recorded within the audit for each pitch.
- 1.29. These ratings are used to help estimate the capacity of each pitch to accommodate competitive and other play within the supply and demand assessment.
- 1.30. In addition to undertaking non-technical assessments (using the templates provided within the guidance and as determined by NGBs), users and providers were also consulted on the quality and in some instances the quality rating was adjusted to reflect this.

Gather demand information and views

- 1.31. Presenting an accurate picture of current demand for playing pitches (i.e. recording how and when pitches are used) is important when undertaking a supply and demand assessment. Demand for playing pitches in Kirklees tends to fall within the following categories:
 - ◀ Organised competitive play
 - ◀ Organised training
 - ◀ Informal play
- 1.32. In addition, unmet and displaced demand for provision is also identified on a sport by sport basis. Unmet demand is defined as the number of additional teams that could be fielded if access to a sufficient number of pitches (and ancillary facilities) was available. Displaced demand refers to teams that are generated from residents of the area but due to any number of factors do not currently play within the area.
- 1.33. Alongside current demand, it is important for a PPS to assess whether the future demand for playing pitches can be met. Using population projections, and proposed housing growth (if available), an estimate can be made of the likely future demand for playing pitches in Kirklees.
- 1.34. The resident population in Kirklees is recorded as 425,517 (these are the ONS June 2012 mid-year figures). By 2037, the Borough's population is projected to increase by 62,804 (equivalent to a percentage of 14.7%) to 488,321 (ONS 2012-based projections 2012-2037).

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- 1.35. Team generation rates are used to provide an indication of how many people it may take to generate a team (by gender and age group), in order to help estimate the change in demand for pitch sports that may arise from any population change in the study area.
- 1.36. Future demand for pitches is calculated by adding the percentage increases in table 1.5 to the ONS population increases in each analysis area. This figure is then applied to the TGRs and is presented on a sport by sport basis within the relevant sections of this report.
- 1.37. Other information sources that were used to help identify future demand include:
 - ◀ Recent trends in the participation in playing pitch sports.
 - ◀ The nature of the current and likely future population and their propensity to participate in pitch sports.
 - ◀ Feedback from pitch sports clubs on their plans to develop additional teams.
 - ◀ Any local and NGB specific sports development targets (e.g. increase in participation).
- 1.38. Current and future demand for playing pitches is presented on a sport by sport basis within the relevant sections of this report.
- 1.39. A variety of consultation methods were used to collate demand information. Face to face consultation was carried out with key clubs from each sport. This allowed for the collection of detailed demand information and an exploration of key issues to be interrogated and more accurately assessed.
- 1.40. For data analysis purposes an online survey (converted to postal if required) was utilised. This was sent to all clubs not covered by face to face consultation.
- 1.41. A variety of consultation methods were used to collate information about leagues, clubs, county associations and national/regional governing bodies of sport.
- 1.42. Local sports development officers, county associations and regional governing body officers advised which of the clubs to include in the face to face consultation. Sport England was also included within the consultation process prior to the project commencing. Issues identified by clubs returning questionnaires were followed up by telephone or face to face interviews.
- 1.43. Local sports development officers, county associations and regional governing body officers advised which of the clubs to include in the face to face consultation. Sport England was also included within the consultation process prior to the project commencing. Issues identified by clubs returning questionnaires were followed up by telephone or face to face interviews.

Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views

- 1.44. Supply and demand information gathered within Section B was used to assess the adequacy of playing pitch provision in Kirklees. It focused on how much use each site could potentially accommodate (on an area by area basis) compared to how much use is currently taking place.

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Understand the situation at individual sites

- 1.45. Qualitative pitch ratings are linked to a pitch capacity rating derived from NGB guidance and tailored to suit a local area. The quality and use of each pitch is assessed against the recommended pitch capacity to indicate how many match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket) a pitch could accommodate.
- 1.46. This is compared to the number of matches actually taking place and categorised as follows, to identify:

Potential spare capacity: Play is below the level the site could sustain.	
At capacity: Play is at a level the site can sustain.	
Overused: Play exceeds the level the site can sustain.	

Develop the current picture of provision

- 1.47. Once capacity is determined on a site by site basis, actual spare capacity is calculated on an area by area basis via further interrogation of temporal demand. Although this may have been identified, it does not necessarily mean that there is surplus provision. For example, spare capacity may not be available when it is needed or the site may be retained in a 'strategic reserve' to enable pitch rotation to reduce wear and tear.
- 1.48. Capacity ratings assist in the identification of sites for improvement/development, rationalisation, decommissioning and disposal.

Develop the future picture of provision - scenario testing

- 1.49. Modelling scenarios to assess whether existing provision can cater for unmet, displaced and future demand is made after the capacity analysis. This will also include, for example, removing sites with unsecured community use to demonstrate the impact this would have if these sites were to be decommissioned in the future.

Identify the key findings and issues

- 1.50. By completing Steps 1-5 it is possible to identify several findings and issues relating to the supply, demand and adequacy of playing pitch provision in Kirklees. This report seeks to identify and present the key findings and issues, which should now be checked, challenged and agreed by the Steering Group prior to development of the Strategy (Section D).
- 1.51. The following sections summarise the local administration of the main grass pitch sports in Kirklees. Each provides a quantitative summary of provision and a map showing the distribution of facilities. It also provides information about the availability of facilities to/for the local community and, the governing body of each sport and regional strategic plan (where they exist). Local league details are provided in order to outline the competitive structure for each sport. The findings of club consultation and key issues for each sport are summarised.

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2. FOOTBALL

Introduction

- 2.1. The organisation primarily responsible for the development of football in Kirklees is West Riding County FA, though some clubs to the East of the Borough affiliate to Sheffield and Hallamshire County FA. These organisations are also responsible for the administration, in terms of discipline, rules and regulations, cup competitions and representative matches, development of clubs and facilities, volunteers, referees, coaching courses and delivering national football schemes.
- 2.2. This section of the report focuses on the supply and demand for grass football pitches. Part 6 captures supply and demand for artificial grass pitches (AGPs). In the future it is anticipated that there will be a growing demand for the use of AGPs for competitive football fixtures, especially to accommodate mini and youth football. **Consultation**
- 2.3. In addition to face to face consultation with key clubs, an electronic survey was sent to all football clubs and leagues playing in Kirklees. Contact details were provided by each County FA (CFA) and the invitation to complete the survey was distributed via email. The survey was returned by 160 clubs (including face to face interviews) which equates to a response rate of 74%. The results are used to inform key issues within this section of the report. The following clubs were met with face to face:
- ◀ Battyeford Sporting Club FC
 - ◀ Dewsbury Rangers FC
 - ◀ Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC
 - ◀ Howden Clough FC
 - ◀ Kirkburton Juniors FC
 - ◀ Lepton Highlanders FC
 - ◀ Norristhorpe FC
 - ◀ Overthorpe Sports Club FC
 - ◀ Savile Town FC
 - ◀ Shelley FC
 - ◀ Thornhill United FC
 - ◀ Upperthong FC
 - ◀ Westend FC

2.2: Supply

- 2.4. The audit identifies a total of 378 grass football pitches in Kirklees. Of these, 322 are known to be available, at some level, for community use. The map overleaf identifies all pitches within Kirklees regardless of community use. See Table 2.11 for the key to the map.
- 2.5. There is also one full size 3G AGP, approved and certified by FIFA to be used for competitive fixtures, located at Leeds Road Sports Complex. A second 3G pitch at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre recently lost certification due to the age and poor quality of the surface. This is detailed further in Part 6.

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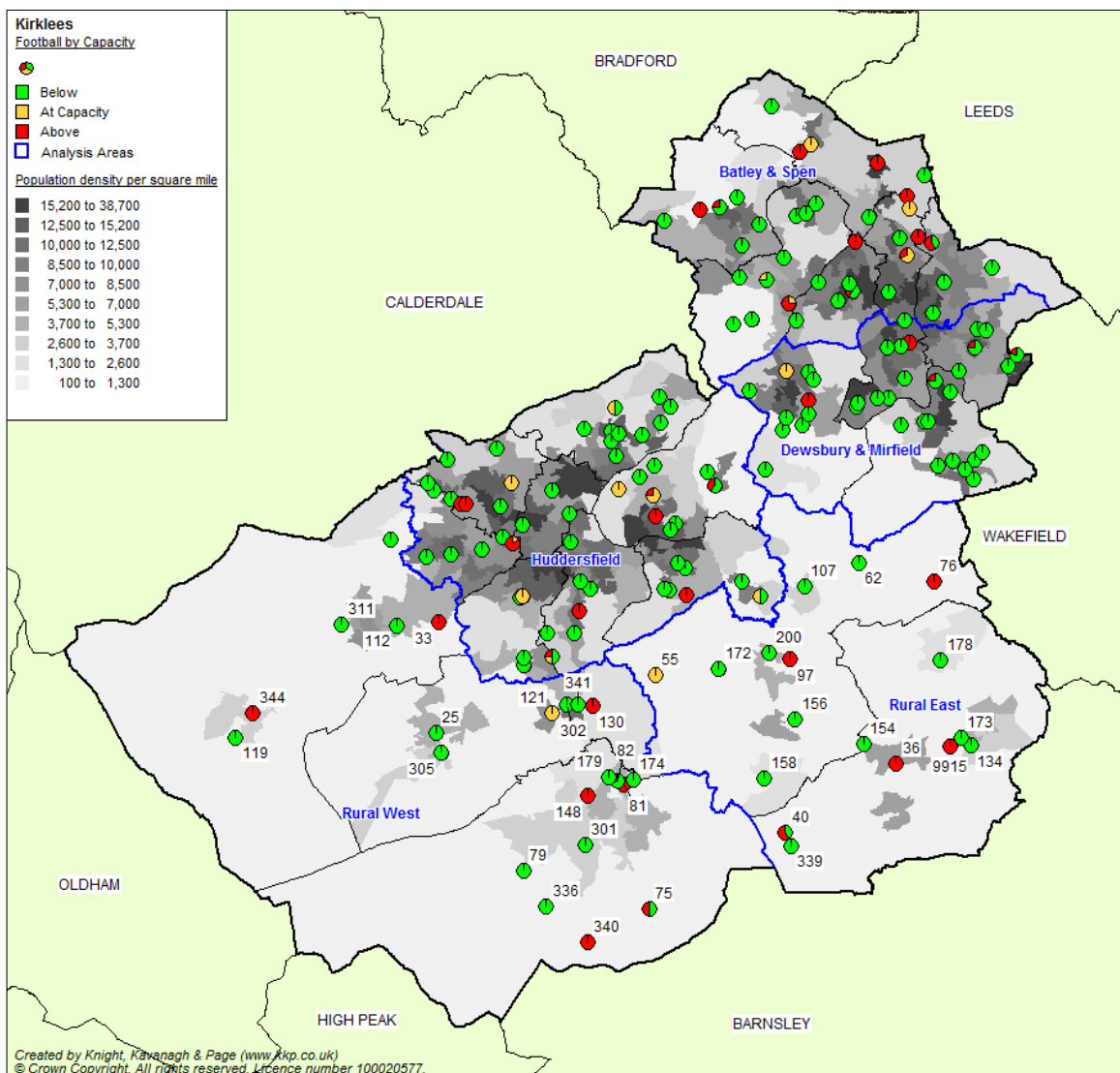
Table 2.1: Summary of grass pitches available for community use

Analysis area	Available for community use				
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5
Batley & Spen	33	4	7	8	10
Dewsbury & Mirfield	35	4	11	12	10
Huddersfield	69	2	15	9	9
Rural East	26	1	4	9	7
Rural West	24	1	3	6	3
KIRKLEES	187	12	40	44	39

- 2.6. There are a large number of adult pitches in Kirklees in comparison to other pitch types, however; this reflects the area as the majority of teams play at adult level. It is also partly due to youth 11v11 teams playing on adult pitches, though the reason for this may, in part, be due to a lack of youth 11v11 pitches rather than a preference for adult pitches. This is not ideal for youth players and is not in line with the FA Youth Review. Sites with adult pitches which are used by both adult and youth teams are indicated within Table 2.14.
- 2.7. In addition, all but two of the 11v11 pitches in the Borough are located at school sites and therefore may not be realistically accessible despite availability for community use, due to logistical issues such as access to changing rooms or toilet facilities. It is also possible that these pitches may be overplayed due to school use throughout the week, subsequently rendering them unfit for community use.

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Figure 2.1: Location and capacity of football pitches in Kirklees



Pitch quality

2.8. The quality of football pitches in Kirklees has been assessed via a combination of non-technical assessments (as determined by The FA) and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

- ◀ Good
- ◀ Standard
- ◀ Poor

2.9. Pitch quality primarily influences the recommended carrying capacity of a pitch. Maintenance of grass pitches plays a large part in determining pitch quality, for example it is likely that pitches which receive little to no ongoing repair or post-season remedial work will be assessed as poor, therefore limiting the number of games able to take place each week. Conversely, well maintained pitches which are tended to regularly are likely to be of a higher standard and capable of taking a number of matches without a significant reduction in surface quality. Other factors contributing towards poor quality include overuse and a lack of drainage necessary to improve quality.

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- 2.10. The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments were as follows; Good (>80%), Standard (50-80%), Poor (< 50%). It should be noted that all of the sites that received a 'standard' rating from the non-technical assessments scored between 50% and 57%.
- 2.11. The table below summarises the quality of grass pitches that are available for community use.

Table 2.2: Pitch quality assessments (community use pitches)

Adult pitches			Youth pitches			Mini pitches		
Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
46	100	40	6	30	16	15	48	20

- 2.12. The non-technical pitch quality audit shows that 25% of the adult pitches are good quality and 22% are poor quality, whilst the majority (53%) are standard. Over half of youth pitches are assessed as standard quality (57%), under a third (31%) are poor quality and just 12% are good. Most mini pitches are also standard quality (58%), with the remaining pitches assessed as good (18%) and poor (24%). Most pitches are poor or standard quality due to basic maintenance programmes particularly at Council sites where budgets will not allow for any further level of upkeep. Pitches at club sites may receive some remedial work by volunteers but this is often limited by cost. Further maintenance such as seeding and fertilising may be done sporadically when cost allows, or it is possible that clubs may not have access to the right equipment to be able to do so.
- 2.13. In general, club consultation indicates that pitch quality over the previous three years has varied. Over half of responding clubs (64%) believe there has been no difference in pitch quality, most of which play on rented sites owned by the Council or schools. The quality ratings assigned to sites in Kirklees also take account of the user quality ratings gathered from consultation.
- 2.14. Private sites (e.g. sports clubs) typically offer better quality facilities than Council parks/playing fields and school pitches. In general, such sports clubs tend to have dedicated ground staff or volunteers working on pitches and the fact that they are often secured by fencing prevents unofficial use. However, private site hire is often at full cost recovery. The maintenance and use of Council sites tends to be less frequent and unofficial use of these sites can further exacerbate quality issues.
- 2.15. Specific comments relating to the pitch conditions at individual sites can be seen in the table below. The comments are a combination of club feedback and site assessment information.

Table 2.3: Summary of pitch quality comments

Site	Comments
Greenhead College Sports Field	Standard quality pitches though the site has some drainage issues. The soil has a high clay content and subsequently water drains away very slowly. It is likely that this influences the unavailability of community use
Heatherleigh Recreation Ground	Clubs suggest that the site is not maintained properly and pitches are subject to poor drainage.
Hill Top	Flockton FC reports that the pitch is fine when dry but in wet weather becomes very wet. Quoted £12,000 three years ago for sand slitting to help improve drainage but the club is unable to afford the cost.

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Site	Comments
Hepworth United FC	The club reports that it had drainage work done within the last two years but this seems to have relocated the water to gather elsewhere on another part of the pitch.
Holmfirth High School Sports Field	According to Holme Valley Academicals FC, the pitch has no drainage system and as such in wet conditions one half of the pitch becomes waterlogged and unplayable. Holmfirth Town FC supports this view and believes that the pitch is overplayed, compounding the quality issues it has.
Celandine Recreation Ground	The goal areas are left bald and without grass due to the goalposts being left up throughout the summer, prompting local children to focus casual use on the goal areas and the goalposts which have become rusted.
Dry Clough Recreation Ground	The pitch slopes slightly which probably helps to drain away water which it does fairly well. Previous issues regarding exposed concrete at the base of the goalposts have now been resolved.
King James' School	The pitches slope both sideways and down and are poorly maintained, whilst goalposts do not meet FA requirements.
Berry Brow Rec	Open access site where dog fouling is a frequent issue along with heavy leaf fall from adjacent trees.
Salendine Nook High School	Location of the site leaves it subject to strong winds which can make playing football difficult for youth teams, which may limit demand to play there. No spectator barrier which prevents use in County FA leagues.
Sands Lane Recreation Ground	The site is located by an adjacent river which is prone to flooding which has previously caused significant damage to the pitches. Drainage to cope with this is poor and proves a persistent problem.

2.16. Main reasons for a decline in pitch quality relate to reports of limited maintenance carried out by the Council and a lack of available funds to carry out maintenance opportunities at private club sites. Other reasons for the decline in pitch quality include:

- ✦ Over marked pitches
- ✦ Amount of rainfall this season (2014/15)
- ✦ Uneven and hard surfaces
- ✦ Overplay in bad weather
- ✦ Casual use
- ✦ Dog foul/litter
- ✦ Lack of investment and limited maintenance
- ✦ Infrequent grass cutting
- ✦ Lack of remedial work i.e. seeding
- ✦ Adult matches damaging pitches before afternoon youth games

Ancillary facilities

2.17. Changing facilities are an issue at some football sites. Some of the facilities are described as poor quality by users in Kirklees although 80% of clubs stated they had access to changing rooms if required.

Clubs response to quality of changing facilities:

Good	Adequate	Poor
37%	37%	24%

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- 2.18. Of the clubs with access to changing facilities, opinion is that the quality is generally good or adequate, particularly at Leeds Road Sports Complex which is a multi sport site able to host a large number teams. Other sites rated as good by users include; Storthes Hall Park and Huddersfield New College.
- 2.19. Approximately a quarter of clubs rate the changing facilities they access as poor including Longfield Avenue, Carters Field, Savile Playing Field and King George V Playing Fields amongst others. Golcar United FC is concerned that its membership of the West Riding FA County Amateur League could be jeopardised due to the poor quality of changing facilities at Longfield Avenue not meeting requirements. George Healey FC reports that there were previously two changing blocks at Carters Field though one was knocked down, leaving two changing rooms each with two shower heads to cater for four teams playing on two pitches. Snowdon FC highlights a similar issue at Holroyd Park, where there are two changing rooms to service two pitches, which causes logistical problems when both pitches are in use.
- 2.20. Poor quality facilities at East Bierley Recreation Ground are a significant issue for users. Teams playing onsite, along with a resident rugby league team, are considering alternative sites which would offer access to better quality changing rooms. The pitch is used by Dudley Hill Rangers FC and Hunsworth FC, both of which are technically Bradford based clubs, such is the locality of the site to the Kirklees boundary. The three clubs are part of the East Bierley Community Sports Association and are trying to work towards building a new changing facility onsite. Having secured part funding for the project from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, projected costs for a building large enough to cater for three teams have doubled and the clubs are currently seeking further funding to complete the development.
- 2.21. A fifth of responding clubs said they had no access to changing facilities. Savile United FC report that the absence of changing facilities at Centenary Square Football Field is a major concern and that the Club is under persistent pressure from both the County FA and the Spenn Valley and District Association League to provide changing accommodation but that it is unable to move forward to do so. Other sites which do not have changing facilities include Moorend Recreation Ground and Jagger Lane Recreation Ground, whilst Holmfirth Town FC and Holme Valley Academicals FC are unable to access changing facilities at Holmfirth High School.

Security of tenure

- 2.22. Tenure of sites in Kirklees is generally secure i.e. through a long term lease or a guarantee that the pitch will continue to be provided over the next three years, with most sites ensuring community use is available whether owned by the Council or parish councils.
- 2.23. There are a number of sites owned by Kirklees Council and leased to sports clubs which manage it accordingly, such as Wakefield Road Playing Fields, Cross Lane Recreation Ground and Crown Fields. In addition, some clubs lease sites from other providers such as Storthes Hall Park (University of Huddersfield) and Marsden Football Club (private owner).

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- 2.24. However, tenure of some sites remains unsecure, notably at academy sites which are more likely to restrict levels of community use. Academies are therefore able to withdraw community use at short notice, or selectively choose community users based on school to club partnerships rather than broad availability to hire. A good example of which is Mirfield Free Grammar School, which though it has a partnership with a local rugby league team retains use of football pitches for its pupils.
- 2.25. Leeseide School is currently applying for academy status which would include a structural rebuild should the application be successful. The school fields are currently used by Six Lane Ends FC which has one adult team, as well as Birstall Victoria RLFC which has a number of senior and junior rugby league teams. There is the possibility that the rugby league pitch onsite could be built on by the new academy should development go ahead. Kirklees council is keen to work with Six Lane Ends FC to find an alternate site, with a view to the remaining football pitch becoming a rugby league pitch to be used by the rugby league club.

Over marked pitches

- 2.26. Over marking of pitches can cause notable damage to the surface quality and lead to overuse beyond recommended capacity. In some cases mini pitches may be marked onto senior pitches or mini matches may be played widthways across adult or youth pitches. This can lead to targeted areas of surface damage due to a large amount of play focused on high traffic areas, particularly the middle third of the pitch. Over marking of pitches not only influences available capacity, it may also cause logistical issues regarding kick off times, for example, when two teams of differing age formats are due to play at the same site at the same time.
- 2.27. There are a number of football pitches in Kirklees which are marked onto or overlapping cricket outfield, though pitch quality is unlikely to be harmed as most play is focused on the cricket square. This can create availability issues at multi-sport sites, as the cricket season begins in April when football season is still ongoing, whilst football season begins in August as cricket fixtures are still being played. Heywood Irish Centre FC reports that this is a particular issue at Leeds Road Sports Complex where four football pitches are out of use at the start and end of the cricket season, leaving just one available pitch which is not enough for all teams playing there. Over marking occurs on the following sites where cricket teams currently play:
- ◀ Birchencliffe CC (Mini)
 - ◀ Crawshaw Street Playing Fields (Adult & Mini)
 - ◀ Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road) (Youth)
 - ◀ Heckmondwike Sports Club (Adult & Mini)
 - ◀ Leeds Road Sports Complex (Adult)
 - ◀ Sands Lane Playing Fields (Adult)
 - ◀ The Welfare Ground (Adult)
- 2.28. Cricket usage is not likely to cause much damage to the surface of these pitches as most of the activity is focused on the square which is not over marked. However, football teams playing at these sites may have to seek additional pitch provision either as an alternative venue whilst cricket is being played, or as and when required.

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Football pyramid facilities

- 2.29. There are three clubs in Kirklees that play within the football pyramid:
- ◀ Liversedge FC (Step 5)
 - ◀ Emley AFC (Step 6)
 - ◀ Shelley FC (Step 7)
- 2.30. Clubs within the step system must adhere to ground requirements set out by the FA. The higher the level of football being played the higher the requirements. Clubs cannot progress into the league/step above if the ground requirements do not meet the correct specifications. Ground grading, as it is referred to, assesses grounds from A to H, with 'A' being the requirements for Step 1 clubs.
- 2.31. Of the three clubs in Kirklees playing within the football pyramid, Liversedge FC plays at the highest level (Step 5) and as such is required to have floodlighting, as is Emley AFC. Shelley FC only requires a perimeter rail in order to meet minimum ground criteria. In addition, the main pitch at Storthes Hall Park has existing floodlighting, dugouts and covered spectators area, therefore the Club is well equipped for progression through the pyramid system and is unlikely to be limited should it achieve promotion and any subsequent move into Step 6.
- 2.32. Howden Clough FC does not currently play within the pyramid structure, though it has aspirations for the U17s team to progress through to join the Northern Alliance U19s League. At the moment this is not possible because fixtures are played midweek under floodlights which the Upper Batley Lane Fields site does not have, meaning the team would need to find a suitable venue with floodlighting (likely a Step 6 and above ground) or alternatively a floodlit 3G pitch certified for competitive matches.

Training

- 2.33. Access to training facilities is a key issue for most clubs in Kirklees. Just over half (53%) of responding clubs report a need for additional training facilities, all of which specified a need for more accessible 3G pitches. Many clubs highlighted that their teams don't train or have had to stop training due a lack of availability on existing 3G pitches or that they are unable to afford to hire them.
- 2.34. There are only five full sized, floodlit 3G pitches in Kirklees available to hire for training, three of which are located in the Huddersfield area, one in the Batley & Spen area and one in Dewsbury & Mirfield area. Based on FA estimates, one full size AGP can service 60 teams, highlighting a shortfall in all of the five analysis areas. Most notably, there are no 3G pitches in either the Rural East or Rural West analysis areas; however, there is less demand in these areas.
- 2.35. A lack of capacity on 3G pitches is exacerbated at some sites where community clubs were partners in the initial build of the AGP, meaning they have priority access for a proportion of the week. For example, Dewsbury Rangers FC is a partner at St John Fisher Academy and has exclusive access all of Thursday and Friday evenings, leaving only three nights for other community bookings. Similarly, Howden Clough FC has 20 hours of use per week of the 3G at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre across four weeknights between September and March, which in turn limits the amount of capacity available to other clubs in the area.

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Future development

- 2.36. Savile Town FC is seeking to obtain a long term lease from the Council on Savile Playing Fields in order to build a clubhouse on the site. The Club also has aspirations to build a full size 3G surface AGP on the site and is exploring access to grant funding through the Football Foundation.
- 2.37. All Saints Catholic College has plans for redevelopment of the sporting facilities onsite, including a new sports centre which is currently in progress which will provide new changing facilities for the outdoor pitches. The college has drawn up plans and is currently investigating opportunities to secure matched funding.

A number of clubs are planning to build clubhouses on sites where they currently play. Almondburians FC has plans to build beside the existing cricket pavilion, Hepworth United FC has submitted a planning application to build a clubhouse at the Far Lane site and Marsden FC has a five year plan for a new clubhouse and changing facilities. Netherton Juniors FC plans to build a solid clubhouse to replace the existing temporary pre-fabricated structure.

2.3: Demand

- 2.38. Through the audit and assessment, a total of 655 teams were identified as playing matches on football pitches within Kirklees, though 22 teams currently play on AGP surfaces. This consists of 215 men's, nine women's, 241 youth boys', 13 youth girls' and 177 mini soccer teams (two of which are girls' only mini teams).

Table 2.4: Summary of competitive teams currently playing in Kirklees

Analysis area	No. of teams playing				
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5
Batley & Spen	34	41	27	18	18
Dewsbury & Mirfield	39	26	14	23	16
Huddersfield	84	53	28	25	12
Rural East	35	19	14	20	16
Rural West	32	20	12	20	9
KIRKLEES	224	159	95	106	71

- 2.39. Overall, the Huddersfield area represents the greatest proportion (31%) of all teams playing within the Borough, whilst the Rural West makes up the least (14%).
- 2.40. Adult teams make up 34% of the teams playing football within Kirklees. The highest number of teams (84) occurs in the Huddersfield area at the adult age format, representing 39% of the adult teams playing in Kirklees and 42% of all teams playing in Huddersfield. The distribution of adult teams outside of Huddersfield is spread fairly evenly across the other four analysis areas, where the lowest number of adult teams (32) occurs in the Rural West area.

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- 2.41. The Huddersfield area also accounts for the highest proportion of youth teams (32%), representing the majority at both 11v11 (33%) and 9v9 (29%) levels. There are also significant numbers of youth 11v11 (41) and youth 9v9 (27) teams within the Batley & Spennethorpe area, which makes up 27% of all youth teams within Kirklees. The fewest number of youth teams within an analysis area occurs in the Rural West, which has the lowest number of youth 9v9 teams (12) and contributes the lowest proportion of youth teams overall (13%). The Rural East has a similarly low number of youth teams (33), particularly at the youth 11v11 level where it has the least number of teams (19).
- 2.42. The greatest number of teams at the mini age group comes from the Dewsbury & Mirfield area (39), though teams are fairly evenly spread across the Borough. The Rural West represents the lowest proportion (16%) of mini teams, notably at mini 5v5 level with just nine teams.
- 2.43. There are fifteen girls' and nine women's teams currently playing in Kirklees, although girls are permitted to play football in mixed teams up until the age of U15. Batley Juniors FC, Howden Clough FC, Lepton Highlanders FC, Norristhorpe FC and Huddersfield Town Ladies FC all field specific girls teams at youth level, whilst Skelmanthorpe United JFC and Norristhorpe FC each have one mini team made up of only girls.
- 2.44. Clubs were asked whether there had been a change in the number of teams over the previous three years. The response rates for those which answered those relevant questions can be seen in the table below.

Table 2.5: Change in the number of teams over the previous three years

Team type	Clubs response		
	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same
Adult	12%	11%	77%
Youth	22%	10%	68%
Mini	26%	4%	70%

- 2.45. The highest increase in team type is seen in the mini soccer section. Although it would then be expected that this increase in teams would translate to more youth and eventually more adult teams, although there is actually a national trend of decline at the youth age. However, the vast majority (70%) of mini soccer teams report that the number of mini teams has stayed the same.
- 2.46. The survey responses for both adult and youth levels also show a similar level of decrease in number of teams. Of the 10% of clubs that report a decrease in the number of youth teams, the reasons given were a lack or loss of interest, lack of volunteers or managers to run the teams, or the attraction of better quality facilities available at other clubs prompting whole teams to move together.
- 2.47. The majority (77%) of clubs with adult teams report that the number of teams has stayed the same, whilst any increase at some clubs (12%) counteracts decreases at others (11%), resulting in a fairly static number of teams. Of the clubs which report a decrease, the majority report having lost reserves or Vets teams due to a lack of interest or coaches available.

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Unmet demand

- 2.48. Unmet demand is existing demand that is not getting access to pitches. It is usually expressed, for example, when a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch, or when a league has a waiting list due to a lack of pitch provision, which in turn is hindering the growth of the League.
- 2.49. Battyeford SC FC reports unquantified unmet demand in that the Club is now at capacity for the number of pitches it currently has access to at West Mills Playing Fields, already having to over mark several pitches and use a pitch offsite at the House of Resurrection. The Club operates a waiting list and has had to refer new players at youth and mini levels to other clubs.
- 2.50. University of Huddersfield teams currently play at Storthes Hall Park on Wednesday afternoons, whilst the site is also used by Shelley FC at weekends. The university reports that if it had access to more pitches at weekends then it would look to enter student teams into local weekend leagues, which may enable students on non-sports courses who are timetabled on Wednesday afternoons to play.
- 2.51. It appears that although some clubs report a lack of availability or access to pitches within Kirklees, other influencing factors play a part in limiting an increase in the number of teams. This is most notably a lack of volunteers to support the running of additional teams or a lack of funding to secure use of a pitch consistently for league fixtures.

Latent demand

- 2.52. In addition to unmet demand a number of clubs believe that if more pitches were available, at their home ground or in the local area, they could develop more teams in the future (latent demand).
- 2.53. Thornhill United FC is based in an area of high deprivation and therefore tries to make football accessible for all in the local community by not charging membership or weekly fees. The Club believes it could have more players and more teams, though it is hesitant to advertise for the potential of attracting players who may be able to afford to pay elsewhere at other clubs, detracting from the specific ethos of the club and its role within the local community to provide for those who can't.

Displaced demand

- 2.54. Displaced demand refers to Kirklees registered teams that are currently accessing pitches outside of the Area for their home fixtures, normally because their pitch requirements cannot be met, which is usually because of pitch supply or in some cases quality issues.
- 2.55. Some demand is exported out from Kirklees to neighbouring Bradford. Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC is based within Mirfield and fields a large number of junior teams. The Club already plays across a number of sites within Kirklees but reports difficulty in accessing suitable and well lit training facilities within the Mirfield and Dewsbury area and that it isn't able to secure regular slots on the AGP at Mirfield Free Grammar School. Teams therefore travel over 20 minutes away to access available capacity on the 3G pitch at Tong School in Bradford, however, would prefer to train nearer to Mirfield.

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- 2.56. Cumberworth FC exports demand towards the south and uses more than one site outside of Kirklees for matches and training. U14's and U15's teams play at Ingbirchworth Playing Fields in Barnsley, whilst several teams train at Penistone Grammar School. Some teams export demand towards the North East, for example several clubs have teams playing at Soccer City in Leeds where the West Riding CFA Girls League holds monthly galas for mini teams.

Imported demand

- 2.57. Wyke Wanderers FC is based in Wyke (Bradford) and fields teams at both adult and junior levels. The Club currently has seven teams (one adult and six youth) playing on pitches within Kirklees, located at Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields. Though demand is considered to be imported, in reality the pitches are located less than two miles away from Wyke across the Council border and may subsequently be easier to access than other facilities within Bradford. Similarly, Dudley Hill Rangers FC and Hunsworth FC are both Bradford based teams which play at East Bierley Recreation Ground, again due to the location of the site close to the Council border with Bradford where it may be easier to access.

Future demand

Population increases

- 2.58. Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating the number of teams likely to be generated in the future based on population growth.

Table 2.6: Team generation rates

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Adult Men (16-45)	86,148	204	1:422	90,996	215.5	11.5
Adult Women (16-45)	84,738	9	1:9415	88,973	9.4	0.4
Youth Boys (10-15)	15,707	226	1:70	18,129	260.9	34.9
Youth Girls (10-15)	15,474	13	1:1190	17,436	14.6	1.6
Mini-Soccer Mixed (6-9)	21,149	172	1:123	23,735	193.0	21.0

- 2.59. Population growth is likely to result in an increase in the number of men's teams by eleven, whilst women's teams will remain fairly static despite an increase in players. Similarly, demand within adolescent males is expected to increase significantly, enough to create an additional forty teams at youth boys level. Demand for youth girls' football is also expected to increase to prompt the creation of at least one more team. Mini soccer demand is expected to continue to develop, creating the need for an additional 21 new teams.

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Participation increases

- 2.60. Some clubs plan to increase the number of teams for next season, mostly at mini level transitioning through from development groups into U7 teams.

Table 2.7: Summary of future demand expressed by clubs

Club	Comments
Kirkburton Juniors FC	Plans to add one mini 5v5 and one 9v9 team, though age group transition will mean two more teams progress to 9v9 football which may put pressure on the pitch.
Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC	Addition of at least one team at 5v5 each year. Currently 24 children in the development group so likelihood of at least two new teams
Black Horse FC	Add another adult team
Deighton WMC FC	Add a second adult team
University of Huddersfield	Add a second women's team

- 2.61. Where quantified, clubs plan to provide an additional two men's, one women's, one youth (boys and 3 mini teams).

2.4: Capacity analysis

- 2.62. The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing football. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of the pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times. Pitch quality is often influenced by weather conditions and drainage.
- 2.63. As a guide, The FA has set a standard number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its current quality (pitch capacity). Taking into consideration the guidelines on capacity the following was concluded in Kirklees:

Adult pitches		Youth pitches		Mini pitches	
Pitch quality	Matches per week	Pitch quality	Matches per week	Pitch quality	Matches per week
Good	3	Good	4	Good	6
Standard	2	Standard	2	Standard	4
Poor	1	Poor	1	Poor	2

- 2.64. Table 2.11 applies the above pitch ratings against the actual level of weekly play recorded to determine a capacity rating as follows:

Potential capacity	Play is below the level the site could sustain
At capacity	Play matches the level the site can sustain
Overused	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

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Education sites

- 2.65. To account for curricular/extra-curricular use of education pitches it is likely that the carrying capacity at such sites will need to be adjusted. The only time this would not happen is when a school does not use its pitches at all and the sole use is community use.
- 2.66. In the case of school sites where pitches are used for curriculum use, training sessions and school fixtures, additional play of three match equivalents per pitch has been added within Table 2.11. This is an assumption based on the average number of teams, however, where more detailed information on a site is known, this should be used. For example, Batley Girls High School has little outdoor curriculum use other than during the summer for athletics and rounders and therefore no additional play has been added.

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Table 2.8: Football pitch capacity analysis

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Type of tenure ²	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Current play	Site capacity	Overused (+), At Capacity (!) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Match equivalents available in peak period
1	All Saints Catholic College	Yes-unused	Secured	College	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	2	6	6	0	2
1	All Saints Catholic College	Yes-unused	Secured	College	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Good	2	6	8	-2	2
3	Almondbury Junior School	No	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
4	Almondbury Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
5	Almondbury Sports Centre	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	2	0.5	6	-5.5	2
7	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
8	Bankfield Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	2	2.5	2	0.5	1
8	Bankfield Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1.5	4	-2.5	0
8	Bankfield Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	0
8	Bankfield Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1	2	-1	0
10	Batley Business & Enterprise College	Yes	Secured	College	Batley & Spen	Adult		Poor	3	4 + 9	3	10	1
10	Batley Business & Enterprise College	Yes	Secured	College	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	2	1 + 6	8	-1	1.5
12	Batley Girls High School	Yes	Secured	KAL	Batley & Spen	Youth	(11v11)	Poor	1	2	1	1	0
12	Batley Girls High School	Yes	Secured	KAL	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	2.5	1	1.5	0
13	Batley Grammar School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Good	3	2.5 + 9	9	2.5	2
13	Batley Grammar School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Good	1	3 + 3	4	2	0
15	BBG Academy	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	3	2	1	1
15	BBG Academy	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	1 + 3	2	2	0.5
16	Beck Lane Football Ground	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Adult		Good	1	2	3	-1	0
17	Berry Brow Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
22	Bradley Park	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	3	0	6	-6	3
23	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Good	2	0	6	-6	2
25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Good	1	2.5	5	-2.5	1.5
25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1				
26	Canal Side Sports Complex	No	Secured	Private	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	3	0	6	-6	N/A
26	Canal Side Sports Complex	No	Secured	Private	Huddersfield	Youth	(11v11)	Good	1	0	8	-8	N/A
27	Carters Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Poor	2	2	2	0	1.5
27	Carters Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	2	1	1	0
28	Castle Hall Academy	Yes	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Poor	2	1.5 + 6	2	5.5	0.5
28	Castle Hall Academy	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	3	2	1	1
28	Castle Hall Academy	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	2	6	2	4	2
29	Celandine Avenue Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	1
30	Centenary Square Football Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
33	Colne Valley High School	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Adult		Standard	2	6	4	2	2
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	3	2.5	6	-3.5	1.5
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
36	Cross Lane Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Adult		Standard	2	5	4	1	0

² Unless local information suggests otherwise it can be assumed that the availability of all pitches in LA, town and parish council and sports club ownership will be secure.

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38	Crow Lane Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	1	0.5	1	-0.5	1
40	Crown Fields	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Adult		Poor	2	2.5	2	0.5	1.5
40	Crown Fields	Yes-unused	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	1	0	2	-2	1
40	Crown Fields	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	1.5	2	-0.5	1
40	Crown Fields	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	2	1	1	0
43	Deighton Centre	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	3	2.5	9	-6.5	2.5
43	Deighton Centre	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	Good	2	1.5	12	-10.5	0.5
48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	3.5	2	1.5	0
49	Dryclough Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	0.5
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	3	2	1	1
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Good	2	6	12	-6	2
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(11v11)	Good	1	3	4	-1	1
53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Good	1	1	3	-2	1
55	Farnley Tyas Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Adult		Standard	1	2	2	0	0
58	Fieldhead Academy	No	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	3	2	1	N/A
62	Grange Moor Football Ground	Yes	Secured	Club	Rural East	Adult		Good	2	0.5	6	-5.5	2
64	Greenhead College Sports Field	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	3	2	6	-4	N/A
67	Hartshead Junior & Infant School	No	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
69	Hartshead Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
70	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	3	2	1	0
70	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
70	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	1
70	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	2	2	0	0
72	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Good	2	1.5 + 6	6	1.5	0.5
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Good	2	0.5 + 6	12	-5.5	1.5
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Good	1	0.5 + 3	4	-0.5	0.5
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Good	1	1	6	-5	1
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	0.5	6	-5.5	1
75	Hepworth United FC	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural West	Adult		Poor	2	2.5	2	0.5	2
75	Hepworth United FC	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	2	1.5	4	-2.5	2
76	Hill Top	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Adult		Poor	1	3	1	2	1
77	Hillside Primary School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
79	Holmbridge Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Adult		Poor	1	3 + 3	1	5	0
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	1	1 + 3	2	2	1
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Youth	(11v11)	Poor	1	3	1	2	1
82	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
82	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
82	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	3	2	1	0
83	Holroyd Park	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	2	1	4	-3	1

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84	Holt Avenue Rec	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	1	0	3	-3	1
84	Holt Avenue Rec	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
86	Howden Clough Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Good	1	1	3	-2	1
87	Huddersfield Grammar School	No	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
88	Huddersfield New College	Yes	Secured	College	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	9	7	2	5
88	Huddersfield New College	Yes	Secured	College	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	5				
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Community	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	4	10	12	-2	0
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Good	1	1.5	6	-4.5	0
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	3.5	6	-2.5	0
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Good	1	1	4	-3	0
90	Hyrstlands Park	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	1	1	2	-1	0
90	Hyrstlands Park	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
92	Jagger Lane Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Poor	2	4	2	2	0.5
93	King George V Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	2	2.5	4	-1.5	0.5
94	King James' School	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	1	1 + 3	1	3	0
94	King James' School	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	3	1	2	1
95	Kingsley Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Poor	1	1	1	0	0
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Rural East	Adult		Standard	2	6	4	2	2
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	3 + 3	4	2	0
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2 + 3	4	5	0
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	2	2.5 + 6	4	4.5	0
101	Leeside School Fields	Yes	Unsecured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Poor	1	0.5 + 3	1	2.5	0.5
102	Bywell Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	2	0.5	4	-3.5	2
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	5	6	15	-9	2.5
105	Lees Holme Park	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
106	Lepton C E (VC) Junior Infant & Nursery School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	0	8	-8	N/A
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Adult		Standard	2	3.5	4	-0.5	2
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	0
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2.5	4	-1.5	0
109	Lighenfield Lane Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
110	Lindley Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	2	2	2	0	2
112	Linthwaite Recreational Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Standard	2	1.5	4	-2.5	2
114	Liversedge Football Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Adult		Good	1	1.5	3	-1.5	1
116	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	2	2.5	4	-1.5	1
116	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
118	Lower Hopton Football Club	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
119	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural West	Adult		Good	1	1.5	3	-1.5	0
121	Meltham Road Recreation Ground (Meltham Hall Park)	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	2	2	0	0
123	Mirfield Free Grammar School Sports Field	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Good	2	6	6	0	N/A
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
128	Moorend Academy	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	2	6	6	0	2

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129	Moorend Recreation Ground	Yes-unused		Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
130	Neiley Pavilion	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	1 + 3	2	2	1
130	Neiley Pavilion	Yes-unused	Unsecured	PFI	Rural West	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	3	2	1	1
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	0.5 + 3	2	1.5	1
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	1 + 3	2	2	0
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0.5 + 3	2	1.5	0.5
132	Nibshaw Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Good	1	1.5	3	-1.5	0
132	Nibshaw Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	1	6	-5	0
133	Norristhorpe Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	0	8	-8	2
134	Nortonthorpe Sports Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	0.5
139	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	2	2	0	0.5
139	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	2.5	8	-5.5	0
139	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
141	Rectory Park	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	1	1	2	-1	0
141	Rectory Park	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	1	2	-1	0
142	Reinwood Rec	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	2	2	4	-2	1
143	Roberttown Church Of England Voluntary Controlled Junior And Infant School	No	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
144	Rowley Lane Junior Infants & Nursery School	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	0
144	Rowley Lane Junior Infants & Nursery School	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	2	2	0	0.5
145	Royds Hall High School	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	4	2 + 9	8	3	1
145	Royds Hall High School	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1 + 3	4	0	0
145	Royds Hall High School	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1.5 + 3	4	0.5	0
145	Royds Hall High School	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1 + 3	2	2	0
146	Salendine Nook High School	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	2	0.5 + 6	2	4.5	1.5
146	Salendine Nook High School	Yes	Unsecured	PFI	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	3 + 3	1	5	0
147	Sands Lane Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	5	4	10	-6	3
148	Sands Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Poor	2	5.5	2	3.5	0
149	Savile Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	3	2	1	0
149	Savile Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1	4	-3	0
149	Savile Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	0
149	Savile Playing Field	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
151	Scholes Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	0
154	Shelley College	No	Secured	Council	Rural East	Adult		Standard	3	0	6	-6	N/A
154	Shelley College	No	Secured	Council	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	0	8	-8	N/A
154	Shelley College	No	Secured	Council	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
154	Shelley College	No	Secured	Council	Rural East	Mini	(11v11)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
156	Shelley Lane	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	2	0	4	-4	2
158	Shepley Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1

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159	Shirley Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
163	Spennithorne Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
164	Spennithorne Valley Sports College	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	2	2.5 + 6	4	4.5	0.5
164	Spennithorne Valley Sports College	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1 + 3	4	0	1
164	Spennithorne Valley Sports College	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1.5 + 3	4	0.5	0.5
166	Spennithorne Pool & Fitness Complex	Yes-unused	Secured	Trust	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Yes	Secured	KAL	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	1.5 + 3	2	2.5	0
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Yes	Secured	KAL	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	1 + 3	2	2	0.5
171	Standforth Recreation Ground (Dalton Playing Fields)	Yes	Secured	Council	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	3	1.5	3	-1.5	2.5
172	Storthes Hall Park	Yes	Secured	University	Rural East	Adult		Good	5	13	15	-2	1
172	Storthes Hall Park	Yes	Secured	University	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	Good	1	1	6	-5	0
172	Storthes Hall Park	Yes	Secured	University	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	1	6	-5	0
173	Sunnymead Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
174	Sycamore Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Rural West	Adult		Standard	2	0	4	-4	2
174	Sycamore Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
178	The Welfare Ground	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Adult		Good	1	1.5	3	-1.5	1
179	Thongsbridge Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural West	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1	2	-1	0
180	Thornhill Sports Centre	Yes	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	2	1	4	-3	1
181	Thornhill Cricket & Bowling Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Good	3	1	9	-8	3
182	Thornhill Junior And Infant School	Yes	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1	2	-1	0
184	Upper Hopton Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	1.5	2	-0.5	0
186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Poor	2	5.5	2	3.5	0
186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	2	2.5	4	-1.5	0
186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	2	3.5	4	-0.5	0
186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	3	2.5	3	-0.5	0.5
187	Warrenside Football Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Adult		Good	1				
187	Warrenside Football Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1.5	5	-3.5	1.5
187	Warrenside Football Club	Yes-unused	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Good	1	0	6	-6	1
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	0.5
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	2	8	-6	2
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	3	0	12	-12	3
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	2	3	4	-1	1
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	2	2	4	-2	0

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190	Westborough High School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Poor	2	0	2	-2	N/A
190	Westborough High School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	2	0	4	-4	N/A
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Poor	1	0	1	-1	1
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	0	2	-2	1
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(11v11)	Poor	1	0.5	1	-0.5	0.5
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	1.5	1	0.5	0
200	Gregory Fields Tennis Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural East	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
223	Bradley Mills Cricket & Bowling Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	2	2	0	0
261	Overthorpe Sports Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Good	1	1.5	3	-1.5	0
261	Overthorpe Sports Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	0.5	6	-5.5	0.5
280	Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road)	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
281	Upper Batley Lane Fields	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	2	4	4	0	1
283	Primrose Hill Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
286	Birchencliffe CC	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
286	Birchencliffe CC	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
289	Thornhill Street Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Secured	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
290	Ashbrow Primary School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
291	Boothroyd J & I School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
292	Bywell CE Junior School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	0	8	-8	N/A
293	Carlinghow Princess Royal Primary School	No	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
294	Chickenley Community JI & N School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
295	Crossley Fields J & I School	Yes	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	2	0.5	4	-3.5	1.5
296	Crowlees CE J & I School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
297	Field Lane J & I School	No	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
298	Fixby J & I School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
299	Golcar J I & N	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	2	0	4	-4	2
299	Golcar J I & N	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
300	Gomersal Primary School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1.5	4	-2.5	0
300	Gomersal Primary School	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
301	Holmfirth J I & N School	No	Secured	School	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
302	Honley CE Junior School	Yes	Secured	School	Rural West	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1.5	4	-2.5	1
302	Honley CE Junior School	Yes	Secured	School	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	2	2	8	-6	1
304	Lydgate J & I School	No	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
305	Meltham C of E Primary School	Yes	Secured	School	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	0
306	Moorlands Primary	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
307	Overthorpe J & I Academy	Yes	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5

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308	Ravenshall School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
309	Ravensthorpe C of E Junior School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
309	Ravensthorpe C of E Junior School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
310	Scapegoat Hill J & I School	No	Secured	School	Rural West	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
311	Slaithwaite CE J & I School	No	Secured	School	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	N/A
311	Slaithwaite CE J & I School	No	Secured	School	Rural West	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
312	South Crosland CE Junior School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	2	0	4	-4	N/A
313	Spring Grove JI & N School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
314	St Josephs Catholic Primary School (Hudds)	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0.5	4	-3.5	0.5
315	St Patricks Catholic Primary School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	0	8	-8	N/A
316	St Thomas CE Primary School	No	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	N/A
317	Staincliffe CE Junior	No	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	0	8	-8	N/A
318	Westmoor Junior School	No	Secured	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	0	8	-8	N/A
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0.5 + 3	2	1.5	1
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	2 + 3	2	3	0
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1.5 + 3	2	2.5	0
332	Northfield Hall	Yes	Secured	Community	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
332	Northfield Hall	Yes	Secured	Community	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1	2	-1	0
333	Almondbury CE Infant & Nursery School	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1	4	-3	0
334	House of Resurrection	Yes	Unsecured	Private	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1	4	-3	1
335	Mill Street	Yes	Secured	Unknown	Batley & Spen	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
336	Cartworth Moor	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
337	Millbridge Junior & Infant School	Yes	Secured	School	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1	2	-1	0
338	Birdsedge First School	Yes	Secured	School	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0.5	4	-3.5	1
339	Birdsedge Recreation Ground	Yes	Secured	Council	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1	4	-3	1
340	Flowery Fields	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	5	2	3	0
341	Honley Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	0
342	Stoney Ford	Yes	Secured	Unknown	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
343	Wellhouse Lane	Yes	Secured	Unknown	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1.5	4	-2.5	0
343	Wellhouse Lane	Yes	Secured	Unknown	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	0
344	Marsden Football Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Rural West	Adult		Poor	1	3	1	2	0
362	West Fields Park	Yes	Secured	Club	Rural West	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	0
9913	North Huddersfield Trust	Yes-unused	Secured	Trust	Huddersfield	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
9914	Nether Hall High School	Yes-unused	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Adult		Poor	3	3	3	0	3
9914	Nether Hall High School	Yes	Secured	School	Huddersfield	Youth	(11v11)	Poor	1	1.5 + 3	1	3.5	0
9915	Scisset Middle School	Yes	Secured	School	Rural East	Adult		Poor	1	0.5 + 3	1	2.5	0.5
9915	Scisset Middle School	Yes	Secured	School	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	2 + 3	2	3	0
9915	Scisset Middle School	Yes	Secured	School	Rural East	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	1.5 + 3	1	3.5	0

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2.5: Supply and demand analysis

Spare capacity

- 2.67. The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified ‘potential capacity’ can be deemed ‘spare capacity’. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular friendly matches and activities that take place but are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis.

Peak time

- 2.68. The peak time varies for all pitch types is Sunday morning. It is important to acknowledge that although most adult football is split fairly evenly between Saturday afternoon (190 teams) and Sunday morning (213 teams), peak time for adult pitches is considered to be Sunday morning. This is because a large proportion of adult pitch demand is generated from the high number of youth teams playing 11 a side matches on adult pitches on Sunday morning.
- 2.69. The table below identifies whether or not spare capacity can actually be considered as such, based on whether pitches are available at peak time.

Table 2.9: Spare capacity in the peak period

Pitch type	Peak time	Comments
Adult	Sunday AM	<p>The demand for adult football pitches is highest on Sunday morning, as many youth teams playing 11 a side football do so on adult pitches. This added demand means that although Sunday morning is not the peak time for adult football matches (just below half of adult matches are played on Saturday afternoon), it is the peak time at which teams use adult pitches and will reduce the capacity available for adult matches when required.</p> <p>The main leagues operating on Sunday mornings are the Heavy Woollen Sunday League and the Kirklees Sunday League. The majority of teams play on Council owned pitches or hire pitches at school sites. Popular sites include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Leeds Road Sports Complex ◀ King George V Playing Fields ◀ Sands Lane Playing Fields <p>Around half of adult teams play on Saturday PM (190 teams) in a variety of leagues, some of which are of a higher standard and require certain facilities. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Huddersfield & District Association League ◀ Northern Counties East Football League ◀ Spen Valley & District League ◀ West Riding CFA Amateur League ◀ Yorkshire Amateur League ◀ West Yorkshire Association League

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Pitch type	Peak time	Comments
		<p>Teams use a mixture of club sites and Council sites. Some teams play within the football pyramid, for example Liversedge FC and AFC Emley play on Saturday afternoon as well as some fixtures on Tuesday nights. Most used sites include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Crown Fields ◀ Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground ◀ Storthes Hall Park ◀ Huddersfield New College ◀ Leeds Road Sports Complex ◀ Holmfirth High School Sports Field <p>Several pitches are used throughout the space of the weekend, either for adult football on Saturday followed by youth 11v11 football on Sunday, or for use all day Sunday. In many cases this sustained play combined with a basic maintenance schedule contributes towards limited pitch quality.</p>
Youth 11v11	Sunday AM	<p>The vast majority of youth 11v11 teams in Kirklees play in the Huddersfield & District JFL on Sunday mornings, though dependant on kick off times and pitch availability at certain sites some games (often the older age groups such as under 15s and under 16s) may kick off early Sunday afternoon. Sports club sites are amongst the most used, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ West Mills Playing Fields ◀ Wakefield Road Recreation Ground ◀ Batley Business & Enterprise College ◀ Batley Girls High School ◀ Upper Batley Lane Fields ◀ Huddersfield New College ◀ Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club <p>As previously mentioned, most teams(87%) playing youth football in these leagues are doing so on adult pitches, with only 20 teams playing on 11v11 pitches. There are only 12 youth 11v11 pitches in Kirklees, ten of which are at school sites and available for community use. The two exceptions are at West Mills Playing Fields but these pitches are also used for 9v9 football as they are minimum 11v11 dimensions. There is a shortfall of 11v11 pitches in Kirklees and more pitches may help to alleviate the use of adult pitches for youth football.</p>
Youth 9v9	Sunday AM	<p>With the exception of the West Riding CFA Girls League, all teams play in the Huddersfield & District JFL on Sunday morning. Like 11v11 teams, most play at a combination of sports club and school sites, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Carters Field ◀ West Mills Playing Fields ◀ Crown Fields ◀ Batley Grammar School ◀ Salendine Nook High School ◀ Kirkburton Middle School

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Pitch type	Peak time	Comments
		A number of teams play on 11v11 or adult pitches, possibly due to a lack of 9v9 pitches in the area or appropriately sized goalposts given the relatively recent introduction of the 9v9 format.
Mini 7v7	Sunday AM	All teams playing mini soccer in Kirklees compete in the Huddersfield & District JFL. The peak time for mini football is Sunday morning. Six teams from Howden Clough FC currently play on the full size 3G pitch at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre which the club over marked in blue as mini pitches. Pitches are generally located at sports club or school sites. Most used mini soccer sites include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ West Mills Playing Fields ◀ Kirkburton Middle School
Mini 5v5	Sunday AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◀ Bankfield Rec ◀ Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club ◀ Wellhouse Lane ◀ Savile Playing Field <p>All mini soccer demand is retained within Kirklees, the only exceptions being specific girls teams which may travel to Leeds to play monthly gala events held by West Riding CFA on 3G pitches at a central venue.</p>

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Table 2.10: Actual spare capacity

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Current play	Overused (+), At Capacity (!) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Match equivalent sessions available in peak period	Comments
4	Almondbury Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
5	Almondbury Sports Centre	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		2	0.5	-5.5	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
7	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
8	Bankfield Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	1.5	-2.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
8	Bankfield Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-2	0	
8	Bankfield Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-1	0	
10	Batley Business & Enterprise College	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	2	1 + 6	-1	1.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
16	Beck Lane Football Ground	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	2	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
17	Berry Brow Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
22	Bradley Park	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Adult		3	0	-6	3	Spare capacity available at peak time
23	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		2	0	-6	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Yes	Rural West	Adult		1	2.5	-2.5	1.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Yes	Rural West	Adult	1	Spare capacity available at peak time				
29	Celandine Avenue Recreation Ground	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1.5	-0.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
30	Centenary Square Football Field	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		3	2.5	-3.5	1.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
38	Crow Lane Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	0.5	-0.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
40	Crown Fields	Yes-unused	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
40	Crown Fields	Yes	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	1	1.5	-0.5	1	This pitch is marked onto one of the already overplayed adult pitches. An overplayed 9v9 pitch is also marked on, therefore no additional use should be considered
43	Deighton Centre	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		3	2.5	-6.5	2.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
43	Deighton Centre	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	2	1.5	-10.5	0.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
49	Dryclough Recreation Ground	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1.5	-0.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	1	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
62	Grange Moor Football Ground	Yes	Rural East	Adult		2	0.5	-5.5	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
69	Hartshead Rec	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
70	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
70	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-2	1	Marked onto the existing 9v9 pitch which is already overplayed, therefore no additional use should be considered
72	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	2	0.5 + 6	-5.5	1.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Yes	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5 + 3	-0.5	0.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	1	1	-5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-5.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time

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75	Hepworth United FC	Yes	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	2	1.5	-2.5	2	Both pitches are marked onto one of the adult pitches which is already overplayed, therefore no additional use should be considered
79	Holmbridge Recreation Ground	Yes	Rural West	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
82	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Yes-unused	Rural West	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
82	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Yes-unused	Rural West	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
83	Holroyd Park	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		2	1	-3	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
84	Holt Avenue Rec	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Adult		1	0	-3	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
84	Holt Avenue Rec	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
86	Howden Clough Playing Fields	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	1	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		4	10	-2	0	Adult pitch 1 used as senior Rugby Union pitch as well. No spare capacity at peak time
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	1.5	-4.5	0	No spare capacity at peak time
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	3.5	-2.5	0	No spare capacity at peak time
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-3	0	Marked onto adult pitch 4, no spare capacity at peak time
90	Hyrstlands Park	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	1	1	-1	0	Marked onto 7v7 pitch, no spare capacity at peak time
90	Hyrstlands Park	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Overmarked with 5v5 pitch, therefore no additional use should be considered
93	King George V Playing Field	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		2	2.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
102	Bywell Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		2	0.5	-3.5	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		5	6	-9	2.5	Cricket squares located in the gaps between pitches so the football pitches make up the majority of the cricket outfield. Some spare capacity available though may cause potential logistical issues at the start of cricket season
105	Lees Holme Park	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Yes	Rural East	Adult		2	3.5	-0.5	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Yes	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	1	2	-2	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Yes	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	1	2.5	-1.5	0	
109	Lighenfield Lane Recreation Ground	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
112	Linthwaite Recreational Ground	Yes	Rural West	Adult		2	1.5	-2.5	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
114	Liversedge Football Club	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	1.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
116	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		2	2.5	-1.5	1	One pitch is overmarked by 9v9. Some spare capacity may be available dependant on kick off times
116	Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	0	-2	1	Marked onto one of the adult pitches. Some spare capacity may be available dependant on kick off times
118	Lower Hopton Football Club	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
119	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club	Yes	Rural West	Adult		1	1.5	-1.5	0	Pitch partly overlaps a cricket pitch outfield. No spare capacity at peak time
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Football pitch overlaps the far end of the outfield. Some spare capacity available though may cause potential logistical issues at the start of cricket season
129	Moorend Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
132	Nibshaw Rec	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	1.5	-1.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
132	Nibshaw Rec	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-5	0	
133	Norristhorpe Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	2	0	-8	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
134	Nortonthorpe Sports Club	Yes	Rural East	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time

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135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	1.5	-0.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
139	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	2	2.5	-5.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
139	Princess Mary Rugby Field	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
141	Rectory Park	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	1	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
141	Rectory Park	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
142	Reinwood Rec	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		2	2	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
144	Rowley Lane Junior Infants & Nursery School	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
147	Sands Lane Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		5	4	-6	3	Spare capacity available at peak time
149	Savile Playing Field	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	1	-3	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
149	Savile Playing Field	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-2	0	
149	Savile Playing Field	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
151	Scholes Cricket Club	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	1.5	-0.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
156	Shelley Lane	Yes-unused	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	2	0	-4	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
158	Shepley Recreation Ground	Yes	Rural East	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
159	Shirley Recreation Ground	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
163	Spen Bottoms Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
166	Spenborough Pool & Fitness Complex	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
171	Standiforth Recreation Ground (Dalton Playing Fields)	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		3	1.5	-1.5	2.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
172	Storthes Hall Park	Yes	Rural East	Adult		5	13	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
172	Storthes Hall Park	Yes	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	1	1	-5	0	
172	Storthes Hall Park	Yes	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-5	0	
173	Sunnymead Recreation Ground	Yes	Rural East	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
174	Sycamore Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Rural West	Adult		2	0	-4	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
174	Sycamore Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
178	The Welfare Ground	Yes	Rural East	Adult		1	1.5	-1.5	1	Pitch partially overlaps the cricket outfield, spare capacity may be available though may cause logistical issues during cricket season
179	Thongsbridge Recreation Ground	Yes	Rural West	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
180	Thornehill Sports Centre	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		2	1	-3	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
181	Thornhill Cricket & Bowling Club	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		3	1	-8	3	Spare capacity available at peak time
182	Thornhill Junior And Infant School	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
184	Upper Hopton Cricket Club	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	1.5	-0.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	2	2.5	-1.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	2	3.5	-0.5	0	

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186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	3	2.5	-0.5	0.5	Two of the three pitches are each marked onto an adult pitch, therefore no additional use should be considered. The standalone pitch should be used where possible to alleviate use on the already overplayed adult pitches
187	Warrenside Football Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1.5	-3.5	1.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
187	Warrenside Football Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1				
187	Warrenside Football Club	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-6	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	1.5	-0.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	2	2	-6	2	Spare capacity available at peak time
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	3	0	-12	3	Pitches are marked widthways onto one of the 11v11/9v9 pitches.; Though unused, this area is used for both 9v9 and 11v11 matches and therefore no additional use should be considered
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(11v11)	2	3	-1	1	These two pitches are each both the minimum dimensions for 9v9 football and maximum for 11v11. They are used for both age formats, therefore no additional use should be considered
189	West Mills Playing Fields	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	2	2	-2	0	
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes	Batley & Spen	Youth	(11v11)	1	0.5	-0.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
200	Gregory Fields Tennis Club	Yes	Rural East	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
261	Overthorpe Sports Club	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	1.5	-1.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
261	Overthorpe Sports Club	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-5.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity at peak time
280	Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road)	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
283	Primrose Hill Cricket Club	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
286	Birchenclyffe CC	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	0.5	-1.5	1	Marked onto cricket outfield. . Some spare capacity available though may cause potential logistical issues at the start of cricket season
286	Birchenclyffe CC	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-1.5	1	
289	Thornhill Street Recreation Ground	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
295	Crossley Fields J & I School	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult		2	0.5	-3.5	1.5	Spare capacity available at peak time
299	Golcar J I & N	Yes	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
300	Gomersal Primary School	Yes	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	1	1.5	-2.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
302	Honley CE Junior School	Yes	Rural West	Mini	(5v5)	1	1.5	-2.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
302	Honley CE Junior School	Yes	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	2	2	-6	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
305	Meltham C of E Primary School	Yes	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-2	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
307	Overthorpe J & I Academy	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
314	St Josephs Catholic Primary School (Hudds)	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-3.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
332	Northfield Hall	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
332	Northfield Hall	Yes	Huddersfield	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
333	Almondbury CE Infant & Nursery School	Yes	Huddersfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	1	-3	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
334	House of Resurrection	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-3	1	Spare capacity available at peak time

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335	Mill Street	Yes	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	0.5	Minimal spare capacity available at peak time, retain to maintain pitch quality
336	Cartworth Moor	Yes	Rural West	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
337	Millbridge Junior & Infant School	Yes	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-1	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
338	Birdsedge First School	Yes	Rural East	Mini	(5v5)	1	0.5	-3.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
339	Birdsedge Recreation Ground	Yes	Rural East	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-3	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
341	Honley Cricket Club	Yes	Rural West	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-2	0	Marked onto cricket outfield. No spare capacity available at peak time
342	Stoney Ford	Yes	Huddersfield	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity available at peak time
343	Wellhouse Lane	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	1	1.5	-2.5	0	No spare capacity available at peak time
343	Wellhouse Lane	Yes	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-2	0	
9913	North Huddersfield Trust	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity available at peak time

2.70. Although spare capacity is often as a result of a lack of demand for grass pitches, there are some sites that are likely to retain spare capacity as a matter of practice to allow pitches to rest and rotate. As well as this, some pitches are deemed unusable beyond current levels of use due to poor quality. Therefore, those pitches with spare capacity that are rated as poor quality are not considered as actual spare capacity.

2.71. There are a number of education sites that are reported to be available but currently unused. Although these sites may have potential future capacity they are not currently classified as actual spare capacity and are highlighted in the table below:

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Current play	Overused (+), At Capacity (/) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Match equivalent sessions available in peak period	Comments
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Mini	(5v5)	2	6	-6	2	No pitches considered available in peak period
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Yes-unused	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Youth	(11v11)	1	3	-1	1	No pitches considered available in peak period
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Adult		1	0	-1	1	No pitches considered available in peak period
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Mini	(7v7)	1	0	-2	1	No pitches considered available in peak period
299	Golcar J I & N	Yes-unused	Huddersfield	Adult		2	0	-4	2	No pitches considered available in peak period
300	Gomersal Primary School	Yes-unused	Batley & Spen	Youth	(9v9)	1	0	-2	1	No pitches considered available in peak period

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2.72. Actual spare capacity has been aggregated up (highlighted as green in the comments column in the table above) by area and by pitch type.

Table 2.11: Actual spare capacity summary

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match sessions per week)				
	Adult	Youth (11v11)	Youth (9v9)	Mini (7v7)	Mini (5v5)
Batley & Spen	5	-	0.5	4.5	5.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	19.5	-	1.5	4.5	3
Huddersfield	26	-	2	1.5	3
Rural East	10	-	-	3	2
Rural West	8.5	-	-	2	2
KIRKLEES	69	-	4	15.5	15.5

2.73. The table shows a total of 104 match sessions considered to be actual spare capacity. Some of these are across 38 pitches which are available for community use but have no recorded play:

- ◀ Bradley Park (Adult)
- ◀ Bridge Street Playing Fields (Adult)
- ◀ Crawshaw Street Playing Fields (5v5)
- ◀ Crown Fields (5v5)
- ◀ Hawkroyd Bank Rec (5v5)
- ◀ Holmfirth Sports Centre (Adult, 5v5)
- ◀ Holt Avenue Rec (Adult, 9v9)
- ◀ Lees Holme Park (Adult)
- ◀ Longfield Avenue Recreation Ground (9v9)
- ◀ Moorend Recreation Ground (Adult)
- ◀ Norristhorpe Recreation Ground (5v5)
- ◀ Princess Mary Rugby Field (7v7)
- ◀ Savile playing Field (9v9)
- ◀ Shelley Lane (7v7)
- ◀ Spen Bottoms Recreation Ground (5v5)
- ◀ Spenborough Pool & Fitness Complex (Adult)
- ◀ Sycamore Recreation Ground (Adult, 7v7)
- ◀ Warrenside Football Club (5v5)
- ◀ West Mills Playing Field (7v7)
- ◀ Thornhill Street Recreation Ground (Adult)
- ◀ North Huddersfield Trust (Adult)

Overplay

2.74. Overplay occurs when there is more play accommodated on a site than it is able to sustain (which can often be due to the low carrying capacity of the pitches). In summary, 90 pitches are overplayed across 39 sites, by a total of 145.5 match equivalent sessions. Several of these sites are located at schools, where the main reasons for overplay are a culmination of curriculum PE use, extracurricular use including school fixtures and any additional community use.

Table 2.12: Overplay summary

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating
8	Bankfield Rec	Huddersfield	Adult	2	0.5
10	Batley Business & Enterprise College	Batley & Spen	Adult	3	10
12	Batley Girls High School	Batley & Spen	11v11	1	1
12	Batley Girls High School	Batley & Spen	9v9	1	1.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating
13	Batley Grammar School	Batley & Spen	Adult	3	2.5
13	Batley Grammar School	Batley & Spen	9v9	1	2
15	BBG Academy	Batley & Spen	Adult	1	1
15	BBG Academy	Batley & Spen	11v11	1	2
27	Carters Field	Batley & Spen	9v9	1	1
28	Castle Hall Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	2	5.5
28	Castle Hall Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	7v7	1	1
28	Castle Hall Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	9v9	2	4
33	Colne Valley High School	Rural West	Adult	2	2
36	Cross Lane Recreation Ground	Rural East	Adult	2	1
40	Crown Fields	Rural East	Adult	2	0.5
40	Crown Fields	Rural East	9v9	1	1
48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	Adult	1	1.5
51	Earlsheaton Technology College (aka Manor Croft Academy)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	1	1
58	Fieldhead Academy	Batley & Spen	Adult	1	1
70	Hawkroyd Bank Rec	Huddersfield	Adult	1	1
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Batley & Spen	Adult	2	1.5
75	Hepworth United FC	Rural West	Adult	2	0.5
76	Hill Top	Rural East	Adult	1	2
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Rural West	Adult	1	5
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Rural West	5v5	1	2
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Rural West	11v11	1	2
82	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Rural West	9v9	1	1
88	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Adult	6	2
92	Jagger Lane Recreation Ground	Rural West	Adult	2	2
94	King James' School	Huddersfield	Adult	1	3
94	King James' School	Huddersfield	9v9	1	2
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	Adult	2	2
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	5v5	1	2
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	7v7	1	5
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Rural East	9v9	2	4.5
101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen	Adult	1	2.5
130	Neiley Pavilion	Rural West	Adult	1	2
130	Neiley Pavilion	Rural West	9v9	1	1
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Huddersfield	Adult	1	1.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Huddersfield	11v11	1	2
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Huddersfield	9v9	1	1.5
145	Royds Hall High School	Huddersfield	Adult	4	2
145	Royds Hall High School	Huddersfield	7v7	1	0.5
145	Royds Hall High School	Huddersfield	9v9	1	2
146	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	Adult	2	4.5
146	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	9v9	1	5
148	Sands Recreation Ground	Rural West	Adult	2	3.5
149	Savile Playing Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	1	1
164	Spenn Valley Sports College	Batley & Spenn	Adult	2	4.5
164	Spenn Valley Sports College	Batley & Spenn	7v7	1	0.5
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	1	2.5
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	11v11	1	2
186	Wakefield Road Recreation Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Adult	2	3.5
192	Whitechapel Church Of England Primary School	Batley & Spenn	9v9	1	0.5
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley & Spenn	Adult	1	1.5
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley & Spenn	11v11	1	3
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Batley & Spenn	9v9	1	2.5
340	Flowery Fields	Rural West	Adult	1	3
344	Marsden Football Club	Rural West	Adult	1	2
9914	Nether Hall High School	Huddersfield	11v11	1	3.5
9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	Adult	1	2.5
9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	7v7	1	3
9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	9v9	1	3.5

Table 2.13: Overplay summary

Analysis area	Overplay (match sessions per week)				
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5
Batley & Spenn	24.5	6	7.5	0.5	-
Dewsbury & Mirfield	13.5	2	4	1	-
Huddersfield	19	5.5	10.5	0.5	-
Rural East	8	-	9	8	2
Rural West	20	2	2	-	2
KIRKLEES	85	15.5	33	10	4

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2.6: Conclusions

- 2.75. Having considered supply and demand, the tables below identify the overall spare capacity in each of the analysis areas for the different pitch types, based on match equivalent sessions. Future demand is based on Team generation rates (TGRs) which are driven by population increases as well as club development plans. It is important to note the presence of some latent demand within each analysis area though because this hasn't been quantified it has been discounted from the summary tables below.

Table 2.14: Summary of demand for adult pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ³	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Batley & Spen	5	24.5	19.5	1	20.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	19.5	13.5	6	1	5
Huddersfield	26	17	9	3	6
Rural East	10	8	2	1	1
Rural West	8.5	20	11.5	1.5	13
KIRKLEES	69	83	14	7.5	21.5

- 2.76. The table above shows that overall in Kirklees there is shortfall of match equivalent sessions on adult pitches to accommodate teams both now and in the future across Kirklees as a whole. There is currently a shortage of 14 match equivalent sessions overall, though when future demand from club feedback and team generation rates is considered there will be a need for 21.5 match sessions. The existing demand for additional sessions comes from the Batley & Spen and Rural West areas; however, the other three analysis areas are able to cater for both current and future demand. It is important to note that a significant amount of overplay is due to youth 11v11 teams playing on adult pitches. In total there are 139 youth 11v11 teams contributing 69.5 match equivalent sessions of overplay on adult pitches, a reduction of which would significantly improve the level of capacity available on adult pitches at peak time.

Table 2.15: Summary of demand for youth 11v11 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Batley & Spen	-	6	6	3	9
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-	2	2	2	4
Huddersfield	-	5.5	5.5	4	9.5
Rural East	-	-	-	1.5	1.5
Rural West	-	2	2	1.5	3.5
KIRKLEES	-	15.5	15.5	12	27.5

³ In match equivalent sessions

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- 2.77. The table above shows that currently there is no actual spare capacity available on 11v11 pitches, yet there is a need for a further 15.5 match equivalent sessions to accommodate the current level of overplay. Overplay comes from all analysis areas with the exception of the Rural East area. It is important to acknowledge that Kirklees is significantly underserved by youth 11v11 pitches and that the level of expected overplay would be far greater if teams were playing on youth 11v11 pitches rather than adult pitches.

Table 2.16: Summary of demand for youth 9v9 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Batley & Spen	0.5	7.5	7	2	9
Dewsbury & Mirfield	1.5	4	2.5	1	3.5
Huddersfield	2	10.5	8.5	2	10.5
Rural East	-	9	9	1.5	10.5
Rural West	-	2	2	1	3
KIRKLEES	4	33	29	7.5	36.5

- 2.78. The current picture shows that although 9v9 pitches show a small amount of available capacity at peak time, this is outweighed by overplay of 33 match equivalent sessions, most of which occurs in the Batley & Spen, Huddersfield and Rural East areas. Future demand is expected to increase significantly, exacerbating the level of overplay by a further 29 match sessions per week, largely contributed by the same three areas. Therefore, Kirklees has a shortfall of match equivalent sessions on 9v9 pitches to meet both current and future demand, with a requirement for a further 36.5 sessions.

Table 2.17: Summary of demand for mini 7v7 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Batley & Spen	4.5	0.5	4	2	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	4.5	1	3.5	2.5	1
Huddersfield	1.5	0.5	1	2	1
Rural East	3	8	5	2	7
Rural West	2	-	2	1.5	0.5
KIRKLEES	15.5	10	5.5	10	4.5

- 2.79. All current demand is being accommodated on 7v7 pitches in Kirklees despite 10 match sessions of overplay, as there is available capacity at peak time in all five analysis areas. There is the potential for this to be reduced should the mini teams currently playing on an AGP at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre have to relocate to grass pitches due to the poor quality 3G surface. There is a current overall surplus of 5.5 match sessions at peak time which is enough to cater for current demand. Batley & Spen, Dewsbury & Mirfield and Rural West are able to accommodate this level of future demand. The Huddersfield area and Rural East area would require eight more match sessions to provide for the increased number of teams.

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Table 2.18: Summary of demand for mini 5v5 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)			
		Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Batley & Spen	5.5	-	5.5	3	2.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	3	-	3	2.5	0.5
Huddersfield	3	-	3	2	1
Rural East	2	2	-	2.5	2.5
Rural West	2	2	-	1.5	1.5
KIRKLEES	15.5	4	11.5	11.5	-

- 2.80. At present there is a relatively small amount of overplay on 5v5 pitches in Kirklees, located in the Rural East and Rural West areas to the amount of four match sessions. This is outweighed by available spare capacity of 15.5 match sessions, which is enough to accommodate both current demand and increased in future demand of 11.5 sessions. This considered; all pitches will be at capacity on 5v5 pitches.

Football – grass pitch summary

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 377 football pitches in Kirklees. Of these, 321 are available, at some level, for community use
- ◀ Most football pitches available for community use are assessed as being of standard quality (53%) or good quality (25%), with less than a quarter (22%) assessed as poor
- ◀ 655 teams were identified as playing on pitches within Kirklees, however 22 of these play matches on FA certified AGP pitches
- ◀ There are three clubs (Liversedge FC, AFC Emley and Shelley FC) playing within the football pyramid structure at Steps 5, 6 and 7. All three clubs currently meet the required facilities specifications for their respective leagues
- ◀ Access to training facilities, particularly floodlit 3G pitches, is a key issue within Kirklees. Many teams report a lack of available capacity and as a result a number have stopped training completely
- ◀ Key developments include Shelley FC which plans to self fund a resurface of the AGP at Storthes Hall Park to 3G. This would accommodate some match play and training as well as university teams
- ◀ No clubs quantified unmet demand, though Battyeford SC FC particularly reports having a waiting list in operation and that it has had to turn away players due to a lack of pitch capacity
- ◀ There is exported demand for training facilities from two teams travelling to nearby Bradford to access AGPs. This reduces some demand for pitches within Kirklees. Imported demand from three Bradford based clubs for matches increases demand for adult pitches
- ◀ There is a total of 104 match sessions of actual spare capacity across the Borough, of which 72 are on adult pitches. There are 38 pitches within Kirklees that are available for community use but are unused (excluding school sites)
- ◀ 89 pitches are overplayed by a total of 147.5 match sessions per week
- ◀ There is a shortfall of match sessions to accommodate current demand on adult and youth pitches. Future demand would require more match sessions available at mini 7v7 level

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3. PART 3: CRICKET

3.1: Introduction

- 3.1. The Yorkshire County Cricket Board is the main governing and representative body for cricket within the County, including Kirklees. Its aim is to promote the game at all levels through partnerships with professional and recreational cricketing clubs, and other appropriate agencies.
- 3.2. Cricket is popular in Kirklees and is played at all standards across the entire week. Many clubs have strong junior sections and those that do tend to have at least one team at every age group (U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17). Cricket is popular among the South Asian Communities in Kirklees and especially around the Dewsbury area where a strong Sunday League operates.

Consultation

- 3.3. In addition to face to face and telephone consultation with cricket clubs, an electronic survey was also distributed by email and supported by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Responses were gained from 69 of the 93 clubs playing in Kirklees equating to a 74% response rate. Results are used to inform key issues within this section of the report.

3.2: Supply

- 3.4. In total, there are 70 senior cricket pitches in Kirklees. Of these, two are available for community use but unused. These are at Batley Grammar School and Hyrstlands Park. The remaining pitches are all available for community use and used. There is also a private disused cricket ground at Thornhill Cricket and Bowling Club which is currently excluded from the supply as the teams at the club have folded and it is unclear whether the pitch is available for use.

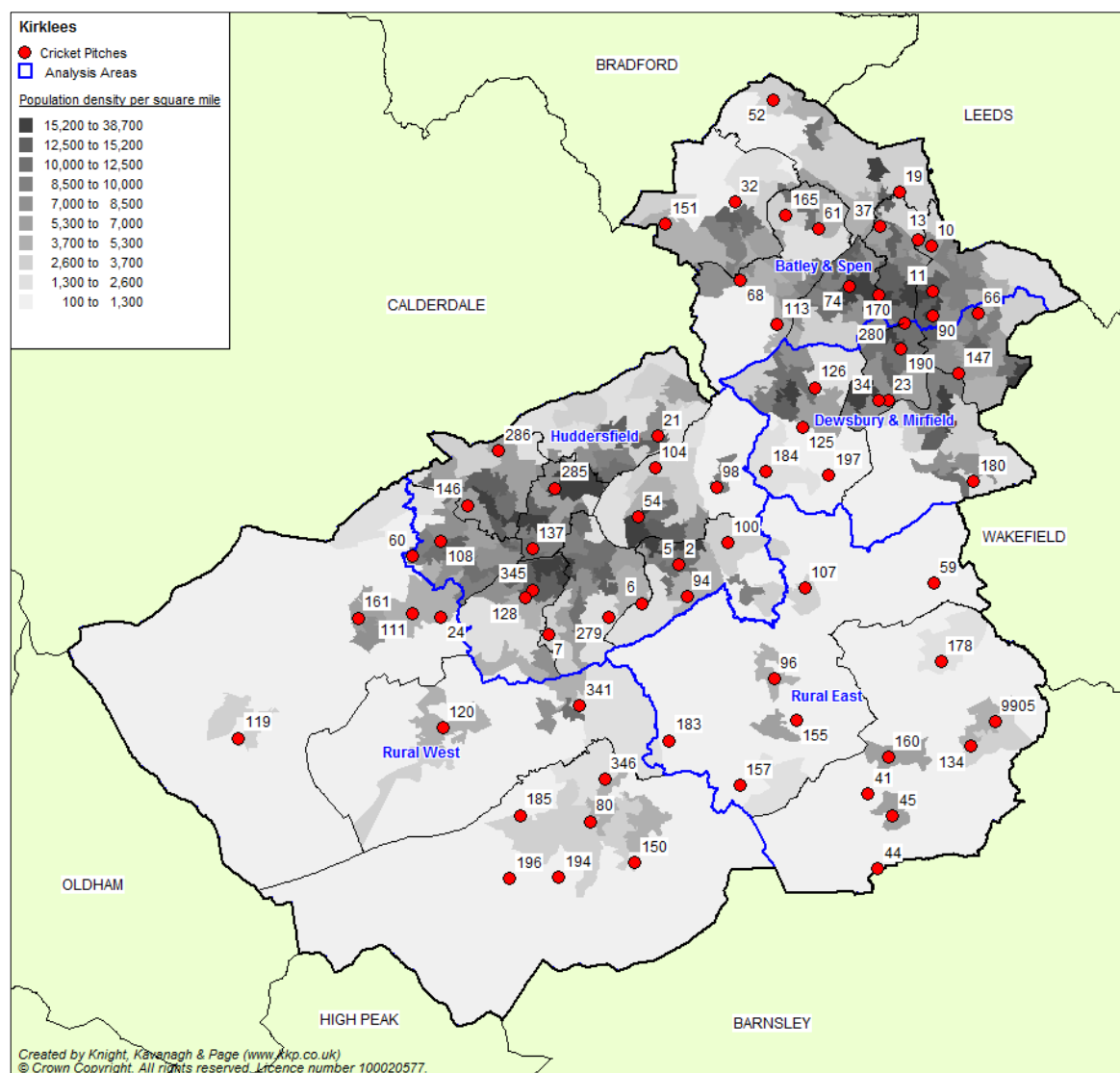
Table 3.1: Summary of pitches

Analysis area	Available for community use (used)	Available for community use (unused)
Batley & Spen	12	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	12	-
Huddersfield	19	-
Rural East	13	-
Rural West	12	-
KIRKLEES	68	2

- 3.5. The table shows that there is a fairly even spread of pitches across the local authority area. Huddersfield Analysis Area has most pitches with 19, Rural East has 13 and the remainder all have 12 pitches available for community use and used. The two pitches available for community use, but currently unused, are in the Batley & Spen Analysis Area.
- 3.6. The map below identifies the location of cricket pitches within Kirklees. For a key to the map see Table 3.6.

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Figure 3.1: Location of cricket pitches in Kirklees



Ownership

- 3.7. The majority of clubs within Kirklees own their own grounds. A number of clubs lease from private providers such as land owners, farmers, trusts, CISWO Miners Welfare, etc. as well as from the Council on long term leases. Clubs with long term leases include Moorlands CC, Hall Bower CC, Bradley & Colnebridge CC, Heckmondwike CC, AWCC, Scholes CC and Almondbury CC.
- 3.8. There are five Council owned and maintained cricket sites in Kirklees that are hired out on a season by season basis. These sites (and pitches) are:
- ◆ Bridge Street Playing Fields (1)
 - ◆ Crawshaw Playing Fields (1)
 - ◆ Ellis Playing Fields – Healds Road (1)
 - ◆ Leeds Road Playing Fields (4)
 - ◆ Sands Lane Playing Fields (3)

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Pitch quality

- 3.9. The non technical pitch assessments in Kirklees found 27% received a 'good' quality rating. 51 pitches (73%) were rated as 'standard'. In terms of quality, pitches generally meet the demands of the clubs and the respective leagues that they play in. The table below summarises the pitch quality following site visits:

Table 3.2: Pitch quality of all pitches

Good	Standard	Poor
19	51	-

- 3.10. Cricket pitches owned/maintained by clubs in Kirklees are generally of a higher quality than local authority provision. Most clubs are responsible for maintaining their own facilities and have designated grounds men to carry out cutting and maintenance. Less than a quarter of clubs report that they have covers for the square which is likely to impact on the quality of the pitches, particularly in poor weather.
- 3.11. Clubs playing on local authority sites highlight that the standard of cricket pitches is generally adequate in the context of the standard of cricket being played. However, Sands Lane Playing Fields and Healds Road have been highlighted as having issues by users and some rate the pitches as 'poor'.
- 3.12. At Sands Lane the issues highlighted include the pitches not being cut or marked properly and not rolled. Grass coverage, length of grass and quality of the clubhouse were all described as inadequate by Dewsbury CC. Users at Healds Road describe the pitch as dangerous to play on at times due to wickets not being prepared to the correct standard and the grass not cut often enough. The main users of local authority pitches are teams from the Dewsbury and District League which plays on Sunday afternoons.
- 3.13. The ground grading requirements of leagues such as the Huddersfield Drakes League and the Bradford League means that clubs must have a good standard of pitch and ancillary facilities in order to compete in those leagues. The Huddersfield Central League which requires clubs to have a good standard of pitch and changing facilities (but is not as stringent as some of the more senior leagues) reports that clubs' facilities have improved in recent years. This is also reflected in the Huddersfield Drakes League which has admitted nine new clubs in the previous three years.
- 3.14. Maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, in some instances, become dangerous. To obtain a full technical assessment of wicket and pitches, the ECB recommends a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PQS looks at a cricket square to ascertain whether the pitch meets the Performance Quality Standards which are benchmarked by the Institute of Groundsmanship. The report identifies surface issues and suggests options for remediation together with likely costs. For further guidance on this, please contact the ECB.

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Ancillary facilities

- 3.15. All clubs in Kirklees have access to changing room facilities at their respective home ground. The quality of facilities varies from site to site but changing facilities are generally described as good or acceptable. Just under half of clubs (47%) describe the condition of the clubhouse as 'good' quality, 38% as average and 15% as poor.
- 3.16. Clubs that described their clubhouse as poor are as follows:
- ◀ Al Murad (at Healds Road – Kirklees LA)
 - ◀ Dewsbury CC (at Sands Lane – Kirklees LA)
 - ◀ Holmbridge CC
 - ◀ Upperthong CC
 - ◀ Mount CC
 - ◀ Lascelles Hall CC
 - ◀ Savile Town CC (at Leeds Road – Kirklees LA)
 - ◀ Old Almondburians CC

Security of tenure

- 3.17. Security of tenure is generally not an issue for clubs in Kirklees. As previously highlighted the majority of clubs own or have long leases on their home ground. Clubs that rent mostly rent from the local authority and therefore tenure can be regarded as secure.
- 3.18. There are three sites highlighted as having short leases (less than 21 years) which will need to be considered in the near future to ensure that cricket can continue to be played at those sites. These are:
- ◀ Birstall CC (Site ID 19) – Ten years left on lease
 - ◀ Upperthong CC (Site ID 185) – 15 years left on lease
 - ◀ Cumberworth CC (Site ID 41) – Nine years left on 99 year lease from local farmer

Training

- 3.19. Access to cricket nets is important, particularly for pre-season/winter training. None of the clubs have access to indoor nets on site and therefore must travel off site to access practice facilities in the winter. Practice facilities (summer and winter) are a bigger issue for clubs and accessing adequate provision can be difficult.
- 3.20. A significant number of clubs (74%) report additional demand for training facilities. Almost all report the need for either artificial practice nets or mobile practice cages.

Non-turf wickets

- 3.21. Other than the Dewsbury League competitive league play is not generally sanctioned (by the leagues) on non-turf wickets but informal games and other social leagues take place. However, the ECB's TS6 Guidance on performance standards sets requirements for match pitches that are non-turf wickets. The ECB highlights that pitches which follow this guidance are suitable for high level play. It should be noted that this is guidance for clubs and not standards.

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3.22. There are a total of 26 non-turf wickets in Kirklees. There are six sites which accommodate stand-alone non-turf wickets, all of which are at education sites. None of the non-turf wickets at these sites are available for community use except for Thornhill Sport Centre which reports the wicket is available but unused.

- ◀ Almondbury Sports Centre
- ◀ Batley Business & Enterprise College
- ◀ Moored Academy
- ◀ Salendine Nook High School
- ◀ Thornhill Sports Centre
- ◀ Westborough High School

3.23. At club sites that have non-turf wickets as well as fine turf, the non-turf wickets aid with training and practice and can help reduce over play on fine turf wickets. The table below highlights the location of non-turf wickets:

Table 3.3: Location of non-turf wickets

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of wickets
2	Almondbury Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1
5	Almondbury Sports Centre	Huddersfield	1
10	Batley Business & Enterprise College	Batley & Spen	1
11	Batley Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1
41	Cumberworth United Cricket Club	Rural East	1
45	Denby Dale Cricket Club	Rural East	1
52	East Bierley Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1
66	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1
80	Holmfirth Cricket Club	Rural West	1
90	Hyrstlands Park	Batley & Spen	1
96	Kirkburton Cricket Club	Rural East	1
113	Liversedge Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1
128	Moored Academy	Huddersfield	1
146	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	1
150	Scholes Cricket Club	Rural West	1
151	Scholes Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1
155	Shelley Cricket Club	Rural East	1
160	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club	Rural East	1
170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen	1
180	Thornhill Sports Centre	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1
183	Thurstonland Cricket Club	Rural East	1
190	Westborough High School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1
285	Birkby Rose Hill CC	Huddersfield	1
9905	Clayton West Cricket Club	Rural East	1

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Available but unused sites

- 3.24. The two sites available but unused are located at Batley Grammar School and Hyrstlands Park. The school pitch is used for school fixtures but despite the reporting that the pitch is available for community use it is currently not used.
- 3.25. The pitch located at Hyrstlands Park contains a cricket square with ten grass wickets and one non-turf wicket. It is likely that the wickets are used by the community for unofficial cricket but there is no formal use at the site. The square was used for many years by Mount CC but the Club has a new home at Staincliffe cricket ground.

3.3: Demand

- 3.26. Cricket clubs in Kirklees range from small clubs offering one or two teams to those with several senior and junior teams at different age groups. Demand for cricket is very strong in Kirklees with a total of 93 clubs generating 363 teams. There are a total of 164 senior teams and 199 junior teams. Within the figure there is one university men's team at Huddersfield University.
- 3.27. The split of senior teams playing across Kirklees is very heavily focussed on Saturday cricket with 71% of teams playing on this day, 17% play on Sundays and 12% play midweek (evening league) cricket.
- 3.28. The leagues dictate the day on which junior fixtures are played across the five age groups and as previously highlighted this is Saturdays for U9, Sundays for U13 and midweek for U11, U15 and U17. In Kirklees therefore 56% of teams play midweek, 24% on Sundays and 20% on Saturdays.

Table 3.4: Summary of teams by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of competitive teams		
	Senior men	Senior women	Junior
Batley & Spen	27	-	45
Dewsbury & Mirfield	25	-	24
Huddersfield	53	-	36
Rural East	27	-	47
Rural West	31	1	47
KIRKLEES	164	1	199

- 3.29. There is a large number of both senior and junior teams right across Kirklees. The Huddersfield Analysis Area has the highest number of senior teams whilst the rural analysis areas have the largest junior participation. An analysis of match play identifies that peak time demand for cricket pitches is Saturday afternoon although the majority of pitches are also used for matches on Sundays as well as midweek (particularly for junior matches).
- 3.30. There is a good level of junior participation in Kirklees with just over half (56%) of clubs fielding at least one junior team. There are 25 clubs fielding five or more junior teams. 44% of clubs report an increase in the number of junior teams in the last three years.

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- 3.31. Furthermore, 20% of clubs report an increase in the number of senior teams over the previous three years, 72% report that the number of teams has remained constant and 8% reports a decrease.

Women's and girls' cricket

- 3.32. Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority and there is a target to establish more female teams in every local authority over the next five years. 8-10% of the whole sport plan funding is focused around women and girls and talent I.D.
- 3.33. There is currently only one women's team playing competitively in Kirklees at Scholes CC.

Leagues

- 3.34. Four main leagues service the adult game in Kirklees; Huddersfield Drakes League (Saturday), the Huddersfield Central Cricket League (Saturday), The Dewsbury & District League (Sunday) and the Huddersfield Evening League (Midweek).
- 3.35. Due to the size of the local authority there are several other leagues that service teams from Kirklees including the Bradford League (Saturday), the Halifax League (Saturday) and the Mid Yorkshire Sunday Cricket League (Sunday). There are a total of 12 leagues servicing the adult game in Kirklees.
- 3.36. There are two large junior leagues which service Kirklees. These are the Huddersfield Junior Cricket League and the Heavy Woollen & District Junior Cricket League. Both leagues follow the same format of age groups (U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17) and operate fixtures on the same days, that is; U9 on Saturdays, U13 on Sundays and the other age groups play midweek in the evenings. Similarly to the adult game in Kirklees there are a two other leagues that service the junior game in the area; Bradford Junior League and the Halifax Junior League.

Unmet demand

- 3.37. None of the clubs reported any current unmet demand for pitches, that is, no clubs reported that teams were unable to play due to a lack of pitches.

Future demand

- 3.38. Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and using population forecasts. Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating the number of teams likely to be generated in the future based on population growth.

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Table 3.5: Team generation rates

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Senior Men (18-55)	109,093	163	1:669	113,425	169.5	6.5
Senior Women (18-55)	108,073	1	1:108,073	111,504	1.0	0.0
Junior Boys (7-17)	29,148	199	1:146	33,227	226.9	27.9
Junior Girls (7-17)	28,434	0	0	31,977	0.0	0.0

3.39. The additional future teams would equate to the need for seven senior and 28 junior teams.

3.40. Of the senior teams predicted to grow, based on the current split, five would be expected to play on Saturday, one on Sunday and one midweek. Of the junior teams, 16 would play midweek, six on Saturday and six on Sunday.

3.4: Capacity analysis

3.41. Capacity analysis for cricket is measured on a seasonal rather than weekly basis. This is due to playability (i.e., only one match is generally played per pitch per day at weekends or weekday evening). Wickets are rotated throughout the season to reduce wear and allow repair. Therefore, it is more accurate to assess capacity seasonally rather than weekly. The capacity of a pitch to accommodate matches is driven by the number and quality of wickets. This section presents the current pitch stock available for cricket in Kirklees. It illustrates the:

- ◀ Number of grass and artificial cricket wickets per pitch
- ◀ Number of competitive matches per season per pitch

3.42. To help calculate pitch capacity, the ECB suggests that a good quality wicket should be able to take:

- ◀ 5 matches per season per grass wicket (adults).
- ◀ 60 matches per season per synthetic wicket (adults).

3.43. This information is used to allocate capacity ratings as follows:

Potential capacity	Play is below the level the site could sustain
At capacity	Play matches the level the site can sustain
Overused	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

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Table 3.6: Cricket pitch capacity – number of wickets

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Actual play (sessions per season)	Capacity (sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)
11	Batley Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	12	48	60	-12
19	Birstall Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	14	64	70	-6
32	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Batley & Spen	1	9	76	45	31
37	Crossbank Methodists Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	10	48	50	-2
52	East Bierley Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	12	48	60	-12
61	Gomersal Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	12	64	60	4
68	Hartshead Moor Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	14	76	70	6
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Batley & Spen	1	10	40	50	-10
113	Liversedge Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	12	64	60	4
151	Scholes Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	16	40	80	-40
165	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling & Athletic Club	Batley & Spen	1	14	64	70	-6
170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen	1	10	52	50	2
23	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	9	12	45	-33
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	1	24	60	-36
66	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	10	40	50	-10
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	2	14	152	130	22
126	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	10	56	50	6

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Actual play (sessions per season)	Capacity (sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)
147	Sands Lane Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	3	16	84	180	-96
184	Upper Hopton Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	12	64	60	4
197	Hopton Mills Cricket Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	10	48	50	-2
280	Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	2	12	10	2
2	Almondbury Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	9	64	45	19
6	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	9	76	45	31
7	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	22	60	110	-50
21	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	10	40	50	-10
54	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	12	32	60	-28
60	Golcar Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	12	68	60	8
94	King James' School	Huddersfield	1	12	24	60	-36
98	Kirkheaton Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	16	76	80	-4
100	Lascelles Hall Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	16	60	80	-20
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	4	10	108	200	-92
108	Leymoor Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	8	36	40	-4
137	Paddock Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	10	48	50	-2
279	Hall Bower Cricket Ground	Huddersfield	1	13	88	65	23
285	Birkby Rose Hill CC	Huddersfield	1	6	52	30	22
286	Birchencliffe CC	Huddersfield	1	8	48	40	8
345	Moorend Phoenix CC	Huddersfield	1	8	64	40	4
41	Cumberworth United Cricket Club	Rural East	1	12	64	60	4

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of squares	No. of wickets	Actual play (sessions per season)	Capacity (sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)
44	Denby Cricket Club	Rural East	1	9	48	45	3
45	Denby Dale Cricket Club	Rural East	1	12	64	60	4
59	Flockton Cricket Club	Rural East	1	9	12	45	-33
96	Kirkburton Cricket Club	Rural East	1	12	64	60	4
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Rural East	1	13	56	65	-9
134	Nortonthorpe Sports Club	Rural East	1	8	24	40	-16
155	Shelley Cricket Club	Rural East	1	12	64	60	4
157	Shepley Cricket Club	Rural East	1	14	56	70	-14
160	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club	Rural East	1	12	64	60	4
178	The Welfare Ground	Rural East	1	10	48	50	-2
183	Thurstonland Cricket Club	Rural East	1	12	64	60	4
9905	Clayton West Cricket Club	Rural East	1	12	64	60	4
24	Broad Oak Cricket Club	Rural West	1	16	52	80	-28
80	Holmfirth Cricket Club	Rural West	1	12	64	60	4
111	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	1	12	36	60	-24
119	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	1	16	56	80	-24
120	Meltham Cricket Club	Rural West	1	18	76	90	-14
150	Scholes Cricket Club	Rural West	1	10	80	50	30
161	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	1	14	76	70	6
185	Upperthong Cricket Club	Rural West	1	12	100	60	40
194	Cartworth Moor Cricket Ground	Rural West	1	10	36	50	-14
196	Holmbridge Cricket Ground	Rural West	1	10	56	50	6
341	Honley Cricket Club	Rural West	1	10	64	50	14
346	Thongsbridge Cricket Club	Rural West	1	12	76	60	-4

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3.5: Supply and demand analysis

Spare capacity

- 3.44. The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'spare capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular training sessions, or to protect the quality of the site
- 3.45. There are 31 sites that show potential spare capacity. The extent to which these are available on Saturdays or Sundays is highlighted in the tables below:

Table 3.7: Actual spare capacity- pitches available Saturday

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Spare capacity (sessions per season)	Pitches available in peak period (Saturday)	Comments
23	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	-33	1	Pitch used for Sunday cricket, quality not to standard of Saturday leagues.
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	-36	1	Pitch used for Sunday cricket, quality not to standard of Saturday leagues.
59	Flockton Cricket Club	Rural East	1	-33	0.5	Club currently has one Saturday team and therefore has potential capacity for an additional Saturday team.
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	4	-92	4	Pitch used for Sunday cricket, quality not to standard of Saturday leagues.
147	Sands Lane Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	3	-96	3	Pitch used for Sunday cricket, quality not to standard of Saturday leagues.

- 3.46. The table above shows that five sites have potential spare capacity on Saturdays. However, only one of these sites is currently of the quality to accommodate Saturday cricket due to the requirements of the leagues. Flockton Cricket Club in the Rural East Analysis Area could accommodate one additional Saturday team and the club has stated that it wishes to add a second team.

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Table 3.8: Actual spare capacity- *pitches available Sunday*

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Spare capacity (sessions per season)	Pitches available in peak period (Sunday)	Comments
7	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	-50	1	Potential spare capacity for two Sunday teams.
11	Batley Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	-12	0.5	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
19	Birstall Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	-6	0.5	Limited spare capacity.
21	Bradley & Colneridge Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	-10	1	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
23	Bridge Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	-33	0.5	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
24	Broad Oak Cricket Club	Rural West	1	-28	0.5	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
34	Crawshaw Street Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	-36	0	No spare capacity.
37	Crossbank Methodists CC	Batley & Spen	1	-2	0.5	Limited spare capacity.
52	East Bierley Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	-12	0	No spare capacity.
54	Edgerton & Dalton Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	-28	0.5	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
59	Flockton Cricket Club	Rural East	1	-33	1	Potential spare capacity for two Sunday teams.
66	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	-10	1	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Batley & Spen	1	-10	1	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
94	King James' School	Huddersfield	1	-36	1	Potential spare capacity for two Sunday teams.
98	Kirkheaton Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	-4	0.5	Limited spare capacity.
100	Lascelles Hall Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	-20	0.5	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	4	-92	0	No spare capacity.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Spare capacity (sessions per season)	Pitches available in peak period (Sunday)	Comments
107	Lepton Highlanders Sports & Social Club	Rural East	1	-9	0.5	Limited spare capacity.
108	Leymoor Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	-4	1	Limited spare capacity.
111	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	1	-24	1	Potential spare capacity for two Sunday teams.
119	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	1	-24	0	No spare capacity.
120	Meltham Cricket Club	Rural West	1	-14	0.5	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
134	Nortonthorpe Sports Club	Rural East	1	-16	1	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
137	Paddock Cricket Club	Huddersfield	1	-2	0.5	Limited spare capacity.
147	Sands Lane Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	3	-96	0	No spare capacity.
151	Scholes Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	1	-40	1	Potential spare capacity for two Sunday teams.
157	Shepley Cricket Club	Rural East	1	-14	0.5	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
165	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling And Athletic Club	Batley & Spen	1	-6	0	No spare capacity.
178	The Welfare Ground	Rural East	1	-2	0.5	Limited spare capacity.
194	Cartworth Moor Cricket Ground	Rural West	1	-14	1	Potential spare capacity for one Sunday team.
197	Hopton Mills Cricket Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	-2	0.5	Limited spare capacity.

- 3.47. The table above shows that there is more availability of pitches on a Sunday than Saturday when there are 17 sites offering potential spare capacity. The U13 junior teams, as well as adult teams, also play on Sundays and account for some of the pitch usage. At sites with spare capacity on Sundays there is an opportunity to increase participation with either a Sunday adult team(s) and/or an U13 team(s).
- 3.48. Although spare capacity is often as a result of a lack of demand for grass pitches, there are some sites that are likely to retain spare capacity as a matter of practise to allow pitches to rest and rotate.

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Spare capacity summary

Table 3.9: Actual spare capacity summary - Saturdays

Analysis area	Match sessions available on Saturdays
Batley & Spen	-
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-
Huddersfield	-
Rural East	0.5
Rural West	-
KIRKLEES	0.5

- 3.49. As highlighted above only 0.5 match sessions of spare capacity (at Flockton CC) is available across the whole of Kirklees on Saturdays. If the Club adds a second team as planned there will be no spare capacity on any of the sites in Kirklees for Saturday cricket.

Table 3.10: Actual spare capacity summary - Sundays

Analysis area	Match sessions available on Sundays
Batley & Spen	2.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	1.5
Huddersfield	4
Rural East	2.5
Rural West	3
KIRKLEES	13.5

- 3.50. There are 13.5 match sessions available on pitches across Kirklees on Sundays. Dewsbury & Mirfield has the least amount of spare capacity with only 1.5 sessions and Huddersfield the highest with four. It should be noted that the entire spare capacity on Sundays is at private sites; the local authority sites are at capacity. Therefore any team wishing to access a pitch on Sundays must negotiate this with the Club.

Overplay

- 3.51. The amount of overplay at cricket sites is high in Kirklees with a total of 232 matches per season. Overplay occurs when more play is accommodated at a site than it is able to sustain. Nine sites are considered to be overplayed beyond a capacity that is able to be sustained. Of particular concern is the amount of overplay at Upperthong CC (40 matches per season), Almondbury Wesleyans CC (31 matches per season) and Cleckheaton Sports Club (31 matches per season). Current spare capacity cannot accommodate all overplay identified.

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Table 3.11: Overplay summary

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Capacity rating	Comments ⁴
2	Almondbury Cricket Club	Huddersfield	19	Large amount of over play.
6	Almondbury Wesleyans Cricket Club	Huddersfield	31	Large amount of over play.
32	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Batley & Spen	31	Large amount of over play.
41	Cumberworth United CC	Rural East	4	Discounted
44	Denby Cricket Club	Rural East	3	Discounted
45	Denby Dale Cricket Club	Rural East	4	Discounted
60	Golcar Cricket Club	Huddersfield	8	Discounted
61	Gomersal Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	4	Discounted
68	Hartshead Moor CC	Batley & Spen	6	Discounted
80	Holmfirth Cricket Club	Rural West	4	Discounted
96	Kirkburton Cricket Club	Rural East	4	Discounted
113	Liversedge Cricket Club	Batley & Spen	4	Discounted
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	22	Large amount of over play.
126	Mirfield Parish Cavaliers Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	6	Discounted
150	Scholes Cricket Club	Rural West	30	Large amount of over play.
155	Shelley Cricket Club	Rural East	4	Discounted
160	Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club	Rural East	4	Discounted
161	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	6	Discounted
170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen	2	Discounted
183	Thurstonland Cricket Club	Rural East	4	Discounted
184	Upper Hopton Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	4	Discounted
185	Upperthong Cricket Club	Rural West	40	Large amount of over play.
196	Holmbridge Cricket Ground	Rural West	6	Discounted
279	Hall Bower Cricket Ground	Huddersfield	23	Large amount of over play.
280	Ellis Playing Fields (Healds Road)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	2	Discounted
285	Birkby Rose Hill CC	Huddersfield	22	Large amount of over play.
286	Birchcliffe CC	Huddersfield	8	Discounted
341	Honley Cricket Club	Rural West	14	Large amount of over play.
345	Moorend Phoenix CC	Huddersfield	4	Discounted
346	Thongsbridge Cricket Club	Rural West	4	Discounted
9905	Clayton West Cricket Club	Rural East	4	Discounted

⁴ Sites with over play of less than 10 matches have been discounted on the assumption that these sites are likely to be able to accommodate the slight over play due to them having good quality pitches/maintenance.

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Table 3.12: Overplay summary

Analysis area	Overplay (matches per season)
Batley & Spen	31
Dewsbury & Mirfield	22
Huddersfield	95
Rural East	-
Rural West	84
KIRKLEES	232

- 3.52. The highest amount of over play occurs in Huddersfield with 95 match sessions. The lowest amount of over play is in Dewsbury & Mirfield.

3.6 Conclusions

- 3.53. Consideration must be given to the extent in which current provision can accommodate current and future demand. The table below looks at available spare capacity at peak time (Saturdays) considered against over play and the future demand from TGRs (team generation rates).

Table 3.13: Capacity of cricket pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (matches)	Demand (matches)		
		Overplay	Future demand	Total
Batley & Spen	-	31	0.5	+31.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-	22	0.5	+22.5
Huddersfield	-	95	1	+96
Rural East	0.5	-	1	+0.5
Rural West	-	84	0.5	+84.5
KIRKLEES	0.5	232	3	+235

- 3.54. The table above highlights that due to large amounts of overplay and very little spare capacity there is an overall shortfall of 235 match sessions in Kirklees.

Likely nature of any actions

Preventing overplay

- 3.55. At the moment there are nine pitches significantly overplayed. Greater use of artificial wickets, especially for junior teams, could help alleviate this. Options to extent grass wickets at club sites may also be an option.

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Cricket summary

- ◀ In total, there are 70 grass cricket pitches identified in Kirklees, accommodating 363 teams (164 senior and 199 junior teams).
- ◀ There are 26 artificial wickets, mostly within education sites. None are currently used for competitive matches.
- ◀ All grass wickets are available for community use except, only two are currently unused; these are Hyrstlands Park and Batley Grammar School.
- ◀ Training provision is in an issue in Kirklees with 74% of clubs reporting that additional training facilities are required.
- ◀ The split of senior teams playing across Kirklees is very heavily focussed on Saturday cricket with 71% of teams playing on this day, 17% play on Sundays and 12% play midweek (evening league) cricket.
- ◀ The leagues dictate the day on which junior fixtures are played across the five age groups and as previously highlighted this is Saturdays for U9, Sundays for U13 and midweek for U11, U15 and U17. In Kirklees therefore 56% of teams play midweek, 24% on Sundays and 20% on Saturdays.
- ◀ Population forecasts indicate that there will be future demand for seven senior teams and 28 more junior teams.
- ◀ There are only 0.5 matches of spare capacity on pitches on Saturdays and 13.5 on Sundays.
- ◀ There is no spare capacity on local authority pitches on Sundays which is where the majority of Sunday cricket takes place.
- ◀ Total over play equates to 232 match sessions per season across nine sites.
- ◀ When considering spare capacity at peak time, over play and future demand there is a Kirklees wide shortfall of 235 match sessions per season.
- ◀ Greater use of artificial wickets could be one way to alleviate some of the over play.

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4. PART 4: RUGBY UNION

Introduction

- 4.1. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is the governing body for the sport across England. A full-time development officer is responsible for the West Yorkshire region and works closely with all the clubs to maximise their potential. This work involves developing club structures, including working towards the RFU accreditation (Clubmark) and the development of school-club structures. There are three clubs based within Kirklees.

Club consultation

- 4.2. All three clubs were consulted with and completed the club survey, as follows:

- ◀ Cleckheaton RFC
- ◀ Huddersfield RFC
- ◀ Huddersfield YMCA RFC

Supply

- 4.3. Within Kirklees, there are eight senior rugby union pitches and one mini pitch across four sites. All are available for community use, these are:

- ◀ Cleckheaton Sports Club (I.D. 32)
- ◀ Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club (I.D. 89)
- ◀ Lockwood Park (I.D. 115)
- ◀ Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields (I.D. 331)

- 4.4. There is one currently unused pitch at Huddersfield YMCA due to poor quality. There are no World Rugby compliant pitches within Kirklees.

Table 4.1: Summary of grass rugby union pitches available for community use.

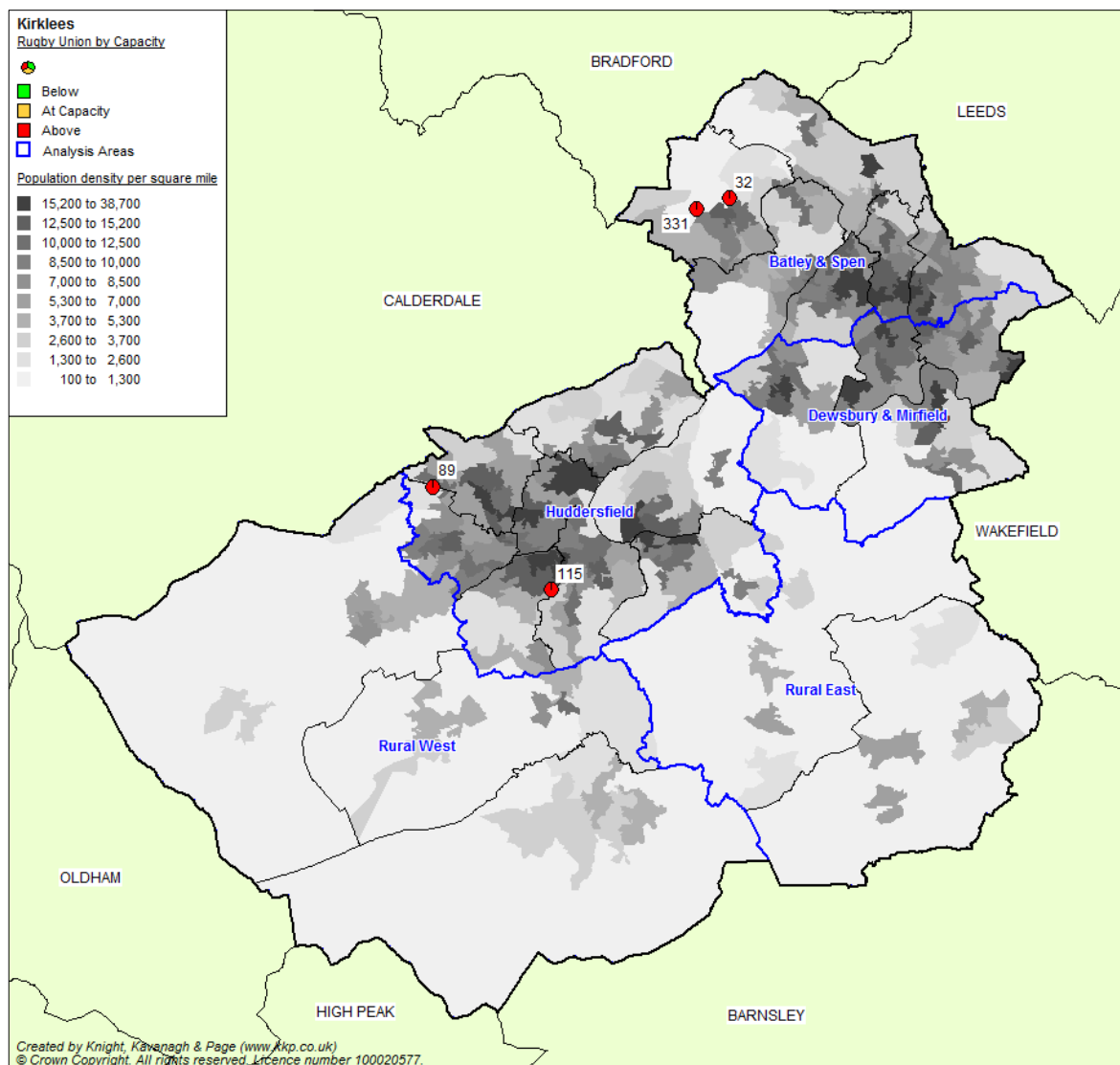
Analysis area	No. of senior pitches	No of mini/midi pitches
Batley & Spen	3	-
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-	-
Huddersfield	5	1
Rural East	-	-
Rural West	-	-
KIRKLEES	8	1

NB: The audit only identifies dedicated, line marked pitches. For rugby union pitch dimension sizes please refer to the RFU guidelines; 'Grass Pitches for Rugby' at www.rfu.com

At Greenhead College Sports Ground there is a rugby league pitch which also has some rugby union usage by the College for matches. The pitch has been excluded from the table above but the pitch is included in the capacity table (table 4.9).

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Figure 4.1: Location of rugby union pitches within Kirklees



For a key to the map see Table 4.9.

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Pitch quality

- 4.5. The methodology for assessing rugby pitch quality looks at two key elements; the maintenance programme and the level of drainage on each pitch. An overall quality based on both drainage and maintenance can then be generated.
- 4.6. The agreed rating for each pitch type also represents actions required to improve pitch quality. A breakdown of actions required based on the ratings can be seen below:

Table 4.2: Definition of maintenance categories

Category	Definition
M0	Action is significant improvements to maintenance programme
M1	Action is minor improvements to maintenance programme
M2	Action is no improvements to maintenance programme

Table 4.3: Definition of drainage categories

Category	Definition
D0	Action is pipe drainage system is needed on pitch
D1	Action is pipe drainage is needed on pitch
D2	Action is slit drainage is needed on pitch
D3	No action is needed on pitch drainage

Table 4.4: Quality ratings based on maintenance and drainage scores

		Maintenance		
		Poor (M0)	Adequate (M1)	Good (M2)
Drainage	Natural Inadequate (D0)	Poor	Poor	Standard
	Natural Adequate (D1)	Poor	Standard	Good
	Pipe Drained (D2)	Standard	Standard	Good
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	Standard	Good	Good

- 4.7. Overall in Kirklees there is one good quality senior pitch, five standard quality senior pitches and one poor senior pitch. There is also one poor quality mini pitch:

Senior pitches			Mini pitches		
Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
1	5	1	-	-	1

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- 4.8. The table below shows the agreed quality ratings for each of the sites in Kirklees based on a combination of non-technical site assessment scores as well as user ratings

Table 4.5: Site quality ratings

Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Tenure	Analysis area	Pitch type	Non tech score	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
32	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Yes	Secured	Batley & Spen	Senior	M2/D0	Standard	1	The Club has a dedicated volunteer grounds man who maintains the pitch. The Club invested in a slitting machine which has further increased the quality of the maintenance. There is only natural drainage in place.
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Yes	Secured	Huddersfield	Senior	M1/D1	Standard	1	The second pitch at the ground has natural drainage. There are some waterlogging problems in the winter and evidence of rusting on the posts. The pitch is partially floodlit for training purposes.
					Senior	M1/D3	Good	1	The main pitch at the ground is pipe and slit drained with adequate maintenance which gives an overall score of good. The pitch is fully floodlit.
115	Lockwood Park	Yes	Secured	Huddersfield	Senior	M1/D2	Standard	3	Three senior pitches at the site currently rated as standard due to pipe drainage. The Club has recently secured Sport England protecting playing fields funding which will include maintenance and will improve pitch 1 to the score of 'M2' for maintenance. The first team pitch has floodlights.
					Mini	M1/D0	Poor	1	One mini pitch is also rated as poor due to drainage.

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Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Tenure	Analysis area	Pitch type	Non tech score	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Yes	Unsecured	Batley & Spen	Senior	M1/D0	Poor	2	The two pitches at the site are local authority/school pitches and are maintained by external contractors. The rugby posts are rusty and in need of repainting.

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Ancillary facilities

- 4.9. All clubs in Kirklees have access to changing room provision for games at their home ground.

Cleckheaton RFC

- 4.10. There are two changing rooms at the site; each has communal showers and toilets. There is also one officials changing room. Facilities are secured during matches and there is disabled access, a clubroom, kitchen and car parking available. Users rate the changing accommodation as poor and the showers as standard.

- 4.11. The main issue for the Club is the age of the building and the shared access with the cricket club. The building is two storeys with central heating only servicing the ground floor and storage tanks used for the hot water system which is not always sufficient after games. For the rugby teams, showers and toilets are located on the ground floor whilst the changing accommodation is upstairs. The Club would like to modernise the building with a small ground floor extension to provide separate ensuite facilities for both rugby and cricket teams, especially for when the seasons overlap.

Huddersfield RFC

- 4.12. There are nine changing rooms at the home ground at Lockwood Park. All changing rooms have ensuite showers. There is one officials changing room. Changing facilities are secured during matches and adequate car parking is available. The site is located on a flood plain but has not been affected by flooding in the last three years. Users rate both the showers and changing accommodation as good.

Huddersfield YMCA RFC

- 4.13. There are eight changing rooms at the home ground each with showers and there is one officials changing room. The site has access for the disabled, a clubroom and kitchen. There is car parking; however, this is not adequate for all pitches. Users rate showers and changing accommodation as good.

Security of tenure

- 4.14. Each club owns the home ground and is responsible for the management and running of it. Cleckheaton RFC also uses a second site at Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields which are leased from the School on a yearly rolling contract.

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4.3: Demand

Competitive play

- 4.15. Three rugby union clubs are from the Kirklees area. The clubs consist of 11 senior, 12 junior and 17 mini teams. There is also one senior team from the University of Huddersfield that play within Kirklees.

Table 4.6: Summary of demand

Club	Analysis area	Team type	Team play	No. of rugby union teams		
				Senior	Juniors	Mini
Cleckheaton	Batley & Spen	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	League	4	-	-
Cleckheaton	Batley & Spen	U14-U17	League	-	4	-
Cleckheaton	Batley & Spen	U7-U12	League	-	-	6
TOTAL				4	4	6
Huddersfield	Huddersfield	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	League	3	-	-
Huddersfield	Huddersfield	U13-U18	League	-	6	-
Huddersfield	Huddersfield	U7-U12	League	-	-	6
TOTAL				3	6	6
Huddersfield YMCA	Huddersfield	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th	League	4	-	-
Huddersfield YMCA	Huddersfield	U15,U13	League	-	2	-
Huddersfield YMCA	Huddersfield	U11,U10,U9,U7/8	League	-	-	4
Huddersfield YMCA	Huddersfield	U6	Friendly	-	-	1
TOTAL				4	2	5
Uni. of Huddersfield	Huddersfield	1st	League	1	-	-
TOTAL				1	-	-
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Training

- 4.16. All teams train at their home ground. Huddersfield RFC and Huddersfield YMCA RFC teams train solely at the home ground. Cleckheaton teams train at the home ground as well as off site as the home pitch cannot accommodate all of the training requirements. Training off site takes place at Whitcliffe Mount (July to September) as well as Spenborough running track and outside the Borough at Tong School on the 3G pitch (October-March).
- 4.17. Each club has access to one floodlit pitch at the home ground. Whilst this is convenient it also means that all teams are restricted to train on the same pitch due to a lack of other floodlit areas. This reduces the capacity for match play on those pitches and means that they are much more likely to be over played.
- 4.18. In order to preserve its pitch Cleckheaton RFC has some of its teams training off site, however it is often difficult to find appropriate affordable sites, hence why the other two clubs continue to use the floodlit pitches at the home ground despite the impact it has on quality and capacity.

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Casual usage

- 4.19. In addition to regular competitive play and training, all of the sites host additional play such as tag and touch. At Cleckheaton there are also summer sports camps and activities, at Huddersfield RFC there is a summer hockey festival. Although not quantifiable as the casual use is on an ad hoc basis, the additional use will impact on the quality of the pitches.

Unmet/latent demand

- 4.20. Unmet demand is existing demand that is not getting access to pitches. It is usually expressed, for example, where a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch or where a league has a waiting list due to a lack of pitch provision, which in turn is hindering its growth.
- 4.21. Although there is no unmet demand per se currently in Kirklees there are instances when demand cannot be met. For example, in extreme weather (e.g. heavy rain and frost), the pitch at Cleckheaton RFC is preserved and the teams move to Whitcliffe Mount to play. This displaces the teams from that site which means those teams have no pitch to play on and matches are cancelled.
- 4.22. All three clubs report that if more pitches were available they would have more teams. Both Huddersfield YMCA and Cleckheaton state that there would be more junior and mini teams and Huddersfield RFC state that the University would have a regular second team.

Future demand

- 4.23. Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and using population forecasts. Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating the number of teams likely to be generated in the future based on population growth.
- 4.24. The clubs have also indicated growth aspirations for the future and these are also detailed below.

Table 4.7: Team generation rates

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Senior Mens (19-45)	77,816	13	1:5,986	81,931	13.7	0.7
Senior Women (19-45)	76,830	0	0	80,239	0.0	0.0
Junior Boys (13-18)	16,503	15	1:1,100	18,136	16.5	1.5
Junior Girls (13-18)	15,751	0	0	17,445	0.0	0.0
Mini rugby mixed (7-12)	30,818	18	1:1,712	35,578	20.8	2.8

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- 4.25. The future increase in population will create enough demand for the formation of one senior, two junior and three mini teams across the Borough. This does not, however, take into consideration contextual events such as any upcoming 2015 Rugby World Cup initiatives, which may drive interest in participation and subsequent demand for pitches.
- 4.26. All three clubs report an intention to increase the number of players/teams within their clubs, totalling two senior teams and five junior teams. Huddersfield RFC indicates an increase of three teams; one senior mens, one youth girls and a boys' colts' team. Cleckheaton wishes to expand by a senior men's and a youth boys' team. Huddersfield YMCA hopes to recruit 10 new youth players in order to create additional boys and potentially a girls' team. The Club has also started a rugby league section with the hope of attracting more players that will play both codes.

4.4: Capacity analysis

- 4.27. The capacity for pitches to regularly accommodate competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality, and therefore the capacity, of a pitch affect the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing rugby. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of the pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times. To enable an accurate supply and demand assessment of rugby pitches, the following assumptions are applied to site by site analysis:
- ◀ All sites that are used for competitive rugby matches (regardless of whether this is secured community use) are included on the supply side.
 - ◀ All competitive play is on senior sized pitches (except for where mini pitches are provided).
 - ◀ From U13 upwards, teams play 15 v15 and use a full pitch.
 - ◀ Mini teams (U6-12) play on half of a senior pitch i.e. two teams per senior pitch.
 - ◀ For senior and youth teams the current level of play per week is set at 0.5 for each match played based on all teams operating on a traditional home and away basis (assumes half of matches will be played away).
 - ◀ For mini teams, play per week is set at 0.25 for each match played based on all teams operating on a traditional home and away basis and playing across half of one adult team.
 - ◀ All male adult club rugby takes place on a Saturday afternoon.
 - ◀ All U13-18 rugby takes place on a Sunday morning.
 - ◀ Training that takes place on club pitches is reflected by the addition of team equivalents.
 - ◀ Team equivalents have been calculated on the basis that 30 players (two teams) train on the pitch for 90 minutes (team equivalent of one) per night.
- 4.28. As a guide, the RFU has set a standard number of matches that each pitch should be able to accommodate. Capacity is based upon a basic assessment of the drainage system and maintenance programme ascertained through a combination of the quality assessment and the club survey as follows:

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Table 4.8: Pitch capacity (matches per week) based on quality assessments

		Maintenance		
		Poor (M0)	Adequate (M1)	Good (M2)
Drainage	Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
	Natural Adequate or Pipe Drained (D1)	1.5	2	3
	Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

- 4.29. This guide should only be used as a very general measure of potential pitch capacity and does not account for specific circumstances at time of use and assumes average rainfall and an appropriate end of season rest and renovation programme.
- 4.30. The figures are based upon a pipe drained system at 5m centres that has been installed in the last eight years and a slit drained system at 1m centres completed in the last five years.

The peak period

- 4.31. In order to fully establish actual spare capacity, the peak period needs to be established. The peak time for demand of senior rugby pitches is Saturday PM. The peak time for junior and mini teams is Sunday AM, although junior teams play on senior pitches.

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Table 4.9: Rugby union provision and level of community use for pitches used by Kirklees teams

Site ID	Site name	Security of tenure	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Floodlit?	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
32	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Secured	Batley & Spen	Senior	M2/D0 Standard	1	Yes	3	2	+1	Two matches per week and one match equivalent training session mean that the Site is over played.
									Total:	+1	
331	Whitcliffe Mount Playing Fields	Unsecured	Batley & Spen	Senior	M1/D0 Poor	2	No	5	3	+2	The second ground of Cleckheaton RFC has five matches per week of both senior and juniors which mean that the pitches are over played by two match sessions due to poor quality.
									Total:	+2	
64	Greenhead College Sports Field – Rugby League Pitch	Secured	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	No	3	3	0	Pitch used for both rugby union and rugby league matches and is also likely to have other curriculum usage. Pitch at capacity.
									Total:	0	
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Secured	Huddersfield	Senior	M1/D1 Standard	1	No	2.5	2	+0.5	Used for 2.5 matches each week the pitch is slightly over played by 0.5 sessions.
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Secured	Huddersfield	Senior	M1/D3 Good	1	Yes	7	3	+4	Majority of training takes place on this pitch due to having floodlights which increases over play. 11v11 football over marked on the rugby pitch also decreases capacity for rugby use.
									Total:	+4.5	3 rd pitch not currently in use. This could help to alleviate over play.
115	Lockwood Park	Secured	Huddersfield	Senior	M1/D2 Standard	1	Yes	3	2.5	+0.5	Matches and training means that the pitch is over played due to being the only floodlit pitch.
115	Lockwood Park	Secured	Huddersfield	Senior	M1/D2 Standard	2	No	6	5	+1	Six matches across the two pitches of both adult and junior.
115	Lockwood Park	Secured	Huddersfield	Mini	M1/D0 Poor	1	No	2.5	1.5	+1	Five mini teams playing on the pitch means that the pitch is over played.
									Total:	+2.5	Overall the site is over played by 2.5 match equivalents.

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4.5: Supply and demand analysis

Spare capacity

- 4.32. The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'actual capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular friendly matches and activities that take place but are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis.
- 4.33. All pitches currently used within Kirklees are overplayed and it cannot therefore be considered that there is any spare capacity in the Area.

Overplay

- 4.34. All pitches are currently overplayed. Some overplay is more significant e.g. four match equivalent sessions at Huddersfield YMCA than others; 0.5 match sessions on the main pitch at Lockwood Park for example, but overall in the Borough there is a current shortfall of ten match equivalent sessions.

4.6: Conclusions

- 4.35. The main reason for overplay is training on match pitches. Clubs are reluctant to hire secondary pitches for training due to the additional costs involved and instead look to develop their own grounds in order to accommodate demand. Cleckheaton RFC, however, has very little choice in using alternative sites for training as it cannot accommodate demand at the home ground and there are no floodlights at the Whitcliffe Mount site.

Senior pitches- Sat pm

- 4.36. One pitch at Lockwood Park would be available on Saturdays if quality improved. No other senior pitches are unused at this time.

Senior pitches- Sun am

- 4.37. No pitches would be available on Sunday mornings regardless of quality, i.e. all are used.

Mini pitches – Sun am

- 4.38. The one mini pitch at Lockwood Park is already used on Sunday mornings and would not therefore be available regardless of quality.

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Likely nature of any actions

Preventing overplay

- 4.39. As highlighted previously, one of the main reasons for overplay is training. Increasing floodlighting, i.e. installing floodlights on additional pitches, would help to alleviate some of the over play on the training pitches. However, due to the quality of the remaining pitches, and the extent of the over play, pitch improvements would also need to be made in order that the pitches would be able to take more play if additional floodlighting was installed.
- 4.40. There is evidence to suggest the need for alternative training venues of which a site with a World Rugby compliant pitch would offer the greatest benefits. The pitch could be used for training purposes during the week but could also offer additional match sessions if demand increases as it is expected to and with current pitches already at capacity.
- 4.41. Improving the quality of the third pitch and bringing it back into use at Huddersfield YMCA would also help to alleviate the majority of over play at the site.

Rugby union summary

- ◀ There are three community clubs and one University club servicing Kirklees, consisting of 41 teams (12 senior, 12 junior and 17 minis).
- ◀ In total, there are eight senior pitches and one mini; all of which are available for community use and used.
- ◀ Of the senior pitches one is rated as good quality, five as standard and two as poor. The mini pitch is rated as poor. Poor quality is a combination of over use, poor weather and inadequate maintenance.
- ◀ There is no spare capacity on any of the pitches within Kirklees and all are over played.
- ◀ The main reason for over play is excessive training on the pitches. Only Cleckheaton RFC trains off site and this is due to having only one pitch at the home ground.
- ◀ Clubs choose to train at the home ground in order to avoid additional costs.
- ◀ Floodlighting would help to alleviate over play, however, pitch improvements would also be required.
- ◀ A World Rugby compliant pitch could also offer an alternative training venue for teams in order to reduce over play. The pitch could also offer spare capacity for fixtures should demand increase as predicted.

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5. RUGBY LEAGUE

Introduction

- 5.1. The Rugby Football League (RFL) is the governing body for rugby league in Britain and Ireland. It administers the England national rugby league team, the Challenge Cup, Super League and the Championships which form the professional and semi-professional structure of the game structure in the UK.
- 5.2. The RFL also administers the amateur and junior game across the country in association with the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA).
- 5.3. There are currently two rugby league seasons running in Kirklees, the summer season (from February to September) and the winter season (from September to May). All ladies rugby league is played during the winter season in Kirklees. Men's is a combination of winter and summer rugby. For example, the Pennine League operates throughout the winter whereas the National Conference League operates through the summer months (after switching from winter rugby in 2011). All junior and primary level rugby takes place as part of the Yorkshire Junior League and is played in the summer season between March and October.
- 5.4. There is one professional club in the Borough; Huddersfield Giants, which plays at John Smiths Stadium and competes in the RFL Super League. There are also two semi-professional clubs; Dewsbury Rams which plays at Tetleys Stadium and Batley Bulldogs which plays at Batley Bulldogs FC (formerly known as Mount Pleasant, currently operating as the loverugbyleague.com Stadium). Both teams play in the Kingstone Press Championship.

Consultation

- 5.5. In addition to consultation with RFL, feedback from the 27 clubs playing in Kirklees was received through face to face consultation or via online survey. A response rate of 81% was achieved (22 clubs). Results are used to inform key issues within this section of the report.

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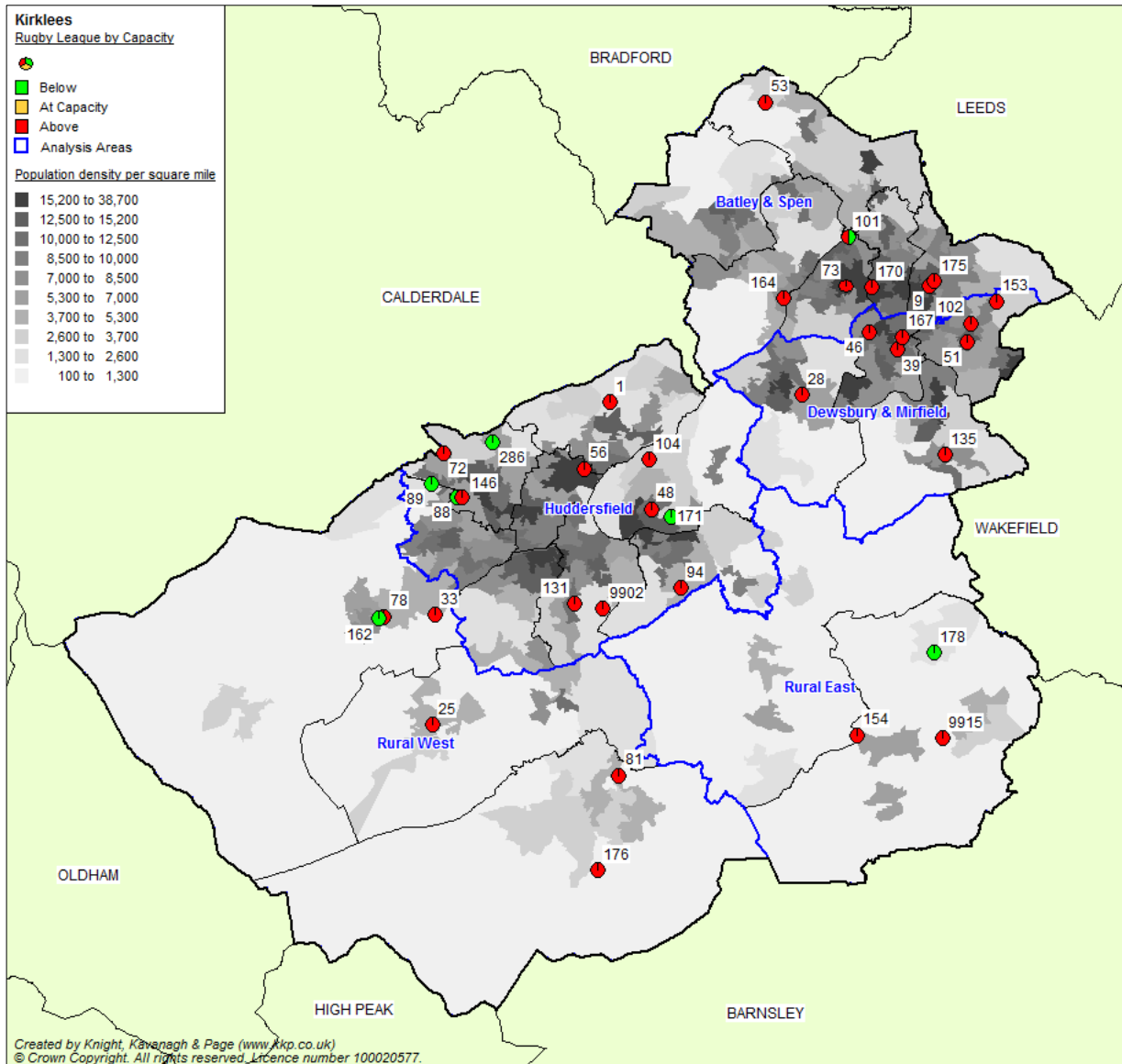
- 5.6. There are 59 dedicated rugby league pitches in Kirklees (47 senior, 10 junior and two primary) across 38 sites. All but five pitches are available for community use in some capacity. Greenhead College (senior pitch) and Mirfield Free Grammar School (two senior pitches) are education sites which do not allow use beyond school teams, whilst the remaining two unavailable pitches are located at Batley Bulldogs RLFC and Dewsbury Rams RLFC, both of which are semi-professional clubs.

Table 5.1: Summary of grass rugby league pitches

Analysis area	No. of available pitches	No. of unavailable pitches
Batley & Spen	8	1
Dewsbury & Mirfield	19	3
Huddersfield	14	1
Rural East	4	-
Rural West	9	-
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Figure 5.1 Location of rugby league pitches



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Table 5.2: Key to map

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Community use	No. of senior pitches	No. of junior pitches	No. of primary pitches
1	All Saints Catholic College	Huddersfield	Yes-unused	1	-	
9	Batley Bulldogs RLFC (Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Batley & Spen	No/Yes	1	-	1
25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	Yes	1	1	
28	Castle Hall Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	1	-	
33	Colne Valley High School	Rural West	Yes-unused	2	-	
39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	1	1	1
46	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	1	2	
48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	Yes	1	1	
51	Manor Croft Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes-unused	1	-	
53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen	Yes	1	-	
56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	Yes	1	1	
64	Greenhead College Sports Field	Huddersfield	No	1	-	
72	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Yes	1	-	
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Batley & Spen	Yes-unused	1	-	
78	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Rural West	Yes	1	-	
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Rural West	Yes-unused	1	-	
88	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Yes-unused	1	-	
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Huddersfield	Yes	1	-	
94	King James' School	Huddersfield	Yes-unused	1	-	
101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen	Yes	1	1	
102	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Memorial Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes/ Yes-unused	2	-	
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	Yes	1	-	
124	Mirfield Free Grammar School Sports Field	Dewsbury & Mirfield	No	2	-	
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Huddersfield	Yes-unused	1	-	
135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	2	-	

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Community use	No. of senior pitches	No. of junior pitches	No. of primary pitches
146	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	Yes-unused	1	-	
153	Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	2	1	
154	Shelley College	Rural East	Yes-unused	2	-	
162	Slaithwaite Spa	Rural West	Yes	2	-	
164	Spen Valley Sports College	Rural West	Yes-unused	1	-	
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Batley & Spen	Yes-unused	-	1	
170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	1	-	
171	Standiforth Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen	Yes	1	-	
175	Taylor Street	Huddersfield	Yes	-	1	
176	The Cross Grounds	Batley & Spen	Yes	1	-	
177	The Tetleys Stadium	Rural West	No	1	-	
178	The Welfare Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	1	-	
286	Birchencliffe CC	Rural East	Yes	1	-	
9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	Yes	3	-	
9915	Scisset Middle School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	1	-	

Ownership/management

- 5.7. Site ownership is split fairly evenly between clubs with ownership or lease of a sport club site and clubs who rent pitches. Approximately half of the teams playing in Kirklees rent pitches, all of which are located at Council owned sites. Six teams lease their home ground site, including Underbank Rangers ARLFC which leases the Cross Grounds from the RFL at a peppercorn rate. Others include Dewsbury Rams RLFC, Newsome Panthers ARLFC and Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC which all lease from the Council. Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC leases a pitch at Slaithwaite Spa from a local chemical company at a peppercorn rate, whilst the other pitch onsite is owned by the Council. Two rugby league clubs own their own grounds, these are Batley Bulldogs RLFC (Mount Pleasant) and Dewsbury Moor ARLFC.
- 5.8. Only Birstall Victoria ARLFC is considered to have unsecured tenure of its home ground located at Leaside School Playing Fields. The school is currently applying for academy status and would include a rebuild should the application be successful. The Council is obliged to offer the existing land onsite as potential for the rebuild, which could result in the loss of the senior rugby pitch. The Club is able to continue renting the pitch through the 2015 season regardless, though the pending decision presents uncertainty as to use of the site beyond the next year. In the event that the pitch is built on by the new academy, there is potential for the existing football pitch to become a senior rugby pitch and the Council is currently working to find an alternate pitch for the incumbent football team should this be the best outcome.

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Pitch quality

- 5.9. Non-technical site assessments were carried out for all rugby league pitches in Kirklees and assessed as one of three categories, 'good', 'standard' or 'poor'. Carrying capacity of a pitch is dependent upon the quality of a pitch which is outlined below:

Category	Capacity
Good	3 matches per week
Standard	2 matches per week
Poor	1 match per week

- 5.10. The Table below summarises pitch quality following the site visits to all pitches (including those not available for community use).

Table 5.3: Summary of pitch quality

Analysis area	Quality of pitches		
	Good	Standard	Poor
Batley & Spen	-	3	6
Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	14	7
Huddersfield	-	9	6
Rural East	1	-	3
Rural West	-	1	8
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- 5.11. Just over half (51%) of rugby league pitches in Kirklees are rated as poor quality and 46% are rated as standard. The only two good quality pitches are located at The Welfare Ground and Tetleys Stadium. The pitch at The Welfare Ground is marked over the football pitch and is well maintained by Emley FC which plays within the football pyramid system. Tetleys Stadium is home to semi-professional club Dewsbury Rams which has dedicated grounds men working part time on pitch maintenance, whilst the amount of play and training on the pitch is monitored by the club.
- 5.12. Pitch quality is impacted largely by two factors; play and maintenance. As the majority of rugby league pitches in Kirklees are Council owned the quality and regularity of maintenance can vary depending on resources and budgets. As budgets continue to be reduced the quality of council owned pitches is also likely to deteriorate further. Most (58%) responding clubs report that the home pitch has not improved in quality (no difference). A further 16% stated that the pitch has worsened (slightly poorer) since the previous season, whilst 26% believe that pitch quality has improved (slightly better or much better), main reasons given included an increase in maintenance work and a change to summer season rugby.
- 5.13. As rugby league in Kirklees is played across two seasons, i.e. summer and winter, there is match play and training on the majority of pitches all year round. This means that pitches tend to be wet and boggy in winter, and dry, hard and patchy in summer. Coupled with the fact that it is then difficult to find sufficient time for pitch remediation and maintenance, many pitches are therefore assessed as poor quality in Kirklees.

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- 5.14. A number of clubs competing in the National Conference League (NCL) previously had the opportunity to be part of the RFL pitch maintenance programme, through which clubs paid a fee for improvement work which was part funded by the RFL. Underbank Rangers were also part of the programme but had to withdraw as they were unable to afford the costs, yet are hoping to join again.

Ancillary facilities

- 5.15. Changing facilities where present are generally regarded as poor. Most clubs in Kirklees have access to changing room provision for home games, though several make use of structures which may not be ideal, often located away from the pitch site. For example, Birstall Victoria ARLFC has no access to the changing rooms at Leaside School and no external changing facility onsite, subsequently having to make use of the concert room at a local working men's club. The Club reports that this presents a child welfare issue, with mixed sex primary age group teams having no access to separate changing rooms and both having to do so whilst sharing the building with an adult men's football team on Sunday mornings. Similarly, Emley Moor ARLFC leases an old classroom at Scisset Middle School which it has converted to changing facilities and added a porta cabin extension. Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC reports that there is no changing facilities onsite at Slaithwaite Spa.
- 5.16. East Bierley Recreation Ground has particularly poor changing facilities onsite which are used by Birkenshaw ARLFC and some football teams. Batley Boys ARLFC also reports a lack of toilet facilities at Taylor Street as the changing rooms are located offsite.

Facilities development

- 5.17. Dewsbury Rams RLFC has an opportunity to develop the home ground at the Tetley Stadium. Funds are available through section 106 contributions subject to approval, tied in with residential development on nearby greenbelt land. Any developments subject to further feasibility work.
- 5.18. Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC is currently planning to add an extension to its clubhouse building, in order to build a further four changing rooms onsite. The club wants to have a separate changing area for females, to cater for the existing girls teams and also to enable the creation of a women's team in future. Planning permission has been granted and the club is in the process of acquiring the land from the Council on which it plans to extend, with the intention of applying for Sport England Inspired Facilities funding.
- 5.19. Should Leaside School choose not to build on the senior rugby pitch, Birstall Victoria ARLFC plans to work alongside the RFL to agree community use of the site with the newly titled academy. As such, the RFL has stated that it would seek to support the Club as part of an application for funding to provide a modular changing block onsite.

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- 5.20. Huddersfield Giants RLFC owns the site at Woodfield Park Sports Ground where there is one rugby league and one cricket pitch, both of which are disused and derelict. The Club reports that the rugby league pitch is too short and the cricket pitch is uneven, otherwise it could be used as potential rugby league pitches. The senior team currently trains daily at Leeds Road Sports Complex where the open access facilities are not of the required quality to cater for an elite level team. The Club sees Woodfield Park Sports Ground as a potential solution to its long term training needs and would like to build a grass senior rugby league pitch as well as a 3G pitch for training use.
- 5.21. East Bierley Recreation Ground has poor quality changing facilities which are in need of replacement. Birkenshaw ARLFC plays at the site along with local football teams, which are part of the East Bierley Community Sports Association. The Club reports that unless the quality of changing provision can be improved, it is likely that it will move from the site to seek a home pitch in Bradford and that the resident football teams would probably do the same, leaving the site unused. The clubs have come together in an attempt to fund a new changing block and have secured funding from Sport England and the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, however; the requirements specified to cater for three teams as part of one structure has caused building costs to rise to an estimated £220,000. The current shortfall is in the region of £120,000 and the association continues to seek further funding for the project.

5.3: Demand

- 5.22. Demand for rugby league pitches in Kirklees tends to fall within the categories of organised competitive play and organised training.

Competitive play

- 5.23. There are a total of 134 rugby league teams competing in Kirklees. This is made up of 35 senior, 46 junior (U13-U18) and 53 primary (U7-U12) teams. The majority of demand is based around the Dewsbury & Mirfield Analysis Area with 67 of the 134 teams based there.
- 5.24. Of the 35 senior teams, there are three ladies teams, one men's University team and three College teams. Girls are able to play primary rugby in mixed teams up to the age of 12, after which they play in specific girls teams at junior level up to the age of 18. There are six girls' teams in Kirklees across three different clubs (Birstall Victoria ARLFC, Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC and St Joseph's ARLFC).

Table 5.4: Summary of demand by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of competitive rugby league teams		
	Senior	Junior	Primary
Batley & Spen	6	7	12
Dewsbury & Mirfield	17	25	25
Huddersfield	8	9	6
Rural East	1	-	5
Rural West	3	5	5
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- 5.25. The majority of adult play and junior play (including juniors playing on senior pitches) takes place during the winter season. There are some exceptions to this; the National Conference League (NCL) and the Yorkshire League play in the summer, as does the RFL Super League and its associated U19 and U16 academy leagues.
- 5.26. It is important to highlight that Kirklees differs from what is now typical of most areas where rugby league is played, in that the majority of play occurs during the winter. Most clubs nationwide have made a transition to summer rugby over the past five years, including the NCL and elite level competition. The continued strength of the Pennine League in the Yorkshire area has helped to maintain demand from clubs for winter rugby, several of which field teams in both summer and winter season leagues.
- 5.27. Mirfield Stags RLFC was newly formed after the 2014 summer season and plans for its two teams to play in the Mirfield area next season. The Club has applied to join the Yorkshire Men's League to play summer rugby league from the 2015 season onwards and intends to play at Castle Hall Academy where the two parties have agreed a partnership. This increase in demand for 2015 has been acknowledged and factored into the analysis, including use for both matches and training.

Training

- 5.28. Winter rugby training is accommodated across a combination of AGPs, indoor sports halls and gyms. It is a regular issue for clubs in terms of finding appropriate facilities. Little training takes place on competitive pitches in the winter as few clubs have floodlit facilities. However, keeping training off competitive pitches means that there is less overuse at some sites.
- 5.29. Throughout the summer season clubs tend to train on the pitches when light allows. Many clubs attempt to train around the outside of the pitches to avoid damaging them, but in reality a significant proportion of training takes place on the competitive pitches.
- 5.30. Access to training facilities is a real problem for many clubs. A number of teams report use of (football) 3G pitches for training, though this use would not be advised by the RFL for the purposes of contact activity and would not be the preferred surface. There are also a number of teams travelling outside of Kirklees to access facilities, for example, Emley Moor ARLFC travels to Penistone in Barnsley to access a 3G pitch for senior and junior training. Birstall Victoria ARLFC uses the 3G pitch at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre, although this has recently been condemned due to poor quality surface meaning the club will need to make alternative arrangements.
- 5.31. The situation for training is exacerbated in Kirklees because rugby league is being played throughout the whole year. In addition to this, in terms of sports development, indoor training in sports halls and gyms is not ideal, due to restricted space and hard surfaces, and is not the recommended option by the RFL. Several teams report training on such areas, including small MUGAs (Emley ARLFC & Hanging Heaton ARLFC) and indoor halls (Birstall Victoria ARLFC).
- 5.32. The training venues for teams are often inappropriate and as previously mentioned include sports halls and indoor gyms. Please see Appendix 3 for a full breakdown. Further investigation should be carried out where clubs have inappropriate or insufficient training access. Appendix 3 highlights 119.5 match equivalents of training sessions taking place. The table below shows where the training sessions take place:

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Facility	AGP	Grass (not pitches)	Indoor/ Gym	Primary pitches	Junior pitches	Senior pitches
Match equivalents	14	4	7	2	15	77.5
Percentage	11.7%	3%	6%	1.7%	12.6%	65%

- 5.33. The table shows that 65% of all training takes place on senior match pitches. This is likely to have a huge impact on the quality of pitches for competitive play. Removing some of this training would help to alleviate some of the pressure on rugby league pitches.
- 5.34. Huddersfield Giants RLFC currently trains each weekday at Leeds Road Sports Complex between 10am and 12pm on the rugby league pitch. Academy squads also train on this pitch in the afternoons two days each week. There is also a second senior pitch marked out alongside this pitch which is also used for training, though has been discounted from the analysis because it doesn't have posts for match play. The Club stated its reluctance to add posts in the light that they are likely to get damaged as the site is openly accessible to the public. Current facilities are not of the required standard to cater for an elite level Super League club or academy level teams and it is keen to investigate alternative provision. Training is particularly problematic in poor weather as these pitches waterlog easily and access to the 3G pitch onsite is limited due to historical bookings in place from Kirklees College throughout the day.

Casual use

- 5.35. As the majority of rugby league is played on council owned pitches these sites tend to be open public spaces and are used for recreational play, dog walking and fouling etc. This additional wear and damage is an issue for clubs as it decreases the quality of the pitches and in turn the carrying capacity for matches and training.

Australian Rules Football

- 5.36. AFL England is the national governing body for Australian Rules football in England, focused towards the promotion, support and development of the sport. It is in turn affiliated to continental governing body AFL Europe. The current format of play across the UK is modified to nine players per team from the traditional 18 players, with matches usually played on rugby pitches in order to utilise the posts in place.
- 5.37. The rugby league pitch at Huddersfield YMCA Sport & Social Club is also used throughout the summer for Australian Rules football by Huddersfield Rams ARFC. The Club is developing year on year and has attracted some new young players as a result of club coaches delivering sessions in local schools. The season runs from April through to July, with matches played on Saturday afternoons and training held on the pitch midweek.

Unmet demand

- 5.38. Unmet demand is existing demand that is not getting access to pitches. It is usually expressed, for example, when a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch, or when a league has a waiting list due to a lack of pitch provision, which in turn is hindering the growth of the League. There are no actual reports of unmet demand in Kirklees, however, nineteen pitches are overplayed mainly due to poor quality (overplay is explored later in the section).

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Displaced/exported demand

- 5.39. All demand for competitive match pitches is currently accommodated within Kirklees. However, due to the size of the Borough it is reasonable, in some cases, to describe play that takes place away from the main home ground catchment area, as displaced demand.
- 5.40. Birkenshaw ARLFC reports travelling outside of Kirklees twice each week to access training facilities, located at Tong School in Bradford. Though this would normally be qualified as displaced demand, the school is only two miles from the home pitch at East Bierley Recreation Ground. Therefore, Tong School is actually nearer to the community in which the Club is based and where most of the players live. The Club reports it may consider a permanent move into Bradford to access match pitches should it not resolve the problems with the poor quality changing facilities at East Bierley Recreation Ground.
- 5.41. Two other clubs report accessing facilities outside of Kirklees due to a lack of floodlit areas. Lindley Swifts ARLFC currently holds senior training at a school site in Calderdale, whilst Thornhill Trojans travel to Wakefield to access training facilities at Horbury School. Both clubs state they would like to train with Kirklees but are limited by a lack of access to floodlit areas.
- 5.42. Although Emley Moor ARLFC is not displaced, it does play away from its home base. The Club maintains a share in the Welfare Ground along with football and cricket teams which still play there but has since moved to play all matches both senior and junior at Scisset Middle School. Training demand is exported in the traditional sense, as it travels over 10 miles to access full size floodlit provision on a 3G pitch in Penistone.

Future demand

- 5.43. Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and using population forecasts. Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating the number of teams likely to be generated in the future based on population growth.

Table 5.5: Team generation rates

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Senior Mens (19-45)	77,816	30	1:2,594	81,931	31.6	1.6
Senior Women (19-45)	76,830	4	1:19,208	80,239	4.2	0.2
Junior Boys (12-18)	18,962	44	1:431	21,162	49.1	5.1
Junior Girls (12-18)	18,351	6	1:3,059	20,351	6.7	0.7
Primary rugby mixed (7-11)	25,759	53	1:486	29,649	61.0	8.0

- 5.44. Team generation rates based on future population projections forecast the creation of at least one new men's senior team and five new junior boys teams. Increase in junior girls is not enough to culminate in the creation of a new team and it is likely that these participants will be assimilated into existing squad sizes. Predictions anticipate an increase at the primary age group, with the creation of eight new mixed sex teams.

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Table 5.6: Summary of future demand expressed by clubs

Club	Future demand	Analysis area	Pitch requirement	
			Number ⁵	Type
Underbank Rangers ARLFC	Under 7s	Rural West	0.5	Primary
Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC	Under 7s	Rural West	0.5	Primary
Batley Bulldogs RLFC	Under 19s	Batley & Spen	0.5	Senior
Dewsbury Rams RLFC	Reserves	Dewsbury & Mirfield	0.5	Senior
Hanging Heaton ARLFC	Senior 2nd	Dewsbury & Mirfield	0.5	Senior
Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC	Senior 2nd	Rural West	0.5	Senior
Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC	Under 7s	Rural West	0.5	Primary
Total			1.5	Primary
			-	Junior
			2	Senior

- 5.45. Several clubs intend to increase the number of teams for next season. Three clubs plan to add U7s teams from players currently taking part in their development group sessions. Batley Bulldogs RLFC has partnered with Kirklees College and has agreed for the college team to represent the Club as U19s for the 2015 season. Similarly, Dewsbury Rams RLFC plans to add a second senior team, although the age format at which it will play is yet to be determined as the Club takes direction from the RFL dependant on a centrally commissioned league structure. Hanging Heaton ARLFC and Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC both plan to add a second senior team, each with the intention of entering a summer season league in 2015. This will put further pressure on pitches and reduce the amount of time available for remedial work.

Capacity analysis

- 5.46. The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of the pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times.
- 5.47. As a guide, The RFL has set a standard number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its current quality (pitch capacity). Taking into consideration the guidelines on capacity the following was concluded in Kirklees:

Pitch quality	Matches per week
Good	3
Standard	2
Poor	1

⁵ Two teams require one pitch to account for playing on a home and away basis. Therefore 0.5 pitches can therefore be seen in the table where there is latent demand for one team.

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Table 5.7 overleaf applies the above pitch ratings against the actual level of weekly play recorded to determine a capacity rating as follows:

Potential capacity	Play is below the level the site could sustain
At capacity	Play matches the level the site can sustain
Overused	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

- 5.48. The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'actual capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular friendly matches and activities that take place but are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis. Where actual spare capacity exists it is highlighted in the comments column in Table 5.7.

The peak period

- 5.49. In order to fully establish actual spare capacity, the peak period needs to be established. For senior rugby league matches the peak period is considered to be Saturday afternoon, however; demand for senior rugby league pitches is actually highest on Sunday mornings, due to the large number of junior (U13-U18s) teams playing on senior pitches at this time.
- 5.50. Some rugby league pitches in Kirklees are played all year round i.e. both in summer and winter seasons. The capacity table is generated based on play occurring throughout the winter season, as this is when the majority of pitches receive the most use. However, it is clearly indicated when play takes place on pitches throughout the summer season, as it may be considered that these pitches are actually overplayed as they do not have any rest, which is the case for of a number of clubs playing all year round.
- 5.51. Rugby league within schools is considered to be a winter sport and as such all school fixtures take place throughout the winter season. School pitches are also used regularly to accommodate curriculum use and school training sessions. In order to reflect this, an additional three match equivalent sessions of play has been added per pitch at school sites where applicable.

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Table 5.7: Rugby league capacity table (community use pitches)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
9	Batley Bulldogs RLFC (Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Batley & Spen	Primary	Standard	1	Summer	3	2	1	Small pitch beside stadium used by Batley Boys ALRFC
53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	1	1	-	Pitch used by Birkenshaw ARLFC, some drainage issues, changing rooms onsite are priority issue. Used all year round, juniors play in summer, seniors play in winter.
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Batley & Spen	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1 + 3	1	3	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use
101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	3	1	2	Birstall Victoria ARLFC junior section play on the pitch throughout the summer season.
101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	0.5	1	-0.5	The pitch is used in the summer season by Birstall Victoria ARLFC, though there may be some junior play when required.
164	Spen Valley Sports College	Batley & Spen	Senior	Standard	1	Winter	1 + 3	2	2	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	1.5	1	0.5	The pitch is used all year round in both winter and summer seasons. Drainage is poor and in winter becomes very boggy. Also prone to dog fouling. No spare capacity due to all year round use.
175	Taylor Street	Batley & Spen	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	5.5	1	4.5	Pitch has recently been leveled out and reseeded.
28	Castle Hall Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	3 + 3	2	4	Future matches and training from Mirfield Stags RLFC with any additional school activity will result in overuse.
39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	2.5	1	1.5	Site is subject to frequent dog fouling and unofficial use
39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Primary	Poor	1	Summer	2	1	1	Site is subject to frequent dog fouling and unofficial use
39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	1	1	-	Dewsbury Celtic ARLFC senior teams play all year round in both the NCL and Pennine League. The pitch has a perimeter rail on three sides but one end is left open and separated with rope on match day as it is too close to the primary pitch to be safely railed. No spare capacity due to all year round use.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
46	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Standard	2	Summer	3	4	-1	Some spare capacity but used both Saturdays and Sundays for primary and junior matches
46	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Standard	1	Winter	3	2	1	Mostly winter use, though Heavy Woollen Donkeys ARLFC use in summer. No spare capacity due to all year round use.
51	Manor Croft Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Standard	1	Winter	1 + 3	2	2	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use
102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	9	1	8	One pitch is used as a secondary venue by Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC, though it only uses the one pitch.
102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	2.5	1	1.5	Pitch used by Hanging Heaton ARLFC throughout the winter for matches and training.
135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Poor	2	Summer	7	2	5	Pitch drains well however is used all year round for senior and junior rugby.
153	Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Standard	1	Summer	2.5	2	0.5	Sometimes has an issue with dog fouling.
153	Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Standard	2	Summer	6.5	4	2.5	Pitch maintained by the council, part of the NCL pitch maintenance scheme.
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Junior	Standard	1	Winter	1 + 3	2	2	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Senior	Standard	3	Summer	9.75	6	3.75	Overplay derives from junior play and training on match pitches due to a lack of floodlit training areas.
1	All Saints Catholic College	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Winter	1 + 3	2	2	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use
48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	Junior	Standard	1	Summer	5	2	3	Club would like to install perimeter fence to the junior pitch. Used throughout winter for matches and training.
48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	2.5	2	0.5	Used by senior team in summer as well as older junior teams in winter. No spare capacity due to all year round use.
56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	4.5	1	3.5	Pitch is used for both junior matches and training.
56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Winter	2.5	2	0.5	Pitch is used for both senior matches and training.
72	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	1	1	-	Played to capacity, used as junior venue by Lindley Swifts ARLFC.
88	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Winter	0.5	2	-1.5	The college Rugby League Academy plays fixtures on Wednesday afternoons in the Colleges Rugby League.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	1.5	2	-0.5	Re-marked in winter as a rugby union pitch, used all year. Also used by Huddersfield Rams AFL for matches and training. No spare capacity due to all year round use.
94	King James' School	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1 + 3	1	3	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use.
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	11	1	10	Used for training daily by Huddersfield Giants through Super League season, as well as by Kirklees College Rugby League Academy for Wednesday afternoon fixtures.
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1 + 3	1	3	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use.
146	Salendine Nook High School	Huddersfield	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1 + 3	1	3	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use.
171	Standiforth Recreation Ground	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	0.5	2	-1.5	Used by Moldgreen ARLFC junior team, no senior use.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
286	Birchencliffe CC	Huddersfield	Senior	Standard	1	Summer	0.5	2	-	Used all year round for junior and senior rugby by Lindley Swifts ARLFC, pitch overlaps cricket outfield. No spare capacity due to all year round use and some training as well as football use.
154	Shelley College	Rural East	Senior	Poor	2	Winter	1 + 6	2	5	School use only. Three match sessions per pitch added to reflect use. Pitches drain poorly
178	The Welfare Ground	Rural East	Senior	Good	1	-	-	3	-3	No rugby league use since Emley Moor ARLFC moved to play at Scisset Middle School. Pitch is mainly used for football but part of the cricket outfield overlaps, therefore not considered as available during either winter or summer season
9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	1.75	1	0.75	Emley Moor ALRFC plays all matches here, poor drainage and pitch slopes. Open access.
25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	Junior	Poor	1	Summer	2.75	1	1.75	Pitches drain poorly and are sloping
25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1.5	1	0.5	Pitches drain poorly and are sloping

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Peak season usage	Match equivalent sessions (per week*)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
33	Colne Valley High School	Rural West	Senior	Poor	2	Winter	1 + 6	2	5	School use only. Three match sessions per pitch added to reflect use
78	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Rural West	Senior	Poor	1	Summer	3.75	1	2.75	Pitch is poor quality and subject to dog fouling, no changing facilities. Used by Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC junior teams.
81	Holmfirth High School Sports Field	Rural West	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	1 + 3	1	3	School use only. Three match sessions added to reflect use.
162	Slaithwaite Spa	Rural West	Senior	Poor	2	Summer	1.5	2	-0.5	Council maintained pitch with some spare capacity. Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC would like to host all teams onsite but no changing facilities. No spare capacity due to all year round use
176	The Cross Grounds	Rural West	Senior	Poor	1	Winter	10.25	1	9.25	Used over both winter and summer seasons for matches and training, poor quality access is a safety concern. No spare capacity due to all year round use.

*Current play takes into account both winter and summer play

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5.5: Supply and demand analysis

Spare capacity

- 5.52. A number of sites are shown to have potential spare capacity but not all is actual spare capacity, whereby pitch capacity is present and pitches are available at peak time. Actual spare capacity has been combined by area and is summarised below:

Table 5.8: Actual spare capacity summary

Analysis area	Match equivalents available on Senior pitches in the peak period
Batley & Spen	0.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-
Huddersfield	3
Rural East	-
Rural West	-
KIRKLEES	3.5

- 5.53. The table shows that only senior pitches provide actual spare capacity. Pitches with available match sessions at peak time are located mainly within Huddersfield area, with a minimal amount available in the Batley & Spen area. Of the four sites with available capacity, two are located at education sites. This could indicate why the pitches are available and receive little use, as various issues may be present at school sites such as a lack of access to changing facilities, staffing arrangements or poor pitch quality, therefore proving less attractive to clubs unless they were to develop a good relationship with the school in question. For example, Leaside School Fields has available capacity at peak time, though there is no access to changing or shower facilities onsite.
- 5.54. Both Slaithwaite Spa and Birchencliffe CC show spare capacity available but this should be retained and no further use considered due to the pitch being used all year round and subsequently receiving little time to repair.
- 5.55. The Welfare Ground also exhibits spare capacity as it is currently unused for rugby league. Emley Moor ARLFC has since moved off the site which is now used throughout the year for Step 6 football and cricket. The Club reports that it is fairly happy playing at Scisset Middle School and is trying to further the relationship with the school; therefore the potential for rugby league use at The Welfare Ground has been discounted from available capacity.

Overplay

- 5.56. Twenty nine sites are overplayed by a total of 102.25 match equivalent sessions per week. This is predominantly a result of poor quality pitches. Of particular concern is The Cross Grounds which is overplayed by 9.25 match equivalents per week due to heavy usage for training and matches by Underbank Rangers ARLFC teams, predominantly at senior and junior age groups.
- 5.57. Leeds Road Sports Complex is also notably overused by Huddersfield Giants RLFC to the total of 10 match equivalent sessions due to the frequency of training on the pitch daily Monday to Friday, as is required of a professional elite level team.

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- 5.58. Other sites evidencing high levels of overuse are Bywell Playing Fields, Newsome Panthers ARLFC and Overthorpe Park Playing Fields. Overplay at all of these sites is due to all training taking place on the match pitch combined in most cases with poor pitch quality. There are also 12 school sites which are overplayed due pitches which are predominantly of poor quality being used daily for a combination of timetabled curriculum lessons, school team fixtures and training.
- 5.59. Overplay can only be alleviated by improving pitch quality or providing more pitches or areas to be used for training; there is not enough spare capacity expressed in the areas of overplay to meet this level of demand.

5.6: Conclusions

- 5.60. Having considered supply and demand scenarios above, the tables below identify the overall spare capacity in each of the analysis areas for the different pitch types, based on match equivalent sessions.

Table 5.9: Spare capacity of match equivalent sessions per week on senior pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ⁶	Demand (match equivalent sessions)		
		Overplay	Future demand	Total demand
Batley & Spen	0.5	5.5	0.5	5.5
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-	27.75	1.5	29.25
Huddersfield	3	22	-	19
Rural East	-	5.75	-	5.75
Rural West	-	20.5	0.5	21
KIRKLEES	3.5	81.5	2.5	80.5

- 5.61. The table above shows that overall in Kirklees there is currently a large deficit of 78 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches. The highest level of overplay comes from the Dewsbury & Mirfield area, though the Huddersfield and Rural West areas both also exhibit high levels. Participation increases highlight a need for an additional 2.5 match equivalent sessions, increasing the shortfall to 80.5 further sessions required in order to cater for both current and future demand.
- 5.62. It is important to note that much of the overuse is caused by junior teams playing on senior pitches in areas where there are large clubs with many junior and primary teams, such as Dewsbury & Mirfield. A large majority of the overuse is attributed to training sessions taking place on match pitches and also that many of the pitches are used all year round for both summer and winter rugby. Furthermore, most are assessed as poor quality which reduces the carrying capacity and ability to accommodate matches.

⁶ In match equivalent sessions

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Table 5.10: Spare capacity of match equivalent sessions per week on junior pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ²	Demand (match equivalent sessions)		
		Overplay	Future demand	Total demand
Batley & Spen	-	8.5	0.5	9
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-	4	1	5
Huddersfield	-	10	0.5	10.5
Rural East	-	-	-	-
Rural West	-	3	-	3
KIRKLEES	-	25.5	2	27.5

- 5.63. None of the junior pitches in Kirklees have spare capacity at peak time; in fact most are overplayed due to bigger clubs with a large number of junior teams using pitches heavily for training and matches. For example, the greatest amount of overplay is in the Huddersfield Area, where pitches Dram Sports and Community Centre and Fartown Arena are overplayed by five match equivalents each by Moldgreen ARLFC and St Joseph's ARLFC respectively. Only the Rural East area is not overplayed, though it is played to capacity.
- 5.64. Overall there is current deficit of 25.5 match equivalent sessions, to increase to 27.5 sessions in future; highlighting a shortfall in junior pitches in all analysis areas other than the Rural East area.

Table 5.11: Spare capacity of match equivalent sessions per week on primary pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity ⁷	Demand (match equivalent sessions)		
		Overplay	Future demand	Total demand
Batley & Spen	-	1	1	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	-	1	1.5	2.5
Huddersfield	-	-	0.5	0.5
Rural East	-	-	0.5	0.5
Rural West	-	-	2	2
KIRKLEES	-	2	5.5	7.5

- 5.65. There is a need for two primary match equivalents to accommodate current overplay on each of the two existing pitches in the Batley & Spen and Dewsbury & Mirfield areas. Future demand highlights additional primary teams across all analysis areas, totalling a requirement for an extra 5.5 match equivalents. Kirklees is unable to cater for both existing primary pitch demand as evidenced by current overplay, or projected increases in future demand totalling 7.5 required match equivalent sessions.

⁷ In match equivalent sessions

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Rugby league summary

- ◀ There are 59 dedicated rugby league pitches in Kirklees (47 senior, 10 junior and two primaries) across 38 sites. All but five pitches are available for community use.
- ◀ The vast majority of clubs lease or rent the pitches from Kirklees Council
- ◀ Of the 59 pitches in Kirklees, most (30) are assessed as poor quality. There are 27 standard quality pitches and only two assessed as good quality
- ◀ Changing facilities where present are generally regarded as poor. Several teams do not have access to onsite changing provision and in some cases make use of local community buildings and halls which may not be appropriate
- ◀ There are a total of 134 rugby league teams competing in Kirklees, made up of 35 senior, 46 junior (U13-U18) and 53 primary (U7-U12) teams. There are three ladies teams, one Men's University team and three College teams
- ◀ There is a need for 80.5 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches in Kirklees in order to accommodate overplay and future demand. The main issue is that over half of rugby league pitches are poor quality, limiting the recommended capacity. In addition, some pitches are played throughout the winter and summer season without time to rest
- ◀ There are not enough junior or primary pitches to accommodate current and future demand. There is the need for 27.5 and 7.5 match equivalent sessions on junior and primary pitches respectively
- ◀ Overplay can only be dealt with by improving pitch quality or providing access to more training pitches or areas, ideally with floodlights. There is not enough spare capacity expressed in the respective areas to meet this level of demand currently or in the future.

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6. PART 6: HOCKEY

Introduction

- 6.1. Hockey in England is governed by England Hockey (EH) and is administered locally by the Yorkshire Hockey Association.
- 6.2. Competitive league hockey matches can only be played on sand based, sand dressed or water based pitches. Although competitive play cannot take place on third generation turf pitches (3G), 40mm pitches may be suitable, in some instances, for beginner training and are preferred to poor grass or tarmac surfaces.
- 6.3. It is considered that a hockey pitch can accommodate a maximum of four matches on the peak day (Saturdays) provided that the pitch has floodlighting.

Club consultation

- 6.4. There are nine hockey clubs within Kirklees, four of which, responded to consultation either through a face-to-face meeting or via a survey. For clubs not responding to the survey a site visit was carried out to the home ground and team information was acquired online.

Table 6.1: Consultation responses

Club	Type of consultation	Responded?
Batley HC	Survey	No
Canalside Terriers HC	Survey	Yes
Cleckheaton Ladies HC	Survey	Yes
Colne Valley Ladies HC	Survey	No
Dewsbury Kirklees HC	Survey	No
Heckmondwike HC	Survey	No
Huddersfield Dragons HC	Face-to-face	Yes
Huddersfield Ladies HC	Survey	Yes
Mirfield HC	Survey	No

Supply

- 6.5. There are five full sized artificial pitches in Kirklees suitable for competitive hockey, all of which are sand based and available to the community. All pitches are floodlit with the exception of Heckmondwike Grammar School.
- 6.6. An additional AGP at Newsome High School is considered too narrow for competitive hockey matches to take place. There are also nine half size sand based pitches that could potentially be used for hockey training.

Table 6.2: Full size AGPs in Kirklees suitable to accommodate Hockey

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Community use?	Floodlit?	Surface type	Quality
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Batley & Spen	Yes	No	Sand filled	Standard
91	Hyrstmount AGP	Batley & Spen	Yes	Yes	Sand filled	Standard

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Community use?	Floodlit?	Surface type	Quality
115	Lockwood Park	Huddersfield	Yes	Yes	Sand dressed	Standard
123	Mirfield Free Grammar School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	Yes	Sand filled	Good
172	Storthes Hall Park	Rural East	Yes	Yes	Sand filled	Poor

- 6.7. Although Hyrstmount AGP is suitable for hockey and available to the community, the facility is unavailable during weekends and therefore cannot be used for competitive matches during peak time. As well as this, plans are in progress at Storthes Hall Park to replace the sand based pitch with a 3G pitch, meaning the facility will not be suitable for hockey in the future.

Ownership/management

- 6.8. Of the five full sized AGPs in Kirklees suitable for hockey, three are located at education sites whilst the remaining two, Storthes Hall Park (Shelley FC) and Lockwood Park (Huddersfield RUFC) are managed by sports clubs.

Quality

- 6.9. Mirfield Free Grammar School is only two years old and therefore considered good quality. The carpet of an AGP usually lasts for approximately ten years (depending on levels of use).
- 6.10. Storthes Hall Park is over 15 years old and as a result is assessed as poor quality. The surface has poor drainage during increment weather and users (including Huddersfield Ladies HC) state that there is a reluctance to maintain the facility due to plans to replace the carpet. Shelley FC, who manage the pitch, wish to replace the current sand based surface with a 3G surface in the near future so that it is more suitable for football purposes.
- 6.11. Poor drainage is also an issue at Lockwood Park due to the pitch being situated nearby a river. This is a concern with Huddersfield Dragons HC as it is not able to access another suitable pitch within Kirklees when matches are postponed. The AGP is assessed as standard quality.
- 6.12. Heckmondwike Grammar School is also assessed as standard quality; however, the pitch is without floodlighting. This impacts on potential capacity and therefore negatively affects levels of use, particularly during winter months. A lack of availability is compounded by being reserved for school use until 5pm on weekdays. Although the School never attempted to have the pitch floodlit, it is accepted that it is not possible due to nearby residential housing.
- 6.13. Hyrstmount AGP was refurbished in 2013 and is assessed as standard quality.

Ancillary facilities

- 6.14. Changing facilities are provided at all sites, although quality varies significantly. Changing facilities at Mirfield Grammar School are assessed as good by Canalside Terriers HC; conversely consultation with Huddersfield Ladies HC indicates changing provision at Storthes Hall Park is poor. Problems relating to a lack of hot water and poor maintenance were cited.

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- 6.15. The changing facilities at Heckmondwike Grammar School and Lockwood Park are reported as average quality by Cleckheaton Ladies HC and Huddersfield Dragons HC respectively, whilst the facilities at Hyrstmont AGP were not assessed.

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Usage

- 6.16. The following table summarises the availability of full size AGPs for community use in Kirklees. In addition, it records the availability of provision within the peak period. Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) applies an overall peak period for AGPs of 34 hours a week (Monday to Thursday 17:00-21:00; Friday 17:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-17:00)

Table 6.3: Community opening times of full size sand AGPs

Site ID	Site name	Opening times	Hours in the peak period ⁸	Quality	Comments
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Mon-Fri: Closed Sat-Sun: 10:00-17:00	14	Standard	Used by Cleckheaton Ladies HC, Batley HC, Dewsbury Kirklees HC and Heckmondwike Ladies HC for competitive matches, however the teams cannot regularly train at the facility due to a lack of floodlighting.
91	Hyrstmount AGP	Mon-Thur: 17:30-21:00 Fri: 17:00-20:00 Sat-Sun: Closed	16	Standard	Not currently used by any hockey clubs for competitive matches or training due to not being available at weekends.
115	Lockwood Park	Mon-Thur: 09:00-22:00 Fri: 09:00-21:00 Sat:09:00-20:00 Sun: 10:00-22:00	34	Standard	Used by all senior teams within Huddersfield Dragons HC as well as two teams from the University of Huddersfield.
123	Mirfield Free Grammar School	Mon-Thur: 18:00-21:30 Fri: 18:00-21:00 Sat: 09:30-15:30 Sun: Closed	19	Good	Used throughout the week by the school for PE lessons. Canalside Terriers Ladies HC, Mirfield HC and Colne Valley HC all use the site for home matches and training.
172	Storthes Hall Park	-	-	Poor	Used by Huddersfield Ladies HC. Managed and used by Shelley FC and also used by University of Huddersfield for American football. Previously used by Huddersfield Dragons HC, however this is no longer the case due to deteriorating quality. The pitch has no definitive opening hours and is used purely on a when needed basis.

⁸ Based on data from Sport England's Active Places

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Future development

- 6.17. Royds Hall Community School is hoping to develop a full size AGP suitable for hockey in the near future. Although any development is in its early stages, plans have been created and the School is in talks with England Hockey in order to explore funding opportunities. The pitch would be reserved for school use during the day and made readily available to the community during evenings and weekends, as per other community available school facilities.

Demand

- 6.18. There are nine community hockey clubs servicing the population of Kirklees, fielding a total of 26 teams. There are also an additional two teams fielded by the University of Huddersfield, which play midweek.
- 6.19. With the exception of Huddersfield Dragons HC and Mirfield HC, all community clubs currently contain just one team. Huddersfield Dragons HC and Mirfield HC are also the only clubs to field a men's team, whilst Huddersfield Dragons HC are the only club to have junior teams.
- 6.20. Junior hockey within the Yorkshire Hockey Association is played at centralised venues, none of which are currently within Kirklees. This means that the eight junior teams play all their matches outside of Kirklees, although training still occurs within.

Table 6.4: Summary of teams in Kirklees

Name of club	No. of competitive teams			
	Vets	Senior Men	Senior Women	Juniors
Batley HC	-	-	1	-
Canalside Terriers HC	-	-	1	-
Cleckheaton Ladies HC	-	-	1	-
Colne Valley Ladies HC	-	-	1	-
Dewsbury Kirklees HC	-	-	1	-
Heckmondwike HC	-	-	1	-
Huddersfield Dragons HC	2	5	3	8
Huddersfield Ladies HC	-	-	1	-
Mirfield HC	-	1	1	-
TOTAL	2	6	10	8

- 6.21. During consultation it was evident that there has been a trend of decline within the clubs over recent years. Both Huddersfield Dragons HC and Cleckheaton Ladies HC report a decrease in senior teams over the last three years, whilst the Yorkshire Hockey Association website indicates that a second ladies team at Colne Valley HC has recently folded. No clubs responding to consultation report an increase in teams.

Unmet/latent demand

- 6.22. Unmet demand is defined as the number of teams that could be fielded were sufficient pitches available. Consultation suggests that there are currently no clubs that have unmet demand in Kirklees, meaning the supply of hockey pitches is currently not preventing the increase of teams.

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- 6.23. Sport England’s Segmentation Tool enables the analysis of ‘the percentage of adults that would like to participate in hockey but are not currently doing so’. The tool identifies latent demand of 590 people. The most dominant segment that would like to participate in hockey is the segment ‘Leanne – supportive singles. Of the 590 people, 339 (57.4%) are females.

Future demand

- 6.24. Only Huddersfield Dragons HC reports a desire to increase the number of senior teams in the future, equating to one senior men’s team and one senior women’s team. No clubs indicate an ambition to grow junior participation.
- 6.25. Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating whether the number of teams is likely to increase in the future based on population growth (by 2037). This is likely to result in demand for one additional senior and junior team.

Table 6.5: Team generation rates

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Senior Mens (16-45)	86,148	6	1:14,358	90,996	6.3	0.3
Senior Womens (16-45)	84,738	9	1:9,415	88,973	9.5	0.5
Juniors (11-15)	26,128	8	1:3,266	29,639	9.1	1.1

Supply and demand analysis

- 6.26. Based on 18 adult teams from Kirklees requiring a pitch at peak time (Saturday) there is a requirement for 2.25 (rounded to three) full sized, floodlit, hockey pitches based on teams playing home and away (and based on a floodlit AGP being able to accommodate a maximum of four matches on a Saturday).
- 6.27. Within Kirklees there are currently three pitches which adhere to requirements; Lockwood Park, Mirfield Free Grammar School and Storthes Hall Park, suggesting that supply can meet demand. Heckmondwike Grammar School has been discounted at this point due to not being floodlit, as has Hyrstmount AGP because of not being available during peak time.
- 6.28. It must also be noted that there are plans to replace the sand based pitch at Storthes Hall Park with a 3G surface. It is therefore possible that, in the future, there will only be two pitches suitable for the required number of competitive hockey matches during peak time (Mirfield Free Grammar School and Lockwood Park). This potential shortfall in provision could be resolved by ensuring future community use during peak time at Hyrstmount AGP and/or the development of a new AGP at Royds Hall Community School.
- 6.29. Junior teams currently play outside of Kirklees due to the Yorkshire Hockey Association using centralised venues. All junior matches are played on Sundays and can also be accommodated on smaller sized AGPs. Therefore, if teams were required to play within Kirklees, the demand could be met on the current supply of pitches.

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Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) – National Facilities Audit Dataset (January 2014)

- 6.30. The FPM is a model used as a starting point to help assess the strategic provision of sports facilities, including AGPs. The model is prescriptive and not predictive in that it does not provide precise estimates of the use of proposed facilities. Rather it prescribes an appropriate level of provision for any defined area in relation to demand and which reflects national expectations and policies. It is not a substitute for considering local club needs and should be used alongside any local assessment.
- 6.31. There are eight AGPs which meet the model parameters, which is made up of one 3G and seven sand based pitches. However, three sand based pitches identified by the FPM (Huddersfield New College, Leeds Road Sports Complex and St John Fisher Catholic High School) were identified as 3G pitches during the audit assessment. An additional sand based pitch at Mirfield Free Grammar School has not been included in the FPM due to not being available for community use, despite consultation with the school discovering that the facility is available.
- 6.32. The bullet points below are concluding statements from the FPM model:
- ◀ The model estimates that Kirklees' eight AGPs offer the equivalent of 5.36 pitches operating across all the peak hours. Between them, the pitches are able to accommodate 3,969 visits per week during peak period.
 - ◀ Kirklees residents enjoy a level of AGP provision at 0.19 pitches per 10,000 people. This is lower than neighbouring local authorities (Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley and Calderdale) and almost half the national level of provision.
 - ◀ Over 35% of demand for AGP use by Kirklees residents currently goes unmet, 93.5% of which is due to the pitches not having capacity during peak time.
 - ◀ Peak time demand equates to 13.97 AGPs operating at full capacity, meaning a shortfall of 8.61 pitches.
 - ◀ The situation would be notably worse if it was not for AGPs in neighbouring local authorities, and as a result Kirklees is a major exporter of demand.
 - ◀ The model suggests that at least five new AGPs are needed to bring provision to a comparable level. Future provision should be for 3G pitches.

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Hockey summary

- ◀ There are five AGPs suitable for hockey within Kirklees; Heckmondwike Grammar School, Hyrstmount , Lockwood Park, Mirfield Free Grammar School and Storthes Hall Park.
- ◀ However, Heckmondwike Grammar School is not floodlit, Hyrstmount is unavailable during peak time and plans are in place to replace the sand based pitch at Storthes Hall Park with a 3G pitch.
- ◀ Mirfield Free Grammar School is assessed as good quality whilst Storthes Hall Park is deemed poor. The remaining pitches are rated standard.
- ◀ Plans to develop an additional hockey suitable AGP are underway at Royds Hall Community School.
- ◀ There are nine hockey clubs within Kirklees providing a total of 26 teams. In addition the University of Huddersfield also field two senior teams which currently play midweek.
- ◀ All junior teams play outside of Kirklees due to the nature of the Yorkshire Hockey Association.
- ◀ Consultation highlights a trend of decline within hockey clubs over recent years. Two clubs (Huddersfield Dragons HC and Cleckheaton Ladies HC) report a decrease in playing members whilst no clubs report an increase.
- ◀ Based on 18 senior teams playing within Kirklees there is a requirement for three full size AGPs, of which there are currently five. However, Hyrstmount is unavailable during peak time, Heckmondwike Grammar School is without floodlighting and Storthes Hall Park could soon become 3G, leaving a shortfall of two.
- ◀ Any current shortfall of pitches could be prevented by ensuring future use of Hyrstmount during peak time and/or the creation of an additional AGP at Royds Hall Community School.

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7. PART 7: ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES (AGPS)

7.1 Introduction

7.2 There are several surface types that fall into the category of artificial grass pitch (AGP). The three main groups are rubber crumb (third generation turf 3G), sand (filled or dressed) and water based.

7.3 Competitive football can take place on 3G surfaces that have been FA or FIFA certified and a growing number of 3G pitches are now used for competitive match play at mini soccer and youth level. Only competition up to (but not including) regional standard can take place on a 40mm pile. Football training can take place on sand and water based surfaces but is not the preferred option.

7.4 Hockey is played predominantly on sand based/filled AGPs. Although competitive play cannot take place on 3G pitches, 40mm pitches may be suitable, in some instances, for beginner training and are preferred to poor grass or tarmac surfaces.

7.5 World Rugby produced the 'Performance Specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union. The artificial surface standards identified in Regulation 22 allows matches to be played on surfaces that meet the standard. Full contact activity, including tackling, rucking, mauling and lineouts can take place. For rugby league the equivalent is known as the RFL Community Standard.

Table 7.1: AGP type and sport suitability

Category	Surface	Comments
Long Pile 3G (60mm with shock pad)	Rubber crumb	Rugby surface – must comply with World Rugby type 22, requires a minimum of 60mm.
Long Pile 3G (55-60mm)	Rubber crumb	Preferred football surface
Short Pile 3G (40mm)	Rubber crumb	Acceptable surface for some competitive football
Sand Filled	Sand	Competitive hockey and football training
Sand Dressed	Sand	Preferred hockey surface and suitable for football training
Water based	Water	Preferred hockey surface and suitable for football training if irrigated.

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7.6 Current provision

7.7 The table below provides a list of the current supply of full size AGPs identified in Kirklees.

7.8 NB: The 3G pitch at Canalside Sports Complex has been discounted from all further analysis within this section due to the Site being owned by Huddersfield Town FC and the pitches therefore not being available for community use. The section therefore refers to a total of nine AGPs in Kirklees as opposed to ten.

Table 7.2: Full size AGPs in Kirklees

Site ID	Site name	Ownership/ Management	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Size	Pitch type
14	Batley Sports & Tennis Centre	Trust	Batley & Spen	1	Full Size	Short Pile 3G (40mm)
26	Canal Side Sports Complex	Commercial	Huddersfield	1	Full Size	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	School	Batley & Spen	1	Full Size	Sand filled
88	Huddersfield New College	College	Huddersfield	1	Full Size	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)
91	Hyrstmount AGP	Local Authority	Batley & Spen	1	Full Size	Sand Filled
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Local Authority	Huddersfield	1	Full Size	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)
115	Lockwood Park	Sports Club	Huddersfield	1	Full Size	Sand Dressed
123	Mirfield Free Grammar School	School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Full Size	Sand filled
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	KAL	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Full Size	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)
172	Storthes Hall Park	University/ Sports Club	Rural East	1	Full Size	Sand Filled

7.9 The table below identifies the analysis areas that all of the AGPs are located in:

Table 7.3: AGPs by analysis area

Analysis area	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)	Short Pile 3G (40mm)	Sand Dressed	Sand Filled
Batley & Spen	-	1	-	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	-	-	1
Huddersfield	2	-	1	-
Rural East	-	-	-	1
Rural West	-	-	-	-
KIRKLEES	3	1	1	4

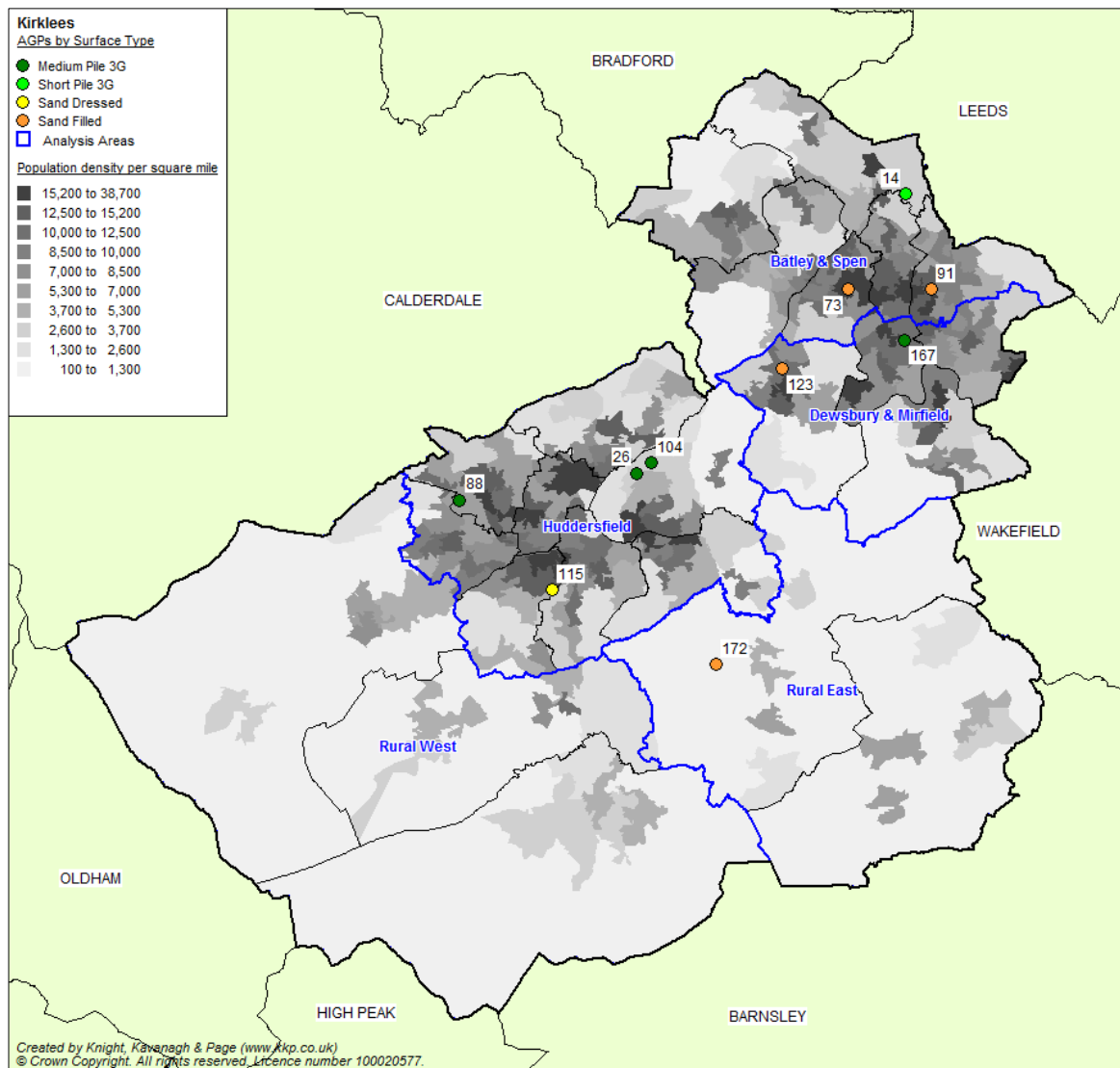
7.10 The most common type of surface is sand. There are a total of nine full size pitches in Kirklees, of which four are 3G surfaces and five are sand.

7.11 All analysis areas are served by AGP provision with the exception of Rural West.

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7.12 There are no World Rugby or RFL Community Standard, compliant surfaces suitable for competitive rugby in Kirklees, whilst there is only one certified 3G pitch for competitive football match use, located at Leeds Road Playing Fields. A second pitch situated at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre was previously FA certified for competitive football but recently lost certification due to the poor quality of the surface.

Figure 7.4: Location of current full size AGPs in Kirklees



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7.13 Availability

7.14 The Table below summarises the availability of full size AGPs for community use in Kirklees. In addition, it records the availability of provision within the peak period based on information given by **the** organisation during consultation. Sport England recommends an overall peak period for AGPs of 34 hours a week (Monday to Thursday 17:00-21:00; Friday 17:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-17:00). This has been applied in conjunction with findings from consultation to provide a total number of hours available for community use per week during peak periods.

Table 7.5: AGP availability

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Availability for community use?	Security of tenure?	Availability for community use in the peak period
14	Batley Sports & Tennis Centre	Batley & Spen	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : 18hrs Weekend : 15.5hrs Total: 33.5hrs
26	Canal Side Sports Complex	Huddersfield	1	No	-	-
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Batley & Spen	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : Unavailable Weekend : 14hrs Total: 14hrs
88	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : 13hrs Weekend : 16hrs Total: 29hrs
91	Hyrtmount AGP	Batley & Spen	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : 14hrs Weekend : Unavailable Total: 14hrs
104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : 18hrs Weekend : 16hrs Total: 34hrs
115	Lockwood Park	Huddersfield	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : 18hrs Weekend : 16hrs Total: 34hrs
123	Mirfield Free Grammar School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : 13hrs Weekend : 6hrs Total: 19hrs
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Yes	Secured	Monday-Friday : 13hrs Weekend : 16hrs Total: 29hrs

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Availability for community use?	Security of tenure?	Availability for community use in the peak period
172	Storthes Hall Park	Rural East	1	Yes	Secured	Upon request

- 7.15 In the main, availability of provision in the peak period is generally good. Where there is provision on education sites, this is generally made available after school and at weekends. The only exception is at Heckmondwike Grammar School where the AGP is unavailable for community use throughout the week after school time due to an absence of floodlighting.
- 7.16 There is little capacity on AGPs for hockey use at weekends as two of the five suitable surfaces are considered unavailable, located at Hyrstmount AGP and Storthes Hall Park. The remaining three pitches are all used by multiple hockey clubs for matches on Saturday. There is even less capacity for training midweek as Heckmondwike Grammar School is unsuitable, plus there may be some competition with football training demand.
- 7.17 The pitch at Storthes Hall Park is used by one hockey team from Huddersfield Ladies HC on Saturday afternoon, albeit that the pitch is only available upon request and not particularly advertised, possibly due to concerns regarding the quality and safety of the surface. Furthermore, plans are in place to convert the surface to 3G.
- 7.18 The remaining five full size 3G pitches are all operating at capacity throughout midweek evenings to cater for football demand. There may be some capacity over weekend time slots at these sites as matches are for the most part played on grass pitches. Available capacity is further limited on some AGPs where football clubs were involved with the funding of a pitch and subsequently have exclusive access at certain times. For example, Dewsbury Rangers FC access at St John Fisher Catholic High School on Thursday and Friday evenings, West End FC has priority booking of the AGP at Huddersfield New College and Howden Clough Juniors FC has 20 hours of use throughout midweek at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre, representing a large proportion of the capacity available for community use.
- 7.19 **Quality**
- 7.20 Of the nine full size pitches in Kirklees, five are assessed as standard quality. Two pitches are assessed as good quality, all of which are less than two years old. Two sites have pitches assessed as poor quality, located at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre where the surface is loose and comes away in clumps and Storthes Hall Park where surface damage has raised safety concerns. Only one AGP at Heckmondwike Grammar School is not floodlit which subsequently limits the availability midweek during the evenings.
- 7.21 The carpet of an AGP usually lasts for approximately 10 years. Current surfaces are of varying age and quality and though four AGPs were either built or had surface refurbishment within the past three years, three are over five years old. Two pitches are over 10 years old and subsequently require imminent surface replacement, located at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre and Lockwood Park.

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Table 7.7: Summary of quality

Site ID	Site name	Surface type	Year built (refurbished)	Floodlit?	Quality
14	Batley Sports & Tennis Centre	Short Pile 3G (40mm)	2005	Yes	Poor
26	Canal Side Sports Complex	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)	2013	Yes	Good
73	Heckmondwike Grammar School	Sand filled	2008	No	Standard
88	Huddersfield New College	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)	2002 (2013)	Yes	Good
91	Hyrstmount AGP	Sand Filled	Unknown	Yes	Standard
104	Leeds Road Playing Fields	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)	1991 (1998 & 2013)	Yes	Good
115	Lockwood Park	Sand Dressed	1997	Yes	Standard
123	Mirfield Free Grammar School	Sand filled	2012	Yes	Standard
167	St John Fisher Catholic High School	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)	2008	Yes	Standard
172	Storthes Hall Park	Sand Filled	1995 (2007)	Yes	Poor

- 7.22 From 2014/15 only 3G pitches with a valid performance test and listed on the FA Register (<http://3g.thefa.me.uk/>) can be used for competitive play. This is to ensure the pitch has the same playing characteristics as natural turf and ensures that the pitches are safe to use.
- 7.23 Howden Clough FC currently uses the 3G pitch at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre for mini soccer matches and has over marked its own mini pitches onto the surface to do so. The pitch was FA certified for competitive match play, however, the quality of the surface is now poor and dated. It has subsequently failed FA re-certification and unless the surface is replaced would mean that mini teams may have to play on grass pitches, putting further pressure on those at Batley Girls High School.

Supply and demand analysis

Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) – National Facilities Audit Dataset (January 2014)

- 7.24 The FPM is a model used as a starting point to help assess the strategic provision of sports facilities, including AGPs. The model is prescriptive and not predictive in that it does not provide precise estimates of the use of proposed facilities. Rather it prescribes an appropriate level of provision for any defined area in relation to demand and which reflects national expectations and policies. It is not a substitute for considering local club needs and should be used alongside any local assessment.
- 7.25 The bullet points below outline the conclusions drawn from the Sport England FPM run in Kirklees. The run shows that unsatisfied demand is relatively high and that Kirklees is undersupplied with full size AGPs, with demand outweighing supply.

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- 7.26 The bullet points below are concluding statements from the FPM model:
- ◀ Per capita level of provision is low, and there is shortfall of provision when capacity demanded is compared to capacity available
 - ◀ The situation would be notably worse for Kirklees residents if it were not for the fact that they were able to access AGP in neighbouring local authorities, and the district is as a result, a major net exporter of AGP demand
 - ◀ Pitch capacity is poorly distributed in scale and location relative to population. The highest levels of unmet demand and poorest relative share happen to be the inner parts of Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Batley
 - ◀ The model suggests that at least 5 new AGPs are needed to bring provision standards up to a comparable level and that they should be for 3rd generation football orientated rubber crumb surfaces

7.27 *Supply*

- ◀ The model estimates that the 8 AGPs in Kirklees offer the equivalent of 5.36 AGPs operating across all the peak hours, due to the lack of floodlights at two pitches reducing hours available during autumn and winter
- ◀ AGP provision equates to 0.19 pitches per 10,000 residents. This is the lowest level of provision across the West Riding area, and almost half the national level of provision
- ◀ Approximately 25% of residents do not have access to a car. This is higher than the national percentage though slightly lower than the figure for the County (26%)

7.28 *Demand*

- ◀ Peak time demand equates to 13.97 pitches operating at full capacity, whilst the borough only actually has the equivalent of 5.36 pitches operating this way across the peak, highlighting a shortfall of provision equivalent to 8.61 pitches
- ◀ The model estimates that just less than 65% of demand for AGP use from Kirklees residents is met by supply, notably lower than national and regional averages. With the exception of two rural authorities, Kirklees has the lowest level of satisfied demand in Yorkshire and Humberside
- ◀ Of this, the majority of satisfied demand (52%) is exported to neighbouring authorities, whilst only 48% is retained
- ◀ Over 35% of total demand for AGP use by Kirklees residents currently goes unmet, of which 93.5% of unmet demand is down to the local AGP not having capacity to accommodate them at peak times. Along with Leeds, this is the highest figure in the study area
- ◀ The model suggests that additional provision should be predominantly football orientated in design (i.e. 3G rubber crumb)
- ◀ There are some notable pockets of high unmet demand identifiable in both Dewsbury (Moorend, Staincliffe, Batley Carr Ravensthorpe and Thornhill Lees), and to a lesser extent Huddersfield (Moldgreen, Hillhouse and Thornton Lodge)

7.29 *Usage*

- ◀ AGPs in Kirklees operate at full peak time capacity, both across the Borough and per pitch
- ◀ Expectedly, two of the three pitches that offer limited peak time capacity are located in a part of the Borough where unmet demand is at its highest
- ◀ Relative share is close to 37% lower than the national average and is the poorest figure in the study area. It is also the poorest relative share figure in Yorkshire, and one of the poorest figures in the country

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7.30 ***New developments***

7.31 The FPM key findings relate to the dataset as of January 2014, however; an additional full size AGP has been installed since which will subsequently influence the picture of current provision in Kirklees. In addition, the AGP at Mirfield Free Grammar School has been opened up to community use and sand based surfaces have been converted to 3G pile at Huddersfield New College, Leeds Road Playing Fields and St John Fisher Catholic High School.

7.32 Given the additional provision of another football suitable surface, as well as the conversion of three sand based surfaces to 3G, the audit identifies that provision for football appropriate surfaces is improved from that shown in the FPM. There is still a shortfall particularly in the Rural East and Rural West analysis areas. The loss of three hockey suitable surfaces due to 3G pile resurfacing has somewhat been compensated by the increase in community hours available at Mirfield Free Grammar School, evidenced by the three hockey teams now using the site.

7.33 ***Future plans for provision***

7.34 Shelley FC currently plays at Storthes Hall Park which is owned by the University of Huddersfield and leased to the Club. In addition to grass pitches there is a full sized, sand dressed AGP currently used by one hockey club. The surface is dated and of poor quality with some safety concerns, however; Shelley FC is keen to resurface the AGP with medium pile 3G to be used for both training and competitive matches (with the exception of the first grade team playing within the football pyramid). The Club has the support of the University and would not seek grant funding, instead financing the development through an associated private benefactor.

7.35 Royds Hall High School has aspirations to create a new AGP onsite for both the use of pupils and the local community. Plans are at a very early stage although the school is in contact with England Hockey which is interested in exploring the possibilities for a new sand based surface at the school.

7.36 Savile Town FC also has aspirations to build a full size 3G surface AGP on the Savile Playing Fields site and is exploring access to grant funding through the Football Foundation.

7.37 All Saints Catholic College has plans to install a full size 3G pitch as part of redevelopment of the sporting facilities onsite, including a new sports centre which is currently in progress and will provide new changing facilities for the outdoor pitches. The college has drawn up plans and is currently investigating opportunities to secure matched funding. Community use is currently managed by School Lettings Solutions with whom the college has an existing agreement, which would continue to see the AGP made available for community use throughout evenings and weekends for matches and training.

7.38 ***The FA model***

7.39 The FA considers high quality third generation artificial grass pitches as an essential tool in promoting coach and player development. The FA can support intensive use and as such are great assets for both playing and training. Primarily such facilities have been installed for community use and training, however, are increasingly used for competition which The FA wholly supports.

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7.40 The FA's long term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England the opportunity to train once per week on floodlit 3G surface, together with priority access for every Charter Standard Community Club through a partnership agreement. The FA standard is calculated by using the latest Sport England research "AGPs State of the Nation March 2012" assuming that 51% of AGP usage is by sports clubs when factoring in the number of training slots available per pitch type per hour from 5pm-10pm Mon-Fri and 9am-5pm Saturday & Sundays. It is estimated that one full size AGP can service 60 teams.

7.41 On the basis there are 655 teams playing competitive football in Kirklees, there is a recommended need for eleven full size 3G pitches, currently there are four in the area. Furthermore, when applied to current team demand by analysis area this equates to the need for 13 pitches, as shown in the table below.

Analysis area	Current number of teams	3G requirement	Current number of 3G pitches	Potential shortfall
Batley & Spennings	138	3	1	2
Dewsbury & Mirfield	118	2	1	1
Huddersfield	202	4	2	2
Rural East	104	2	-	2
Rural West	93	2	-	2
KIRKLEES	655	13	4	9

7.42 There are, however, a number of smaller sized pitches that help to accommodate demand, for example from mini teams. These can be seen in the table below:

Site ID	Site name	Surface type	Quality	Quantity	Size
33	Colne Valley High School	Sand Dressed	Standard	1	40 x 32
63	Greenhead College	Sand Filled	Standard	1	60 x 47
82	Holmfirth Sports Centre	Sand Filled	Poor	1	34 x 17
97	Kirkburton Middle School	Sand Dressed	Standard	1	54 x 34
104	Leeds Road Playing Fields	Medium Pile 3G (Barn)	Good	1	60 x 40
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Sand Filled	Standard	1	90 x 50
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Sand Dressed	Standard	1	60 x 34
131	Newsome High School And Sports College	Sand Dressed	Standard	1	40 x 38
180	Thornhill Sports Centre	Sand Filled	Standard	1	40 x 32
219	Woodland Glade Leisure Centre	Short Pile 3G (40mm)	Standard	1	36 x 17
9915	Scisset Middle School	Sand Filled	Standard	1	Unknown
-	The Zone, Huddersfield	Short Pile 3G (40mm)	Good	2	Indoor 5v5 pens

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7.43 **Local demand**

Hockey

See Hockey Section Part 6

Football

7.44 Currently only 22 teams play competitive matches on 3G pitches. Of which, ten play at adult level, mostly in the West Riding CFA Over 35s League which takes place at Leeds Road Sports Complex as a central venue on Monday evenings. There are a further 12 teams from Howden Clough FC playing mini soccer on 3G on Sunday mornings.

7.45 Artificial surfaces are used throughout the week for training, with survey responses indicating that all 3G pitch sites are regularly used. A number of teams highlighted issues regarding affordability of AGPs, including Hartshead FC, Britannia Sports FC and Crackenedge FC, the latter adding that they don't train at all due to incurred costs at suitable facilities. Such is the lack of capacity within some areas; several clubs indicate exported demand to access AGP training facilities at Penistone High School (Barnsley), Tong High School (Bradford) and Appleton Academy (Bradford).

7.46 Over half (53%) of football clubs which submitted a response to the question referring to additional requirement for training facilities express a need for access to more facilities, all of which specify a desire for 3G pitches in the area.

Football

7.47 Demand for 3G AGPs has increased in recent years due to demand from clubs for training but also due to a growing acceptance by local leagues of use for competitive matches. This considered, the general condition of local authority pitches and increasingly limited budget for regular and adequate maintenance may lead more teams to consider AGPs as a possible alternative should it be financially viable. A number of leagues within nearby local authorities such as Leeds use 3G pitches as central venues, which West Riding CFA has now started introduce to Kirklees in the form of the midweek Over 35s League. This trend is likely to increase in the future and more Mini soccer could be played exclusively on 3G pitches.

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AGP summary

- ◀ Overall there are 10 full size AGPs in Kirklees, there are five 3G surfaces, four sand filled and one sand dressed pitch. One 3G pitch owned by Huddersfield Town FC has been discounted from the analysis as it is not available for community use.
- ◀ There are no 60mm pile carpets compliant to World Rugby or Rugby League Community Standard.
- ◀ In the main, availability of provision in the peak period is generally good. Where there is provision on education sites, this is generally made available after school and at weekends. Two pitches have limited availability located at Hyrstmount AGP and Heckmondwike Grammar School
- ◀ Two of the nine full size pitches in Kirklees are assessed as good quality, whilst five are standard. There are two pitches assessed as poor quality, located at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre and Storthes Hall Park
- ◀ The carpet of an AGP usually lasts for approximately 10 years. Two pitches require imminent carpet replacement at Batley Sports & Tennis Centre (2005) and Lockwood Park (1997)
- ◀ Over half of football clubs which submitted views express additional demand for training facilities and all specified 3G pitches as a requirement
- ◀ All full size 3G pitches are operating at capacity for midweek football training but there may be some spare capacity for matches at weekends (provided a test certificate is attained).
- ◀ Shelley FC has plans to resurface the sand filled AGP at Storthes Hall Park with 3G. The university supports this development which will be self-funded by the Club.
- ◀ Dewsbury Rams RLFC has plans to build a full size 3G pitch by the current stadium site, to include two further small sided football cages and modular changing block.
- ◀ The FA model estimates that one full size AGP can service 60 teams. On the basis there are 655 teams playing competitive football in Kirklees, there is a recommended need for 11 full size 3G pitches to cater for football demand, currently there are four.
- ◀ Current demand by analysis area equates to the need for a total of 13 pitches, one additional pitch in the Dewsbury & Mirfield and two additional pitches in the Batley & Spen, Rural East and Rural West and Huddersfield areas. The FPM also highlights short falls in the order of eight AGPs which is in line with the FA model.

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8.0 PART 8: BOWLS

8.1 Introduction

8.2 All bowling greens in Kirklees are crown greens. The British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA) is the governing body responsible for ensuring effective governance of crown green bowls across the Country. The bowling season for crown green runs from April to September.

8.3 Consultation

8.4 There are 20 clubs using council bowling greens in Kirklees. Of these, 17 replied to the consultation (85%). Only Bradley Mills, Crow Nest and Staincliffe Park Open Age Bowling Clubs did not respond to the survey.

8.5 There are also a large number of private bowling greens and clubs within the Kirklees area. These are often linked to private sports clubs and working men's clubs. A total of eight private clubs in Kirklees were consulted. Information relating to these private clubs is generally covered through consultation with the various bowling associations in operation. A total of six out of seven bowling associations were consulted (Mirfield & District Bowling Association did not respond). Responding associations include:

- ◀ Dewsbury Park Vets Bowling Association
- ◀ Heavy Woollen District Bowling Association
- ◀ Huddersfield & District Crown Green Bowling Association
- ◀ North Kirklees Vets Bowling Association
- ◀ Spen Valley Vets Bowling Association

8.6 Supply

8.7 There are 84 crown green bowling greens in Kirklees provided across 75 sites. Of these, 22 greens are provided and maintained by the Council.

Table 8.1: Summary of the number of greens by analysis area

Analysis area	Number of greens
Batley & Spen	17
Dewsbury & Mirfield	14
Huddersfield	35
Rural East	6
Rural West	12
KIRKLEES	84

8.8 The majority of bowling greens are located in Huddersfield Analysis Area, of which, there are 36 (43%). There are 16 bowling greens (20%) in Batley & Spen and 13 greens in Dewsbury & Mirfield (16%). This is followed by 12 greens in Rural West (15%). The Rural East Analysis Area has the fewest greens with six (7%).

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Table 8.1: Key to map

Site ID	Site	Analysis area	Ownership/management	Number of greens
4	Almondbury Rec	Huddersfield	Private	1
26	Canal Side Sports Complex	Huddersfield	Private	1
32	Cleckheaton Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Private	2
39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Council	1
44	Denby Cricket Club (Aka Denby Sports & Social Club)	Rural East	Private	1
50	Earlsheaton Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Council	2
60	Golcar Cricket Club	Huddersfield	Private	1
62	Grange Moor Football Ground	Rural East	Private	1
66	Hanging Heaton Cricket Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Private	1
74	Heckmondwike Sports Club	Batley & Spen	Private	2
80	Holmfirth Cricket Club	Rural West	Private	1
83	Holroyd Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Council	1
111	Linthwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	Private	1
115	Lockwood Park	Huddersfield	Private	1
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Private/ Council	1
137	Paddock Cricket Club	Huddersfield	Private	1
161	Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club	Rural West	Private	1
165	Spen Victoria Cricket Bowling And Athletic Club	Batley & Spen	Private	1
179	Thongsbridge Recreation Ground	Rural West	Private	1
181	Thornhill Cricket & Bowls Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Private	1
203	Firth Park	Batley & Spen	Council	2
204	Greenhead Park	Huddersfield	Council	2
212	Millbridge Park	Batley & Spen	Council	1
213	Oakfield Tennis Club	Huddersfield	Private	1
214	Raikes Lane	Batley & Spen	Council	1
218	Wilton Park (Batley)	Batley & Spen	Council	2
220	Almondbury BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
221	Birkenshaw BC	Batley & Spen	Council	1
222	Bradley And Colne BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
223	Bradley Mills Cricket & Bowling Club	Huddersfield	Private	1
224	Broad Oak BC	Rural West	Private	1
225	Brockholes BC	Rural West	Private	1
226	Clayton West BC	Rural East	Private	1
227	Cleckheaton Moorend Working Men's Club	Batley & Spen	Private	1
228	Cowcliffe Lib	Huddersfield	Private	1
229	Crosland Moor BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
230	Dalton CBC	Huddersfield	Private	1
232	Dewsbury Gate Park	Batley & Spen	Council	2
233	Farnley Tyas BC	Rural East	Private	1
234	France Street	Batley & Spen	Council	1

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Site ID	Site	Analysis area	Ownership/management	Number of greens
235	Golcar Lib	Huddersfield	Private	1
239	Jackson Bridge	Rural West	Private	1
240	Kirkheaton CBC	Huddersfield	Private	1
241	Kirkheaton Con	Huddersfield	Private	1
242	Lindley Lib	Huddersfield	Private	1
244	Linthwaite Hall	Rural West	Private	1
245	Lockwood Con	Huddersfield	Private	1
246	Longwood BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
247	Lower Hopton	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Private	1
248	Lowerhouses Com BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
249	Marsh Lib	Huddersfield	Private	1
250	Marsh Utd BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
251	Meltham No 1	Rural West	Private	2
252	Milnsbridge BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
253	Milnsbridge Lib	Huddersfield	Private	1
255	Morton House Club & Institute	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Private	1
256	Netherton Con	Huddersfield	Private	1
257	New Mill Club	Rural West	Private	1
258	Newsome WMC	Huddersfield	Private	1
260	Old Bank Working Men's Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Private	1
261	Overthorpe Sports Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Private	1
262	Paddock I&C	Huddersfield	Private	1
263	Primrose Hill Lib	Huddersfield	Private	1
264	Ravensknowle Park	Huddersfield	Council	2
266	Rockhouse Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Council	1
267	Royds Park (Liversedge)	Batley & Spen	Council	1
268	Skelmanthorpe Central	Rural East	Private	1
269	Skelmanthorpe Windmill	Rural East	Private	1
271	Springwood BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
275	The Hightown	Batley & Spen	Private	1
276	Thorpe Green BSC	Huddersfield	Private	1
277	Waterloo BC	Huddersfield	Private	1
350	Marsden Park	Rural West	Council	1
355	Lindley Bowling Club	Huddersfield	Private	1
363	Mount Pleasant Bowling Club	Batley & Spen	Private	1

8.10 **Quality**

8.11 Nearly all bowling greens are assessed as good quality, with the exception of five sites which are deemed standard:

- ✦ Bradley Mills Cricket & Bowling Club
- ✦ Farnley Tyas BC
- ✦ Oakfield Tennis Club
- ✦ Primrose Hill Liberal Club
- ✦ Raikes Lane

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- 8.12 Only one of these sites is identified as a Kirklees Council site; Raikes Lane. The site is used by Birstall Bowling Club which rates the quality of the site as average. However, it does note that the quality has improved in recent years due to better preparation of the playing surface. Generally clubs using council greens rate the quality of provision as good (59%) or standard (41%). No clubs consider provision of council greens to be poor. Similarly private clubs rate quality of greens as either good (63%) or standard (37%).
- 8.13 Furthermore, no bowling associations highlight any concerns with regard to the quality of greens. Provision is generally thought to be of a good standard across Kirklees. Earlsheaton Park is a site repeatedly highlighted as being of a particularly high standard and well presented by bowling associations. Similarly private sites such as Cleckheaton Sports Club are also highlighted as being of an excellent standard. Its quality is demonstrated through it having recently held the All England Seniors Final.
- 8.14 In addition, the quality at Firth Park and Holroyd Park is thought by clubs and bowling associations to have improved recently due to the introduction of fencing at the sites.
- 8.15 The majority of clubs using Council sites report that the quality of their home green has either got slightly better or much better (59%) since the previous season. Reasons cited for this include better preparation of playing surfaces and due to the work of groundskeepers. Over a third of clubs using Council sites (35%) report that there has been 'no difference' in quality.
Only one club (Rock House Park Bowling Club) states that the quality of their green has got 'slightly poorer'. No reason for such any change is given.
- 8.16 Despite the high quality rating of sites and the perceived quality from clubs and bowling associations, a number of clubs suggest that vandalism is an issue. Seven clubs using council sites highlight incidents within the last 12 months.
- 8.17 Clubs at Staincliffe Park, Holroyd Park and Wilton Park suggest the greens can be used by people for playing football and riding bikes. Bowling associations support the misuse of the green at Wilton Park. Furthermore, Holroyd Park Bowling Club also identifies that the clubhouse has been broken into.
- 8.18 Birstall Bowling Club is another club to also identify incidents of break-ins. The site has also suffered from fires being set; an issue which Ravensknowle Vets also report.
- 8.19 In addition, Firth Park Bowling Club highlights that it has had graffiti within the last 12 months. Rock House Park Bowling Club reports incidents of vandalism but does not provide any further detail.
- 8.20 Only one private club highlights an issue with vandalism. Linthwaite Bowling Club reports that misuse (e.g. football and bikes), graffiti and evidence of alcohol/drug use have been noted in the last 12 months.
- 8.21 **Demand**
- Current demand***
- 8.22 There are 20 clubs using Kirklees Council bowling greens, of which 17 (85%) have been consulted. There are a total of 601 members across the consulted clubs playing at Council sites, consisting of 420 males, 178 females and three juniors. Membership varies from 71 at Earlsheaton Bowling Club to 21 at Birstall Bowling Club and Wilton Park Vets Bowling Club.

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Table 8.2: Summary of club membership at Council sites

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of greens	Club(s)	Members
39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Crow Nest Park Bowling Club	-
				Mirfield Parish Bowling Club	26
50	Earlsheaton Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	2	Earlsheaton Bowling Club	71
83	Holroyd Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Holroyd Park Bowling Club	24
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Mirfield Bowling Club	42
				Mirfield Vets	36
203	Firth Park	Batley & Spen	2	Firth Park Bowling Club	19
204	Greenhead Park	Huddersfield	2	Greenhead Park Bowling Club	23
212	Millbridge Park	Batley & Spen	1	Millbridge Park Bowling Club	33
214	Raikes Lane	Batley & Spen	1	Birstall Bowling Club	21
218	Wilton Park (Batley)	Batley & Spen	2	Wilton Park Vets Bowling Club	21
221	Birkenshaw BC	Batley & Spen	1	Birkenshaw Bowling Club	48
232	Dewsbury Gate Park	Batley & Spen	2	Staincliffe Vets Bowling Club	31
				Staincliffe Park Open Age	-
234	France Street	Batley & Spen	1	Soothill Park Vets	34
264	Ravensknowle Park	Huddersfield	1	Ravensknowle Vets	52
				Bradley Mills	-
266	Rockhouse Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield	1	Rockhouse Park Bowling Club	37
267	Royds Park	Batley & Spen	1	Royds Park Bowling Club	51
350	Marsden Park	Rural West	1	Marsden Bowling Club	32

- 8.23 Of the clubs, only two identify having any junior members; Royds Park (2) and Earlsheaton Park (1). No clubs highlight any plans to increase junior membership.
- 8.24 Overall, ten of the clubs using Council sites that have been consulted suggest membership levels have remained roughly the same over the last three years. A further five clubs (Birstall, Royds, Millbridge, Ravensknowle and Staincliffe Vets) state that membership levels have increased. For both Royds and Millbridge clubs this has resulted in an additional team being created. It is likely that for the other clubs the increase is minimal.
- 8.25 Only one club, Wilton Park, reports a decrease in membership levels. No reason is provided for this decrease.
- 8.26 The proportion of clubs planning to increase membership is mixed. Just over half of consulted clubs (53%) state they do whilst 47% do not intend to increase the number of members. Clubs planning to increase were asked to quantify potential growth. Clubs report

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that they have plans on increasing membership by 32 senior members. Birstall Bowling Club is the only club to identify plans to introduce junior members as well.

- 8.27 Most of the nine clubs that plan to increase the number of members in the future believe that improved advertising and word of mouth are the key factor to attracting more members.
- 8.28 For the eight responding private clubs, there are a total of 749 members. Five of these clubs also highlight having junior members. Membership levels at private clubs have generally remained the same in recent years.

Latent demand

- 8.29 Nearly all clubs suggest that an additional bowling green at their ground or in the area would not lead to an increase in club membership. Although, three clubs using council sites suggest that they could provide more teams if additional green were available.
- 8.30 However, no clubs currently operate a waiting list and all clubs would welcome any new members. It is therefore likely that that any planned increases could be accommodated on existing greens. This is also supported by comments from the bowling associations.

Supply and demand analysis

- 8.31 Generally, through consultation, it is considered that most Council bowling greens in Kirklees have spare capacity, meaning any increases in membership could be sustained.
- 8.32 Furthermore, there are a significant number of bowling greens provided and operated by other private sports clubs or social clubs. Again no concerns regarding capacity at any of these sites are highlighted; suggesting any growth in membership levels could be accommodated.

Bowls summary

- ◀ There are 84 crown green bowling greens in Kirklees. Of these, 22 are maintained by the council. The majority are private sports or social club greens.
- ◀ In general the quality of bowling greens in Kirklees is considered good with nearly all sites being assessed as good quality. Only five sites rate as standard.
- ◀ Clubs using council greens rate quality as good (59%) or standard (41%). No clubs consider provision to be poor.
- ◀ A total of 59% of clubs using council sites report that the quality of their home green has improved from the previous season. Just over a third (35%) state there has been no change.
- ◀ Vandalism is highlighted at several sites; with incidents of ball games, bike use and fires being noted
- ◀ Junior membership is more prevalent at private clubs compared to council based clubs.
- ◀ Analysis of club membership shows that demand has generally remained static over the previous three years. Nearly a third of clubs (29%) report increasing membership but none consider this to be restricting any further growth.
- ◀ No club (private or based at council sites) suggest additional bowling greens would lead to increases in membership levels. Therefore it would appear that there are enough greens available for community use to accommodate both the current and future demand.

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9. PART 9: TENNIS

9.1. Introduction

9.2. The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is the organisation responsible for the governance of tennis and administers the sport locally across Kirklees.

9.3. Consultation

9.4. A survey was distributed to all 17 tennis clubs within Kirklees. This was chased via telephone with a face to face meeting taking place with Denby Dale Tennis Club. Huddersfield Lawn Tennis Club, Hillside Tennis Club and Netherton Tennis Club did not respond. The latter is believed to have folded. However, the following 14 clubs were consulted:

- ◀ Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club
- ◀ Denby Dale Tennis Club
- ◀ Gregory Fields Tennis Club
- ◀ Grove Tennis Club
- ◀ Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club
- ◀ Linthwaite Methodist Tennis Club
- ◀ Liversedge Tennis Club
- ◀ Longley Community Sports Club
- ◀ Marsden Tennis Club
- ◀ Mirfield Tennis Club
- ◀ Oakfield Tennis Club
- ◀ Thongsbridge Tennis Club
- ◀ Thornhill Tennis Club
- ◀ Shepley Tennis Club

9.5. Supply

9.6. There are a total of 102 tennis courts identified in Kirklees. The courts are located across 25 sites including private sports clubs, parks and centres, all of which are available for community use.

9.7. Please note that for the purposes of this report, being available for community use refers to courts in public, voluntary, private or commercial ownership or management recorded as being available for hire by individuals, teams or clubs.

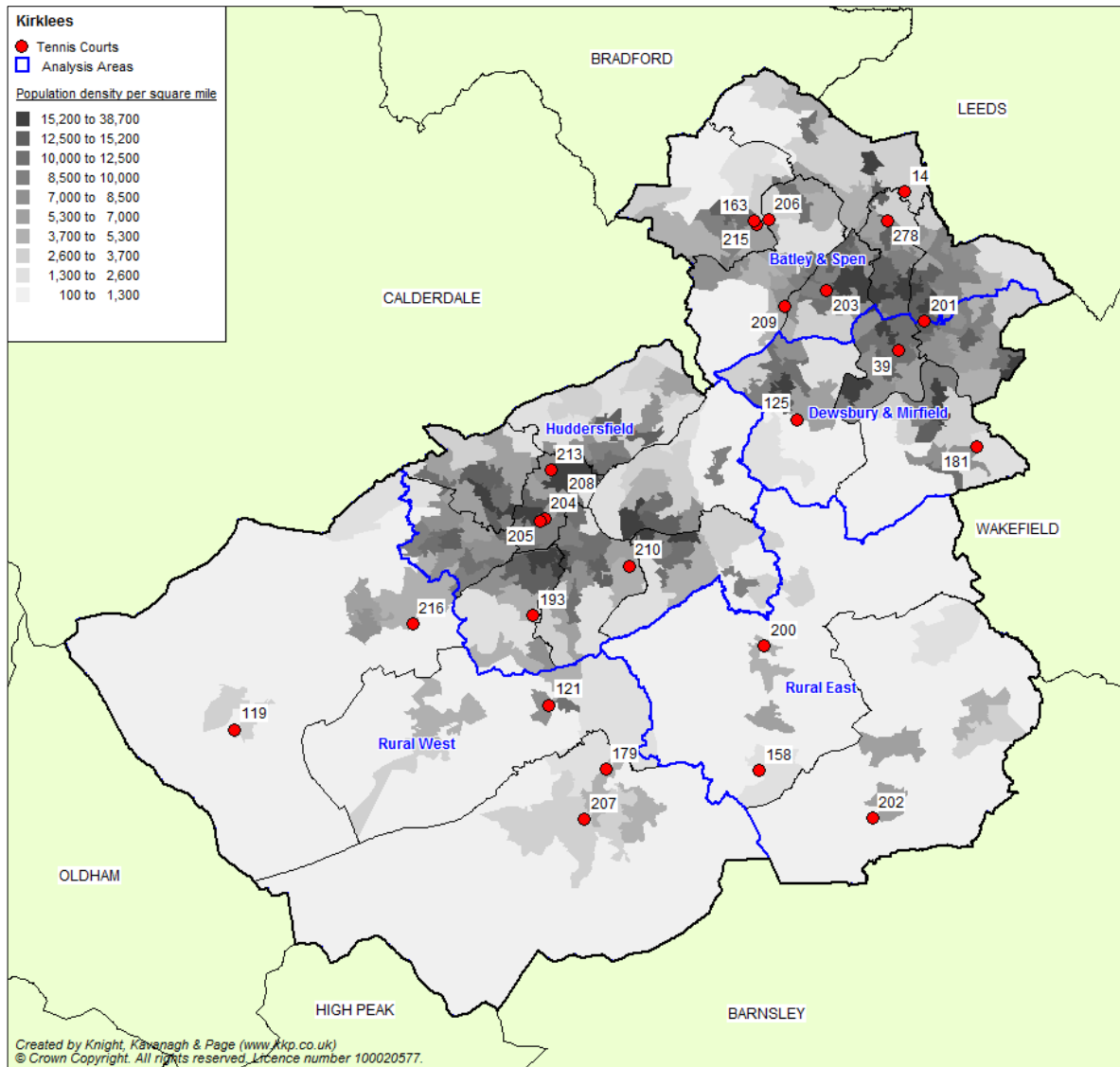
Table 9.1: Summary of the number of courts by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of sites	No. of courts
Batley & Spen	7	24
Dewsbury & Mirfield	4	14
Huddersfield	6	33
Rural East	3	7
Rural West	5	24
KIRKLEES	25	102

9.8. As indicated in Table 9.1, the majority of tennis courts are located in the Huddersfield (32%), Batley & Spen (24%) and Rural West (24%) analysis areas. The Rural East Analysis Area has the lowest proportion of courts (7%) with a slightly higher proportion (14%) located in the Dewsbury & Mirfield Analysis Area.

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9.9. *Figure 9.1: Location of tennis courts*



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9.10. Table 9.2: Key to map

Site ID	Site name	Maintained	Analysis area	Availability for community use?	No. of courts	Flood-lights?	Court type	Court quality ⁹
14	Batley Sports & Tennis Centre	Council	Batley & Spen	Yes	4	Yes	Polymeric	Good
39	Crow Nest Park	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	4	No	Macadam	Good
119	Marsden Cricket & Bowling Club	Club	Rural West	Yes	3	1 court	Macadam	Average
121	Meltham Road Recreation Ground (Meltham Hall Park)	Council	Rural West	Yes	2	No	Macadam	Average
125	Mirfield Memorial Ground (Moorland CC)	Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	6	2 courts	Tarmac	Good
158	Shepley Tennis Club	Club	Rural East	Yes	2	Yes	Artificial	Good
163	Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club	Club	Batley & Spen	Yes	1	No	Grass	Good
					2	No	Macadam	Good
					2	No	Clay	Good
179	Thongsbridge Tennis Club	Club	Rural West	Yes	7	Yes	Artificial	Good
					4	Yes	Polymeric	Good
					2	Yes	Macadam	Good
181	Thornhill Tennis Club	Club	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Good
193	Woodfield Park Police Sports Ground	Club	Huddersfield	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Average
200	Gregory Fields Tennis Club	Club	Rural East	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Good
201	Carr House Park	Council	Dewsbury & Mirfield	Yes	1	No	Macadam	Poor
202	Denby Dale Tennis Club	Club	Rural East	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam	Good
203	Firth Park	Council	Batley & Spen	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Good

⁹ Assessed using a non-technical site assessment pro-forma and also takes account of user comments.

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Site ID	Site name	Maintained	Analysis area	Availability for community use?	No. of courts	Flood-lights?	Court type	Court quality ⁹
204	Greenhead Park	Council	Huddersfield	Yes	9	No	Macadam	Good
205	Grove Lawn Tennis Club	Club	Huddersfield	Yes	3	No	Clay	Good
206	Hillside Tennis Club	Club	Batley & Spen	Yes	3	No	Tarmac	Good
207	Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club	Club	Rural West	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Good
208	Huddersfield Tennis Club	Club	Huddersfield	Yes	2	No	Artificial	Good
					1	No	Macadam	Average
					1	No	Polymeric	Good
					4	Yes	Artificial	Good
209	Liversedge Tennis Club	Club	Batley & Spen	Yes	4	2 courts	Artificial	Good
210	Longley Community Sports Club	Club	Huddersfield	Yes	3	2 courts	Macadam	Good
					3	2 courts	Artificial	Good
213	Oakfield Tennis Club	Club	Huddersfield	Yes	2	No	Artificial	Average
					1	No	Macadam	Good
					1	No	Macadam	Good
215	Royds Park	Council	Batley & Spen	Yes	1	No	Macadam	Average
216	Linthwaite Methodist Sports Club	Private	Rural West	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Good
278	Wilton Park	Council	Batley & Spen	Yes	4	No	Polymeric	Good

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9.11. *Table 9.3: Courts by ownership/type*

Analysis area	No. of club courts	No. of council courts
Batley & Spen	12	12
Dewsbury & Mirfield	9	5
Huddersfield	24	9
Rural East	7	-
Rural West	22	2
KIRKLEES	74	28

- 9.12. The majority of courts in Kirklees are provided at private clubs (73%). Huddersfield Tennis Club and Thongsbridge Tennis Club provide the most courts, with eight and 13 courts respectively.
- 9.13. There are 28 courts located at Council sites. A significant proportion of these, nine courts, are located at Greenhead Park in Huddersfield. Other sites such as Crow Nest Park and Wilton Park contain four courts each. All Council provided courts are located at park sites with the exception of the four courts found at the Batley Sports and Tennis Centre. The site also has four indoor courts.
- 9.14. Nearly half of the courts in Kirklees (42%) are identified as being floodlit. Nearly all are based at club sites with the exception of four courts at the Batley Sports and Tennis Centre.
- 9.15. In addition to the courts identified above a number of schools also identify having tennis court provision. Generally these are multipurpose facilities used as playgrounds and/or over marked with other sports such as netball. In most cases schools identify that provision is not floodlit or used outside of school hours. A summary of school provision is provided below:

Table 9.4: School provision summary

School	No' of courts	Summary
Batley Grammar School	3	Tarmac surface. Used during summer by Batley Tennis Centre as overspill site.
Heckmondwike Grammar School	4	Worn markings on a tarmac surface. No floodlights.
Holmfirth High School	5	Marked with tennis/netball. Used as playground. Poor quality.
Honley High School	5	Three sets of courts (1x2, 1x2, 1x1). All have tarmac surfaces. Surrounding trees means often covered with leaves.
King James School	5	Tarmac surface with worn markings. No floodlights. School keen to redevelop to make more usable. May add lights.
Moor End Academy	3	Marked with tennis/netball. Used as playground.
Netherhall High School	6	Tarmac surface. No lighting. Covered in leaves.
Newsome High School	5	Two sets of courts. 1x3 courts and 1x2 courts. Both sand dressed and floodlit. Fencing poor and flooding is a problem.
North Huddersfield Trust	3	Tarmac surface marked with tennis/netball.
Royds Hall High School	5	Floodlit with tarmac surface. Slopes slightly. Rarely used.
St John Fisher Catholic High School	2	Marked as netball courts with tarmac surface and floodlights. Previously lined for tennis but never used.
Saledine Nook High School	3	Over marked with netball. No floodlights.
Shelley College	4	Courts over marked with netball. No lighting. Facility

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School	No' of courts	Summary
		considered too dangerous to use due to condition of surface. Exploring site development options which will see courts stay.
Spenn Valley High School	4	Courts do not have any nets.
Thornhill Community Academy	3	Tarmac surface with floodlights.

Quality

- 9.16. A total of 89 courts (87%) are assessed as good quality and 12 courts (12%) as average quality. The remaining court, located at Carr House Park, is assessed as poor quality.

Table 9.5: Summary of the quality of courts by surface type

Surface type	Good	Average	Poor
Clay	5	-	-
Macadam/ Polymeric/ Tarmac	61	10	1
Grass	1	-	-
Artificial Grass	22	2	-
KIRKLEES	89	12	1

- 9.17. Issues affecting the courts assessed as average and poor quality include evidence of moss, loose gravel, poor grip underfoot, and/or poor line marking. The court at Carr House Park is also noted as having evidence of litter.

All clubs consulted deem the quality of their courts to be either good (10) or adequate (four). The following clubs deem their courts to be standard quality:

- ◀ Gregory Fields Tennis Club
- ◀ Marsden Tennis Club
- ◀ Oakfield Tennis Club
- ◀ Shepley Tennis Courts

- 9.18. The clubs highlight a desire to resurface provision at their respective sites. Gregory Fields Tennis Club cites a need to resurface two of its three courts within the next couple of years. Similarly, both Marsden Tennis Club and Oakfield Tennis Club highlight having courts with surfaces over 10 years of age. For the latter, the two courts with artificial surfaces on site are 14 years old and showing signs of wear. Shepley Tennis Club identifies a need for an additional court.
- 9.19. Mirfield Tennis Club and Denby Dale Tennis Club identify have received funding within the last few years. The former received LTA funding and a loan for floodlights and court renewal. The latter had match funding from the Council and Sport England for the court and clubhouse redevelopment in 2013.
- 9.20. Furthermore, both Linthwaite Methodist Tennis Club and Thornhill Tennis Club have also received funding for installation of floodlights and court renovation.
- 9.21. Nine clubs highlight facility/court development plans. However, only two clubs (Oakfield Tennis Club and Shepley Tennis Club) cite that funding as being secured. The summaries below should, generally, therefore be treated as aspirations as opposed to actual development plans. Further details are provided in the table.

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Table 9.6: Summary of club plans/aspirations

Club	Development plan/aspiration
Linthwaite Methodist Tennis Club	Need to replace clubhouse.
Longley Community Sports Club	Indoor court is in need of repair. Currently looking at grant opportunities.
Marsden Tennis Club	Provision of indoor tennis court or floodlights on all courts.
Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club	Clubhouse rewire and provision of two new courts.
Mirfield Tennis Club	Wish to increase size of the clubhouse in order to cope with new members.
Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club	Plan to resurface courts in the future.
Oakfield Tennis Club	Recently resurfaced a court. Toilet/changing facilities are going to be renovated before the start of summer.
Liversedge Tennis Club	Ongoing programme of maintenance and upkeep of playing surfaces and clubhouse.
Shepley Tennis Club	Planning to have an additional court at existing venue so will have three courts in total.

Ancillary provision

- 9.22. Nearly all clubs report having access to changing facilities. The majority of clubs rate the changing facility provision used as being good (36%) or adequate (43%) in terms of quality. There are three clubs that rate quality as poor; Linthwaite Methodist Tennis Club, Shepley Tennis Club and Oakfield Tennis Club. All three identify a need to update changing provision.

Demand

Competitive tennis

- 9.23. There are 17 tennis clubs located in Kirklees. Clubs consulted (14) provide a total of 1,093 senior members and 927 junior members, with each club collectively offering a variety of teams for all members of varying ages and playing abilities.

- 9.24. Table 9.7: Summary of club membership

Name of club	Number of members		Number of teams			
	Senior	Junior	Men's	Women's	Mixed ¹⁰	Junior
Cleckheaton Lawn Tennis Club	65	35	-	-	7	2
Denby Dale Tennis Club	48	56	2	2	-	1
Gregory Fields Tennis Club	60	20	3	2	-	1
Grove Tennis Club	26	6	1	2	-	-
Holmfirth Parish Church Tennis Club	53	47	4	-	-	4
Linthwaite Methodist Tennis Club	55	10	2	2	-	-

¹⁰ Also includes teams where club did not specify a team gender

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Name of club	Number of members		Number of teams			
	Senior	Junior	Men's	Women's	Mixed	Junior
Liversedge Tennis Club	50	30	4	2		3
Longley Community Sports Club	88	32	3	3	2	2
Marsden Tennis Club	75	75	6	3	-	-
Mirfield Tennis Club	100	20	6	4	1	1
Oakfield Tennis Club	100	30	4	3		1
Shepley Tennis Club	45	7	2	2	-	-
Thongsbridge Tennis Club	297	543	12	-	6	7
Thornhill Tennis Club	30	16	2	1	-	2

- 9.25. The Huddersfield and District Tennis League is the main form of competitive league structure servicing clubs within Kirklees. However, clubs do also report that teams play within the Calderdale League, Bradford League and the Wakefield League. Thongsbridge Tennis Club is the only club to identify having clubs playing within the Yorkshire League. However, it is also believed that Huddersfield Tennis Club has teams within this league.
- 9.26. Of the clubs consulted, half suggest senior membership levels have remained the same. Nearly a third (29%) state membership has increased whilst 21% cite it has decreased. Clubs reporting a decrease in membership put this down to members leaving for other clubs or retiring due to age.
- 9.27. Similar trends can be seen for junior membership; with 36% of clubs stating junior membership has remained roughly the same. However, a further 36% say junior levels have decreased with 31% citing an increase. Reasons for any changes relate to the loss or appointment of a dedicated junior coach.
- 9.28. Nearly all clubs consulted suggest they are looking to increase membership levels for both seniors and juniors. Only two clubs, Thongsbridge Tennis Club and Longley Community Sports Club, state they do not. This is likely a reflection on the availability of courts. Both clubs, particularly Thongsbridge, have large membership levels.

Informal tennis

- 9.29. All courts on education sites are available for community use; however, little use is actually recorded. For instance, only Batley Grammar School reports any regular community club use. This is by Batley Tennis Club which uses the site as overspill during the popular summer months.
- 9.30. It is likely that demand for recreational play increases annually following events such as Wimbledon. Although it is hard to measure casual use as some courts, it is assumed that courts are generally busy throughout the summer months. Council sites anecdotally highlighted as being well used include Greenhead Park and Firth Park

Latent demand

- 9.31. There are six clubs in Kirklees that report latent demand for access to additional court time and/or better ancillary facilities.

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- 9.32. Longley Community Sports Club, Marsden Tennis Club, Mirfield Tennis Club and Thongsbridge Tennis Club state that if more court time were available at their home site they could provide more senior teams. This is likely a reflection of the need to balance the available court time between team/league matches and other member use.
- 9.33. Both Marsden and Mirfield tennis clubs indicate they could create more junior teams as well seniors. Furthermore, both clubs suggest if better ancillary facilities were available (i.e. changing facilities) they could further increase membership.
- 9.34. Grove Tennis Club and Shepley Tennis Club also cite that better facilities, such as an all-weather surface with floodlighting and better clubhouse respectively, would improve the appeal of the clubs.

Tennis summary

- ◀ There are a total of 102 tennis courts provided in Kirklees across 25 sites. Provision can be found on a range of sites including sports clubs and parks. There are 28 courts across council managed sites.
- ◀ In addition, there are 15 secondary schools providing 60 courts, all of which are available to the community. However, these tend to be multipurpose facilities which can act as a playground.
- ◀ Of provision, 89 courts (87%) are assessed as good quality and 12 courts (12%) assessed as average quality. The remaining court, located at Carr House Park, is assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ Nearly half of courts (42%) in Kirklees have floodlights. Floodlit courts are nearly all based at club sites.
- ◀ There are 17 tennis clubs located in Kirklees. Of the 14 clubs which were consulted, 10 assess their courts as good with the other four viewing quality as standard.
- ◀ Nine clubs suggest they have development plans or aspirations to improve current facilities. However, only Oakfield Tennis Club and Shepley Tennis Club have funding secured.
- ◀ On the whole senior and junior membership at clubs has remained roughly the same; although some clubs do report fluctuations. Only three clubs identify membership for both seniors and juniors have increased; Marsden TC, Cleckheaton Lawn TC and Mirfield TC.
- ◀ Both Longley Community Sports Club and Grove Park TC identify a decrease in senior and junior membership levels. For juniors, both clubs cite a lack of coaches.
- ◀ All council courts at park sites are available for recreational play purposes. The level of usage is hard to determine but anecdotal evidence suggests these are well used but that there is plenty of spare capacity.
- ◀ A handful of clubs suggest that with better ancillary facilities and/or with greater availability of court time they could provide more teams/increase membership levels.
- ◀ It appears that any increases in future demand could be accommodated at existing sites.

APPENDIX 1: SPORTING CONTEXT

The following section outlines a series of national, regional and local policies pertaining to the study and which will have an important influence on the Strategy.

National context

The provision of high quality and accessible community outdoor sports facilities at a local level is a key requirement for achieving the targets set out by the Government and Sport England. It is vital that this strategy is cognisant of and works towards these targets in addition to local priorities and plans.

Sport England: A Sporting Habit for Life (2012-2017)

In 2017, five years after the Olympic Games, Sport England aspires to transforming sport in England so that it is a habit for life for more people and a regular choice for the majority. Launched in January 2012 the strategy sets out how Sport England will invest over one billion pounds of National Lottery and Exchequer funding during the five year plan period. The investment will be used to create a lasting community sport legacy by growing sports participation at the grassroots level following the 2012 London Olympics. The strategy will:

- ◀ See more people starting and keeping a sporting habit for life
- ◀ Create more opportunities for young people
- ◀ Nurture and develop talent
- ◀ Provide the right facilities in the right places
- ◀ Support local authorities and unlock local funding
- ◀ Ensure real opportunities for communities

The vision is for England to be a world leading sporting nation where many more people choose to play sport. There are five strategic themes including:

- ◀ Maximise value from current NGB investment
- ◀ Places, People, Play
- ◀ Strategic direction and market intelligence
- ◀ Set criteria and support system for NGB 2013-17 investment
- ◀ Market development

The aim by 2017 is to ensure that playing sport is a lifelong habit for more people and a regular choice for the majority. A specific target is to increase the number of 14 to 25 year olds playing sport. To accomplish these aims the strategy sets out a number of outcomes:

- ◀ 4,000 secondary schools in England will be offered a community sport club on its site with a direct link to one or more NGBs, depending on the local clubs in a school's area.
- ◀ County sports partnerships will be given new resources to create effective links locally between schools and sport in the community.
- ◀ All secondary schools that wish to do so, will be supported to open up, or keep open, their sports facilities for local community use and at least a third of these will receive additional funding to make this happen.
- ◀ At least 150 further educational colleagues will benefit from a full time sports professional who will act as a College Sport Maker.
- ◀ Three quarters of university students aged 18-24 will get the chance to take up a new sport or continue playing a sport they played at school or college.
- ◀ A thousand of our most disadvantaged local communities will get a Door Step Club.

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- ◀ Two thousand young people on the margins of society will be supported by the Dame Kelly Holmes Legacy Trust into sport and to gain new life skills.
- ◀ Building on the success of the Places People Play, a further £100 million will be invested in facilities for the most popular sports.
- ◀ A minimum of 30 sports will have enhanced England Talent Pathways to ensure young people and others fulfil their potential.

National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out planning policies for England. It details how these changes are expected to be applied to the planning system. It also provides a framework for local people and their councils to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

The NPPF states the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It identifies that the planning system needs to focus on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. A presumption in favour of sustainable development is a key aspect for any plan-making and decision-taking processes. In relation to plan-making the NPPF sets out that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs.

The 'promoting healthy communities' theme identifies that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficiencies or surpluses in local areas should also be identified. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area.

As a prerequisite the NPPF states existing open space, sports and recreation buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- ◀ An assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown that the open space, buildings or land is surplus to requirements.
- ◀ The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location.
- ◀ The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

In order for planning policies to be 'sound' local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities.

The FA National Game Strategy (2015 – 2019)

The main aims of the National Game Strategy are summarised below:

- ◀ Sustain and Increase Participation
- ◀ Ensure access to education sites to accommodate the game.
- ◀ Help players to be the best that they can be and provide opportunities for them to progress from grassroots to elite
- ◀ Recruit, retain and develop a network of qualified referees
- ◀ Support clubs, leagues and other competition providers to develop a safe, inclusive and positive football experience for everyone.
- ◀ Support Clubs and Leagues to become sustainable businesses, understanding and serving the needs of players and customers.

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- ◀ Improve grass pitches through the pitch improvement programme to improve existing facilities and changing rooms
- ◀ Deliver new and improved facilities including new Football Turf Pitches.
- ◀ Work with priority Local Authorities enabling 50% of mini-soccer and youth matched to be played on high quality artificial grass pitches

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Champion Counties Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2013 which seeks to deliver successful England teams at all levels, to produce a vibrant domestic game as well as increasing participation during the period 2014-17. It builds on the 2005 plan, Building Partnerships and the subsequent 2009 initiative, Grounds to Play.

The plan will take advantage of local partnerships developed in earlier plans and support local delivery of priorities through the County network. It targets operational excellence to make maximum use of scarce resources and facilities during a time of economic austerity.

Among the targets set under the four pillars of Effective Governance, Vibrant Domestic Game, Enthusing Participation and Successful England teams, which are relevant to the playing pitch strategy, are:

- ◀ An increase in participation as measured by Sport England's Active People Survey from 183,400 to 197,500
- ◀ Expand the number of clubs participating in NatWest CricketForce from 2,000 to 2,200
- ◀ Increase the number of cricket's volunteers to 80,000 by 2017
- ◀ Expand the number of participants in women's and disabilities cricket by 10% by 2017
- ◀ To increase the number of TwelfthMan members from 220,000 to 250,000 by 2017
- ◀ Complete an approved Community Engagement programme with all 18 First Class Counties and MCC
- ◀ For each £1 provided in facility grants through the 'Sport England Whole Sport Plan Grant Programme' ensure a multiplier of three with other funding partners
- ◀ Provide a fund of £8.1m of capital investment to enhance floodlights, sightscreens, replay screens, power sub-stations and broadcasting facilities at First Class County venues
- ◀ Provide an interest-free loan fund to community clubs of £10 million
- ◀ Qualify and engage 50 Level 4 coaches to support the development of professional cricketers
- ◀ Expand the number of coaches who have received teacher level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications to 50,000
- ◀ Provide a fund of £2 million for community clubs to combat the impact of climate change
- ◀ Introduce a youth T20 competition engaging 500 teams by 2017

The following actions executed during the duration of Building Partnerships provide a strong base for this plan. Actions include:

- ◀ Streamlining ECB governance
- ◀ Building participation by more than 20% per annum (as measured through ECB focus clubs and County Cricket Boards)
- ◀ Developing women's cricket
- ◀ Attracting volunteers
- ◀ Expanding cricket's spectator base
- ◀ Introducing grants and loans to clubs

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- ◀ Developing disabilities cricket

This plan therefore influences 'Grounds to Play' in the areas of facilities and coaches, which is where ECB investment will be focussed. Partnership funding and support will play a key role in the delivery of actions and maintaining the strength of the pillars.

The Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy (2013-2017)

The RFU National Facility Strategy 2013-2017 provides a framework for development of high-quality, well-managed facilities that will help to strengthen member clubs and grow the game in communities around them. In conjunction with partners, this strategy will assist and support clubs and other organisations, so that they can continue to provide quality opportunities for all sections of the community to enjoy the game. It sets out the broad facility needs of the sport and identifies investment priorities to the game and its key partners. It identifies that with 1.5 million players there is a continuing need to invest in community club facilities in order to:

- ◀ Create a platform for growth in club rugby participation and membership, especially with a view to exploiting the opportunities afforded by RWC 2015.
- ◀ Ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of rugby clubs, through supporting not only their playing activity but also their capacity to generate revenue through a diverse range of activities and partnerships.

In summary the priorities for investment which have met the needs of the game for the Previous period remain valid:

- ◀ Increase the provision of changing rooms and clubhouses that can sustain concurrent adult and junior male and female activity at clubs
- ◀ Improve the quality and quantity of natural turf pitches and floodlighting
- ◀ Increase the provision of artificial grass pitches that deliver wider game development

It is also a high priority for the RFU to target investment in the following:

- ◀ Upgrade and transform social, community and catering facilities, which can support the generation of additional revenues
- ◀ Facility upgrades, which result in an increase in energy-efficiency, in order to reduce the running costs of clubs
- ◀ Pitch furniture, including rugby posts and pads, pitch side spectator rails and grounds maintenance equipment

England Hockey (EH) - A Nation Where Hockey Matters (2013-2017)

EH have a clear vision, a powerful philosophy and five core objectives that all those who have a role in advancing Hockey can unite behind. With UK Sport and Sport England's investment, and growing commercial revenues, EH are ambitious about how they can take the sport forward in Olympic cycles and beyond.

"The vision is for England to be a 'Nation Where Hockey Matters'. A nation where hockey is talked about at dinner tables, playgrounds and public houses, up and down the country. A nation where the sport is on the back pages of our newspapers, where children dream of scoring a goal for England's senior hockey team, and where the performance stirs up emotion amongst the many, not the few"

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England Hockey aspires to deepen the passion of those who play, deliver and follow sport by providing the best possible environments and the best possible experiences. Whilst reaching out to new audiences by making the sport more visible, available and relevant and through the many advocates of hockey.

Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes the sport function. EH understand the importance of volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational people can be, the more progressive Hockey can be and the more befitting the facilities can be, the more EH will achieve. The core objectives are as follows:

- ◀ Grow our Participation
- ◀ Deliver International Success
- ◀ Increase our Visibility
- ◀ Enhance our Infrastructure
- ◀ Be a strong and respected Governing Body

England Hockey has a Capital Investment Programme (CIP), that is planned to lever £5.6 million investment into hockey facilities over the next four years, underpinned by £2m million from the National Governing Body. With over 500 pitches due for refurbishment in the next 4-8 years, there will be a large focus placed on these projects through this funding stream. The current level of pitches available for hockey is believed to be sufficient for the medium term needs, however in some areas, pitches may not be in the right places in order to maximize playing opportunities

‘The right pitches in the right places’¹¹

In 2012, EH released its facility guidance which is intended to assist organisations wishing to build or protect hockey pitches for hockey. It identifies that many existing hockey AGPs are nearing the end of their useful life as a result of the installation boom of the 90’s. Significant investment is needed to update the playing stock and protect the sport against inappropriate surfaces for hockey as a result of the rising popularity of AGPs for a number of sports. EH is seeking to invest in, and endorse clubs and hockey providers which have a sound understanding of the following:

- ◀ Single System – clubs and providers which have a good understanding of the Single System and its principles and are appropriately places to support the delivery.
- ◀ ClubsFirst accreditation – clubs with the accreditation are recognised as producing a safe effective and child friendly hockey environment
- ◀ Sustainability – hockey providers and clubs will have an approved development plan in place showing their commitment to developing hockey, retaining members and providing an insight into longer term goals. They will also need to have secured appropriate tenure.

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British Tennis (LTA) - Place to Play Strategy

The LTA aim to get more people to play tennis more frequently and the places to play strategy is a way of doing this. The strategy will aim to provide high quality facilities for everyone at a convenient location.

It's one plan that aims to increase opportunities for people to play tennis on a regular basis at tennis clubs close to their home, which provides high quality opportunities on safe and well maintained tennis courts.

The strategy sets out:

- ◀ Overall vision for places to play
- ◀ How to grow regular participation by supporting places to play to develop and deliver the right programmes
- ◀ Capital investment decisions to ensure we invest in the right facilities to grow the sport
- ◀ Supporting performance programmes in the right locations

The LTA is committed to growing the sport to ensure that more people are playing tennis more often at first class tennis facilities, with high quality coaching programmes and well organised competition.

The overall aim for the next five years (2011-2016) is to ensure that, as far as practicably possible, the British population has access to and are aware of the places and high quality tennis opportunities in their local area. In brief

- ◀ Access for everyone to well maintained high quality tennis facilities which are either free or pay as you play
- ◀ A Clubmark accredited place to play within a ten minute drive of their home
- ◀ Indoor tennis courts within a 20 minute drive time of their home
- ◀ A mini tennis (ten and under) performance programme within a 20 minute drive of their home (Performance Centres)
- ◀ A performance programme for 11 - 15 year olds within a 45 minute drive time of their home (High Performance Centre)
- ◀ A limited number of internationally orientated programmes strategically spread for players 16+ with an international programme (International High Performance Centres)

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Bowls England Strategic Plan 2014-2017

Bowls England is the largest National Governing Body for the sport of bowls in England, with more than 116,000 individual affiliated members. However, the challenges that the sport now faces are probably greater than at any time in its history.

Research has shown that recruiting and retaining members continues to be a top priority for clubs, many of whom continue to operate in the face of decreasing membership and rising costs.

The Bowls England Strategic Plan sets out three main objectives:

Promote the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

Recruit new participants to the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

Retain current and future participants within the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

The following are strategic priorities for the period to March 2017:

1. To increase participation in the sport of outdoor flat green bowls
2. To support County Associations and Clubs
3. To provide strong leadership and direction

APPENDIX 2: REQUIREMENTS OF STEP SYSTEM

Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
7	No minimum and no boundary fencing required	Post and rope around all sides that accommodate spectators. Minimum of 1.83m (ideally 2m) away from touchline and if hard standing exists (not compulsory) it should be minimum of 0.9 metres width.	Not essential but its desirable that a technical area exists within the laws of the game	Not compulsory	Not required, however where one exists it must be fixed and fully operational	No specific requirements for accommodation	None Required	Provision should be made for adequate toilet facilities	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads and adequate toilets for players. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower and access to toilets (not necessarily inside the changing room). New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.
Entry to Step 6/ H	No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 2 adjacent sides from the entrance.	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	1 required or a pay box.	Can be on 1 side only. 50 minimum covered. No allocation required for Directors	None Required	2 WC's should be required	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC (exclusive use but not necessarily en suite) and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.
6/ G	No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 2 sides on adjacent sides from the entrance.	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	1 required or a pay box.	Can be on 1 side but preferably 2 sides. 100 minimum covered of which 50 must be seated and located in one stand. No allocation required for Directors	None Required	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.
5/ F	No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 3 sides.	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	1 required or a pay box.	Can be on 1 side but preferably on 2 sides of ground. 200 minimum covered of which 100 must be seated (can be 2 stands each 50) 16 seats allocated to Directors. Public address system required.	None Required	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.
Seeking promotion from 5-4/ E	1,000	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	2 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on at least 2 sides of ground. 250 minimum covered of which 150 must be seated in not more than 2 stands (no stand can have less than 50 seats). 16 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 16 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required.	Minimum 2 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.

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4/ D	1,300 with potential to increase to 1,950	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	2 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on at least 2 sides of ground. 300 minimum covered of which 150 must be seated in not more than 2 stands (no stand can have less than 50 seats). 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required.	Minimum 2 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.
3/ C	1,950, with potential to increase to 3,000	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	3 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on 2 sides of ground. 500 minimum covered of which 250 must be seated (no more than 2 stands, minimum of 50 per stand). 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required.	4 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 4 urinals or equivalent and 2 WC's. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.
2/ B	3,000, with potential to increase to 4,000	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 11 people or 5.5m in length	Average lux of 180	6 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on 2 sides of ground. 500 minimum covered of which 250 must be seated and located in one stand. 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required	6 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 4 urinals or equivalent and 2 WC's. Female: 2WC's	Must be 18m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.
1/ A	4,000, with potential to increase to 5,000	1.1m high and 2.25 m away from touchline (ideally 2.75m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 1m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 11 people or 5.5m in length	Average lux of 250	8 required with 1m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on 2 sides of ground. 500 minimum covered of which 250 must be seated and located in one stand. 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required	12 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 4 urinals or equivalent and 2 WC's. Female: 2WC's	Must be 18m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC and 2 urinals.	Minimum 6m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2. Provision for both male and female officials required.

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APPENDIX 3: RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINING

Club	Team			KKP Ref	Home Ground	Analysis Area		Training Ground	Pitch	Type	Match Equivalents	When
Batley Boys ARLFC	Mens Summer	Senior	Mens	170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen	91	Hyrstmount STP	AGP	Full Size	2	Tues & Thurs 7pm
Batley Boys ARLFC	Mens Winter	Senior	Mens	170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen		Hyrstmount STP				
Batley Boys ARLFC	Ladies	Senior	Womens	170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Batley & Spen		Hyrstmount STP				
Batley Boys ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	9	Batley Bulldogs Rlfc (Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Batley & Spen	9	Batley Bulldogs Rlfc (Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Primary		1	Friday 6pm
Batley Boys ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	9	Batley Bulldogs Rlfc (Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Batley & Spen	9	Batley Bulldogs Rlfc (Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Primary		1	Friday 6pm
Batley Boys ARLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Batley & Spen	170	Staincliffe Playing Fields & Cricket Ground	Senior		1	Tuesday 5.15pm
Batley Boys ARLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Batley & Spen	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Junior		1	Tues & Thurs 6.30-7.30pm
Batley Boys ARLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Batley & Spen	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Junior		1	Tues & Thurs 6.30-7.30pm
Batley Boys ARLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Batley & Spen	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Junior		1	Weds & Fri 6.30-7.30pm
Batley Boys ARLFC	Under 14s	Junior	Boys	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Batley & Spen	175	Taylor Street / Victoria	Junior		1	Tues 5.30-6.30pm & Friday 6.30-7.30pm
Batley Bulldogs RLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	9	Batley Bulldogs Rlfc (Mount Pleasant Stadium)	Batley & Spen	91	Hyrstmount STP	AGP	Full Size	6	3 times a week, 6.30pm
Birkenshaw RLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen		Training takes place off site at Tong High School, Bradford on a Thursday and at Gymnasium in Dudley Hill on a Tuesday	AGP	Full size	2	
Birkenshaw RLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen		Training takes place off site at Tong High School, Bradford on a Thursday and at Gymnasium in Dudley Hill on a Tuesday	Gym		2	
Birkenshaw RLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen		Training takes place off site at Tong High School, Bradford on a Thursday and at Gymnasium in Dudley Hill on a Tuesday				
Birkenshaw RLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen		Training takes place off site at Tong High School, Bradford on a Thursday and at Gymnasium in Dudley Hill on a Tuesday				
Birkenshaw RLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	53	East Bierley Recreation Ground	Batley & Spen		Training takes place off site at Tong High School, Bradford on a Thursday and at Gymnasium in Dudley Hill on a Tuesday				
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Mens	Senior	Mens	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen	14	Batley Sports & Tennis Centre	AGP	Full Size	2	
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				

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Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Under 15s	Junior	Boys	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				
Birstall Victoria ARLFC	Girls U14s	Junior	Girls	101	Leeside School Fields	Batley & Spen		Batley Sports & Tennis Centre				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Mens 1st	Senior	Mens	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Dewsbury Moor Arlfc				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Mens A	Senior	Mens	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Dewsbury Moor Arlfc				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Ladies Demons	Senior	Womens	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Senior		1	Mondays 6pm-7pm
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.	Indoors		5	
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 14s	Junior	Boys	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 15s	Junior	Boys	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 16s	Junior	Boys	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Under 18s	Junior	Boys	46	Dewsbury Moor Arlfc	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Juniors train off site and indoors which is not ideal.				
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Mens 1st	Senior	Mens	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.	Grass area		4	Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Mens 2nd	Senior	Mens	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Mens Winter	Senior	Mens	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area

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Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 14s	Junior	Boys	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 15s	Junior	Boys	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Under 17s	Junior	Boys	39	Crow Nest Park	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Train on area to the side of the pitches.				Training on grass area
Dewsbury Celtic RLFC	Girls Under 14s	Junior	Girls					Train on area to the side of the pitches.				
Dewsbury Rams RLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	177	The Tetleys Stadium	Dewsbury & Mirfield	177	The Tetleys Stadium	Senior		3	
Emley Moor ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East		Offsite training on 3G AGP in Penistone	AGP		2	
Emley Moor ARLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East		Offsite training on 3G AGP in Penistone				
Emley Moor ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East		Offsite training on 3G AGP in Penistone				
Emley Moor ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East		Offsite training on 3G AGP in Penistone				
Emley Moor ARLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East		Offsite training on 3G AGP in Penistone				
Emley Moor ARLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	9915	Scisset Middle School	Rural East		Offsite training on 3G AGP in Penistone				
Greenhead College	Under 19s	Junior	Boys	64	Greenhead College Sports Field	Huddersfield		Home ground/ Sand AGP				
Hanging Heaton ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		2	Mon & Weds 6.30pm
Heavy Woollen Donkeys ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	46	Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Dewsbury & Mirfield						
Huddersfield Giants RLFC	1st	Senior	Mens				104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Senior		5	Weekdays 10am-12pm
Huddersfield Giants RLFC	Under 19s	Senior	Mens	89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Huddersfield	104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Senior		5	Weekdays 2-3.30pm
Huddersfield Giants RLFC	Under 16s	Junior	Boys	89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Huddersfield	104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Senior		1	Saturday, plus Weds evening on AGP

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Huddersfield New College	RL Academy	Senior	Mens	88	Huddersfield New College	Huddersfield		Huddersfield New College				
Dewsbury Moor ARLFC	Huddersfield Ladies Training Night	Senior	Womens				56	Fartown Arena	Senior		1	Weds 6.30-7.30pm
Huddersfield YMCA	1st	Senior	Mens	89	Huddersfield YMCA Sports & Social Club	Huddersfield		Home ground away from pitches				
Lindley Swifts ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	286	Birchencliffe CC	Huddersfield		Birchencliffe CC	Senior		4	
Lindley Swifts ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	286	Birchencliffe CC	Huddersfield		Birchencliffe CC				
Lindley Swifts ARLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	286	Birchencliffe CC	Huddersfield		Birchencliffe CC				
Lindley Swifts ARLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	72	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Huddersfield		Birchencliffe CC				
Lindley Swifts ARLFC	Under 15s	Junior	Boys	72	Heather Leigh Recreation Ground	Huddersfield		Birchencliffe CC				
Meltham All Blacks RLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Senior		1	Thurs 7pm
Meltham All Blacks RLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Junior		1	Thursday 6pm
Meltham All Blacks RLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West		Broadlands Recreation Ground				
Meltham All Blacks RLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West		Broadlands Recreation Ground				
Meltham All Blacks RLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Rural West	25	Broadlands Recreation Ground	Junior		1	Weds 6pm
Mirfield Stags RLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	28	Castle Hall Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield	28	Castle Hall Academy	Senior		2	
Mirfield Stags RLFC	2nd	Senior	Mens	28	Castle Hall Academy	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Castle Hall Academy				
Moldgreen ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Senior		1	Weds 7pm
Moldgreen ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Junior		1	Thurs 5.15-6.15pm
Moldgreen ARLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Junior		2	Tues & Thurs 5-6pm
Moldgreen ARLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Junior		1	Tues & Thurs 5.15-6.15pm
Moldgreen ARLFC	Under 14s	Junior	Boys	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Huddersfield	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Junior		1	Tues-Thurs 6.30-7.30pm
Moldgreen ARLFC	Under 16s	Junior	Boys	171	Standiforth Recreation Ground (Dalton Playing Fields)	Huddersfield	48	Dram Sports And Community Centre	Senior		1.5	Tues 5.30-6.30pm & Thurs 5.30-7pm
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 8s A	Primary	Mixed	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 8s B	Primary	Mixed	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	

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Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 14s	Junior	Boys	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Newsome Panthers ARLFC	Under 16s	Junior	Boys	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Huddersfield	9902	Newsome Panthers JARLFC	Senior		1	
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Senior		2	Tues & Thurs 7pm-8.30
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	2nd	Senior	Mens	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground				
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 6s	Primary	Mixed	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground				
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground				
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		1	Weds 5.30-6.30pm
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Bywell Playing Fields				
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		2	Tues & Thurs 6.15-7.15pm
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		2	Tues & Thurs 6-7pm
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		1	Thurs 6.30-7.30pm
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 13s	Junior	Boys	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Bywell Playing Fields				
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 14s	Junior	Boys	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Bywell Playing Fields				
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 16s	Junior	Boys	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		1	Weds 6-7pm
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 17s	Junior	Boys	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		1	Weds 6.30-7.30pm
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Under 18s	Junior	Boys	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	102	Bywell Playing Fields	Senior		2	Weds & Fri 6.30-7.30pm
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Girls Under 12s	Junior	Boys	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Bywell Playing Fields				
Shaw Cross Sharks ARLFC	Girls Under 14s	Junior	Boys	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Bywell Playing Fields				

**KIRKLEES
PLAYING PITCH ASSESSMENT**

Club	Team			KKP Ref	Home Ground	Analysis Area		Training Ground	Pitch	Type	Match Equivalents	When
Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	162	Slaithwaite Spa	Rural West	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Senior		1	Thursday
Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	78	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Rural West	78	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Senior		2	Weds & Saturday
Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC	Under 10s	Junior	Boys	78	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Rural West	78	Hollins Glen Recreation Ground	Senior		2	Weds & Saturday
Slaithwaite Saracens ARLFC	Under 15s	Junior	Boys	162	Slaithwaite Spa	Rural West	153	Leeds Road Paul Hinchcliffe Ground	Senior		1	Thursday
St Josephs ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	56	Fartown Arena	Senior		2	Tues & Thurs 6.45-8pm
St Josephs ARLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	56	Fartown Arena	Junior		1	Saturday 10.30-11.30am
St Josephs ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	56	Fartown Arena	Junior		1	Saturday 10.30-11.30am
St Josephs ARLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Girls	56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	56	Fartown Arena	Junior		1	Weds 6-7.30pm
St Josephs ARLFC	Girls Under 13s	Junior	Girls	56	Fartown Arena	Huddersfield	56	Fartown Arena	Junior		1	Thurs 6.30-7.30pm
St Josephs ARLFC	Girls Under 15s	Junior	Girls					Fartown Arena				
St Josephs ARLFC	Girls Under 17s	Junior	Girls					Fartown Arena				
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Senior		2	Tues & Thurs 7-8pm
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	A	Senior	Mens	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Overthorpe Park Playing Fields				
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Ladies	Senior	Womens	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Senior		1	Weds 6.45-8pm
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Senior		1	Thurs 6-7pm
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Under 8s	Primary	Mixed	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Overthorpe Park Playing Fields				
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Under 8s A	Primary	Mixed	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield		Overthorpe Park Playing Fields				
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Under 9s	Primary	Mixed	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Senior		1	Thurs 6-7pm
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Under 10s	Primary	Mixed	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Senior		2	Mon & Thurs 6-7pm
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Under 11s	Primary	Mixed	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Senior		2	Mon & Weds 6-7pm
Thornhill Trojans ARLFC	Under 18s	Junior	Boys	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Dewsbury & Mirfield	135	Overthorpe Park Playing Fields	Senior		2	Tues & Thurs 6.30-7.30pm
Underbank Rangers ARLFC	1st	Senior	Mens	176	The Cross Grounds	Rural West	176	The Cross Grounds	Senior		2	Mon/Thurs & Wed/Fri
Underbank Rangers ARLFC	Winter	Senior	Mens	176	The Cross Grounds	Rural West		The Cross Grounds				

**KIRKLEES
PLAYING PITCH ASSESSMENT**

Club	Team			KKP Ref	Home Ground	Analysis Area		Training Ground	Pitch	Type	Match Equivalents	When
Underbank Rangers ARLFC	Under 7s	Primary	Mixed	176	The Cross Grounds	Rural West		The Cross Grounds				
Underbank Rangers ARLFC	Under 12s	Junior	Boys	176	The Cross Grounds	Rural West	176	The Cross Grounds	Senior		2	Weds & Fri 6-7pm
Underbank Rangers ARLFC	Under 15s	Junior	Boys	176	The Cross Grounds	Rural West	176	The Cross Grounds	Senior		2	Tues & Thurs
Underbank Rangers ARLFC	Under 17s	Junior	Boys	176	The Cross Grounds	Rural West	176	The Cross Grounds	Senior		2	Weds & Sun
Kirklees College	1st	Junior	Boys	104	Leeds Road Sports Complex	Huddersfield						

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Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: 17 November 2015

Title of report: Sycamore Recreation Ground, New Mill Road,
 Wooldale, Holmfirth

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny ?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Jacqui Gedman – 5 November 2015
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources	David Smith – 3 November 2015
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal & Governance	Julie Muscroft – 6 November 2015
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Graham Turner

Electoral [wards](#) affected: Holme Valley South

Ward councillors consulted: Councillors Patrick, Firth & Sims were consulted on the proposed lease in July 2014

Public or private: Public

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To advise Cabinet of the representations made in response to consultations and statutory notices concerning the lease of part of Sycamore Recreation Ground, New Mill Road, Wooldale, Holmfirth which comprises Public Open Space.

2. Key points

2.1 A request to lease part of Sycamore Recreation Ground which is Council owned land was received by Streetscene and Housing from Holmfirth Town Football Club. The area of land requested extends to approximately 1.20 hectares (2.96 acres) and is shown edged red on

the site plan at Appendix 1. The land comprises a maintained open space.

- 2.2 Sycamore Recreation Ground has been used for many years for the playing of football but recently due to the current drainage problems the ground has not been usable during the winter months.
- 2.3 The football club wish to lease the land for the purpose of playing, practicing or coaching junior football between 1 August and 31 May in any year. The lessee shall have exclusive use of the three junior pitches between 10.00 and 12.00 hrs on Saturdays and 10.00 and 12.00 hrs on Sundays. The public will be permitted to use the land and pitches at all other times.
- 2.4 The lease will be for a term of 25 years to satisfy the requirements of Sport England who have awarded the football club funding of £50,000. The funding is for the draining, levelling and pitch surfacing of the land to create three junior football pitches.
- 2.5 The granting of the lease will enable the football club to invest in the recreation ground and improve the facility for the public. Holmfirth High School has also expressed an interest in using the pitches for matches on an ad hoc basis once the works have been carried out. Currently, during the winter months the recreation ground is unable to be used due to waterlogging.
- 2.6 Sport England commissioned Total Turf Solutions to provide a feasibility report for the proposed improvements to the recreation ground. The feasibility study involved a detailed site investigation, topographical (levels) study and geophysical survey to provide development options for the remediation of the recreation ground and obtain indicative costs for the remediation and construction of the pitches. It is intended that Total Turf Solutions will carry out the proposed works.
- 2.7 Planning Services have advised that the re-levelling through cut and fill is likely to be classed as an 'engineering operation' and in which case planning consent would be required. The lease would not be completed until planning permission was granted.
- 2.8 Streetscene and Housing who are responsible for the management of the recreation ground are supportive of the football club's request for a lease and instructed Physical Resources and Procurement to negotiate lease terms.
- 2.9 Lease terms were negotiated and agreed by the Assistant Director of Physical Resources and Procurement under delegation. Local Ward Members were consulted prior to obtaining delegated approval and no objections were received.
- 2.10 The required statutory notices to advertise the proposed disposal of Public Open Space by way of lease were placed in the local press.

One objection was received, Appendix 2 and one letter supporting the playing of football on the land but expressing concerns over the drainage was received, Appendix 3.

- 2.11 The letter marked as Appendix 2, raises an objection to the loss of Public Open Space and refers to the land being left in Trust and that the playing of football would take away the ability for the public to enjoy the area. Legal, Governance & Monitoring have advised that the land was not left in Trust but was acquired by the Urban District Council of Holmfirth under the Public Health Acts in 1931 for recreation purposes. The objection also refers to parking issues and drainage and levelling works.
- 2.12 The Council's response to the questions raised in the letter marked Appendix 3 is attached as Appendix 4.

3. Implications for the Council

a) Policy

- 3.1 The Council will generally grant leases of 25 years to organisations and groups that are seeking funding to improve Council assets and the funders require the organisation to have a minimum 25 year interest in the land.

b) Finance

- 3.2 The recreation ground will be improved without the Council incurring any expense.

c) Legal

- 3.3 A Council may not dispose of public open space until it has undertaken a consultation exercise. This is by giving notice of its intention to dispose of the land in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is situated for two consecutive weeks. The Council must consider objections to the proposed disposal submitted following the consultation exercise. The Council has given appropriate notice. The purpose of this report is to consider the objections/representations made following the notice.

4. Consultees and their opinions

4.1 Local Ward Members

As part of the normal delegated procedure, Local Ward Members were consulted on the proposed lease in July 2014.

There were no objections to the proposal from the Ward Members.

4.2 Advertisement for Disposal of Public Open Space

The following were received in response to the statutory notices placed in the local press concerning the proposed disposal of an area of Public Open Space:-

Letter from Mr & Mrs J Shaw (Appendix 2)

Letter from a group of residents whose properties are adjacent to the recreation ground (Appendix 3)

4.3 Council Officers

Sally White in Parks, Open Spaces and Street Cleaning has advised that the playing pitch strategy has highlighted a shortage of space for expanding junior football clubs and the lease would provide much needed space for the development of Holmfirth Town junior teams.

5. **Next steps**

- 5.1 If Cabinet agree to the disposal of the land, the next steps would be for the Assistant Director of Legal, Governance & Monitoring to complete the lease documentation, subject to planning permission being granted for the works.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

- 6.1 The matter is being brought to Cabinet for a decision on whether or not to proceed with the disposal of part of Sycamore Recreation Ground.
- 6.2 Having considered the objections and representations put forward, Cabinet has to consider whether to agree to the granting of a 25 year lease to Holmfirth Town Football Club to allow them to invest £50,000 to improve the recreation ground, which is currently unusable in the winter due to drainage problems. Under the terms of the lease, the public would continue to have full access to the recreation ground with the exception of the new pitches which would be exclusively used by the football club between 1 August and 31 May between 10.00 and 12.00 hours on Saturdays and Sundays.
- 6.3 It is recommended that:-
- 6.3.1 The granting of a lease is approved to;
- a) Allow Holmfirth Town Football Club to carry out draining, levelling and pitch surfacing works with Sport England funding to bring back into use the recreation ground for the playing of football.
 - b) Allow Holmfirth Town Football Club to develop its junior teams.
 - c) Provide an improved recreation ground which the public will have use of with the exception of the new pitches which would be exclusively used by the football club between 1 August and 31 May between 10.00 and 12.00 hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

6.3.2 The Assistant Director of Legal, Governance & Monitoring complete the lease documentation, subject to planning consent being granted.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

7.1 Cllr Turner supports the officer recommendation to grant a lease to Holmfirth Town Football Club to allow them to carry out works using Sport England funding to improve the recreation ground.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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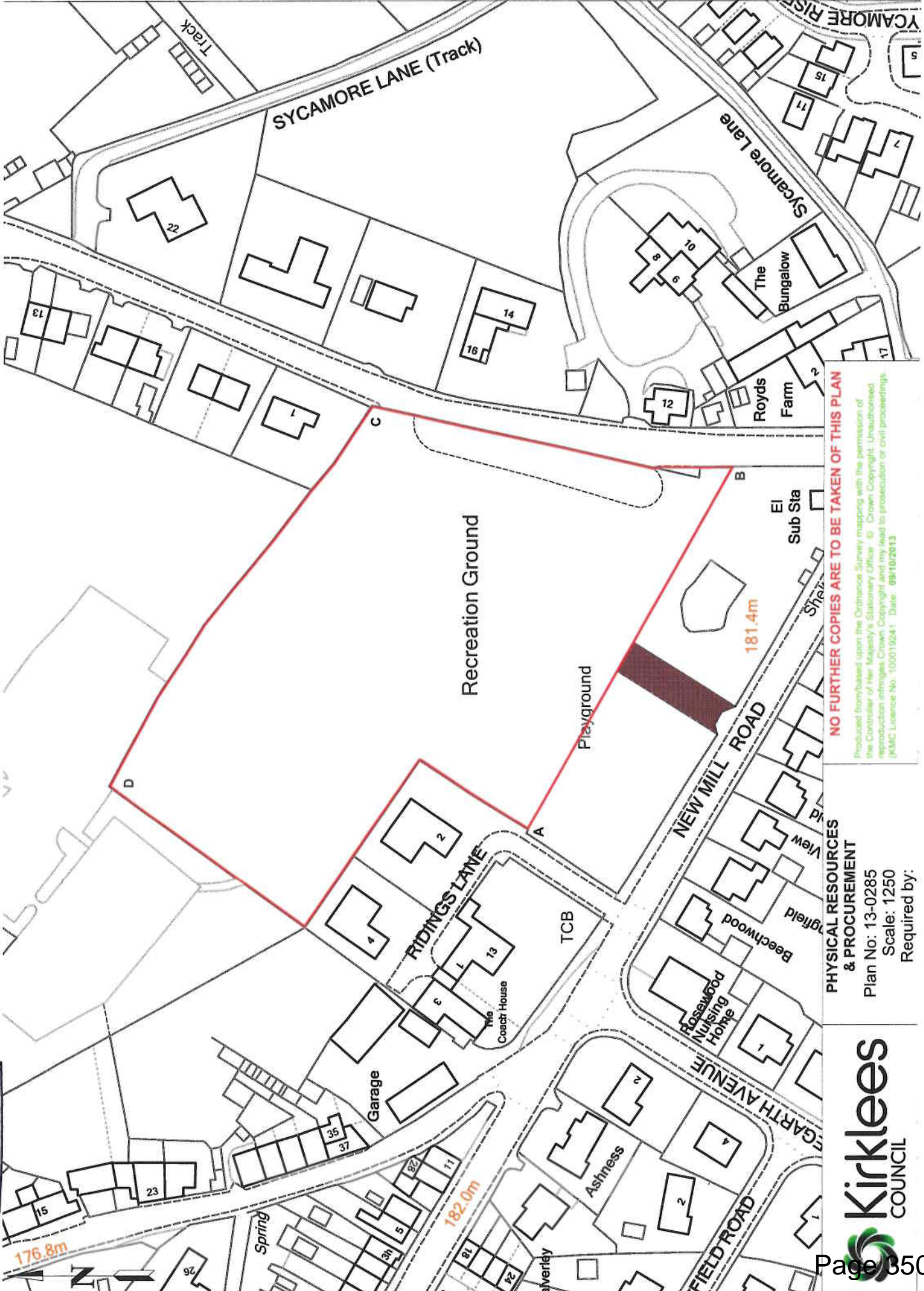
9. Assistant director responsible

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10. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Site location plan
Appendix 2 - Letter from Mr & Mrs J Shaw
Appendix 3 - Letter from owners of properties adjoining the land.
Appendix 4 - Response to the letter from owners of properties
adjoining the land

APPENDIX I



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PHYSICAL RESOURCES & PROCUREMENT

Plan No: 13-0285
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APPENDIX 2

Mr & Mrs J Shaw
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15th February 2015

Kirklees Council
Legal, Governance and Monitoring
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Ref:- SJH/ML/DEV/D70A-410

Re:- Disposal of Public Open Space Land at
SYCAMORE RECREATION GROUND, NEW MILL ROAD, WOOLDALE,
HOLMFIRTH

We write in response to the intent to lease the above land to the Holmfirth Town Football Club and although we having already telephoned and visited the office, I am told we now need to express our concerns in writing.

This land was left in trust to the local people of Sycamore and it is regularly used by families for picnics, bikes, games and sledging. To hand it over to a club for the sole use of football would take away the ability for the rest of the local people to continue to enjoy this area especially if the sport destroys the turf making it even impassible. There are presently 2 fulltime pitches less than 100yds from this land so we do not see any justifiable reason for the need to take this land from the people for which it was intended.

Beyond this we are greatly concerned due to the recent experience of this in summer 2014 where we were subjected to incidents of aggressive verbal abuse, threats of violence and theft, all due to the football landing in our garden on multiple occasions. We have CCTV footage and an incident log with the police to prove this. Adults playing football brings about an atmosphere of rowdiness, increased noise level, foul language and aggressive behaviour that is not suited to be present next door to a family home where our grandchildren are likely to be playing in our garden, especially at the weekends. Although the stipulation is presently for only 2 hours per day at the weekend, it is highly probable that within the 25 year time scale, these times and days will increase dramatically. It is a truly daunting prospect, especially since as an employee of Holmfirth high school I know for a fact the school has ALREADY shown interest in further use of the pitch and in fact hold the belief that they have arrangements with the club allowing the

school use of the pitch during and after school hours in return for use of the school grounds and facilities such as changing rooms and parking. (No one had any knowledge of this when I visited the Kirklees office with my concerns – which proves my point entirely!)

Which leads me onto the next point of **Parking Issues**, again from past experience, the parking situation for players, parents and spectators tends to be on our street and often directly over our drive, blocking access and have already found it necessary to spend £180 having white lines painted on the road to prevent this. Also the aggressive behaviour is not confined to the pitch, but also spills out into the street with violence, foul language and horn blowing directly outside our house on the street, intimidating residents and restricting visitors parking. There are no signs on the street to stop parking or to advise there is parking available in the school but instead we now have to intermittently endure cones strewn up the street to occasionally stop offending parking but which also stops our visitors having parking!!!

Further to this we have great concern about the **EXTENSIVE drainage and levelling works** that are stipulated in the notice and would like further information about the exact work that is being suggested. It is our concern that in order to level the ground there would be a need for a large retaining wall that will run parallel with our boundary and due to the extent of the levelling required we believe it would be completely visible from our garden, perhaps even invasive? Concerning the drainage of the land; considering that this land been waterlogged for over 40 years we would like to know where the excess water would go as our property is directly below the land? Also to point out the foreseeable problem that it would cause to the foundations of our property; the ground here is soft all year round, so to suddenly have that moisture taken away would cause shrinkage of the land that holds our foundations as it dries out with the possibility of causing untold amounts of damage to the structure of the property for which someone would have to be held accountable.

In consideration of the above we would ask that you seek to understand the amount of anxiety and intimidation that this proposal could cause by the aggression and often violent sport that football is renowned for.

Regards

Mr & Mrs J Shaw

4 Ridings Lane
Thongsbridge
Holmfirth
HD97RU

February 2015

Dear Ms Muscroft

Ref: SJH/ML/DEV/D70A-410

Land at Sycamore Recreation Ground, New Mill Road, Wooldale

As owners of properties adjacent to the land in question we write with regard to the planning permission that is being sought in the recreation ground. We fully support the playing of football in the field however, we feel we must put on record the difficulties experienced with drainage/sewerage in the field over many years.

Football ceased to be played on the recreation ground approximately 15 years ago, this was entirely due to drainage/sewerage problems – no remedial work has been carried out since to alleviate the problems. The attached plan highlights the main problems but this is by no means exhaustive.

The line marked "A" on the plan shows the sewerage pipeline which serves six properties – i.e. 4 on Ridings Lane, and 13 and 13A New Mill Road. The sewer would be vulnerable to work involving draining, levelling and surfacing. The surrounding area becomes very wet and soggy in winter and the footballers were unable to keep the corner flag in because of the amount of sewerage that was present. The tip of the pipeline furthest away from property 4 Ridings Lane goes into an underground storage manhole that has been causing surface problems for many years.

A couple of years ago an unauthorised manhole was dug along the line of this sewerage pipe which we assume will result in the football pitch layout having to be changed because surely you cannot have a manhole in a goalmouth?

The line marked "B" shows another drainage line which always caused problems for the footballers as it is right in the middle of the pitch.

The line marked "C" has running water that comes from and under New Mill Road.

Many attempts have been made over the years to get representatives of Kirklees Council and Yorkshire Water to meet and discuss the problem together. Unfortunately Kirklees has insisted that it is a surface water problem, which it clearly is not !

Mrs Marshall was approached by Holmfirth Town Football Club some time ago to ask if she was supportive or against a proposal to reinstate football on the wreck. We support their proposal on the understanding that no further development is part of a long-term plan i.e. any building or lighting.

We would ask a number of questions:

1. Is the plan for football to be played only by junior teams and from 10 am – 12pm on Saturday and Sunday and at no other time?
2. Can you confirm that no further development will take place?
3. What plans are in place to rectify the drainage problems?

Our understanding is that Holmfirth town football club have been given £50,000 to develop the field, however we are sure that the drainage issues alone will cost much more than this. We fear that if the problems are not sorted out now the football club will have major issues with the field in a very short time.

We would appreciate an on-site meeting with representatives of Kirklees Council and Yorkshire Water and if possible, Holmfirth Town Football Club.

Yours faithfully

Anne Marshall (Mrs) 4 Ridings Lane

Edna Wilson - MARGARET WHITE 12 Ridings Lane

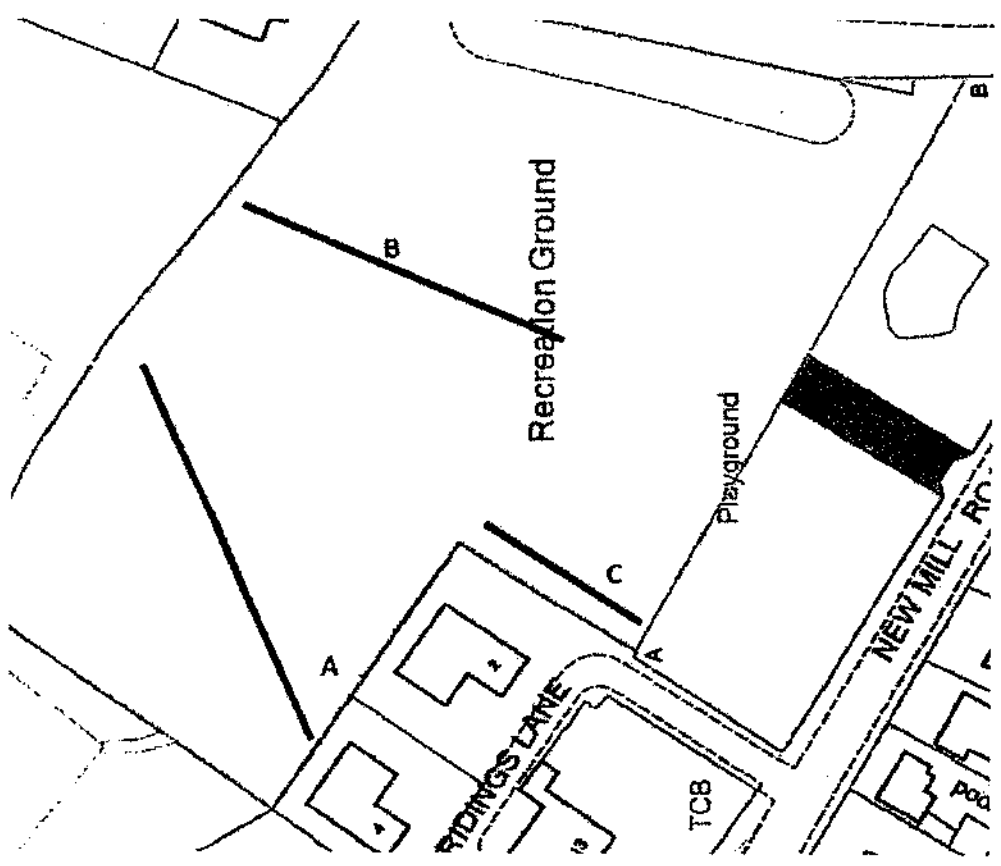
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Please acknowledge receipt.



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23 September 2015

Our ref: CJN/N610
Your ref:

Dear Mrs Marshall

LAND AT SYCAMORE RECREATION GROUND, NEW MILL ROAD, WOOLDALE

I refer to your letter of February 2015 sent on behalf of the owners of properties adjacent to the above land.

I note your concerns and would respond to your questions as follows:

1. The granting of the lease would give Holmfirth Town Football Club exclusive use of the junior pitches between 10.00am and 12.00pm on Saturdays and Sundays between 1 August and 31 May in any year. At all other times the pitches will be available for public use and may be used by Holmfirth Town Football Club for junior training. In addition Holmfirth High School has expressed interest in using the new pitches for matches on an ad hoc basis.
2. There are no plans for any further development.
3. The Council is aware that one of the sewer pipes is leaking, saturating the surrounding soil. The Council will ensure that this is repaired prior to the main works being undertaken.

As part of the grant process, Sport England commissioned Total Turf Solutions to prepare a feasibility study and costings for improvements required to Sycamore Recreation Ground to create football pitches. Total Turf Solutions work alongside Sport England and are experienced in designing schemes for sports facilities and I would therefore hope that the recommended works will alleviate the drainage issues at the recreation ground which will not only benefit the football club, but the local community as a whole.

I trust that the above answers your questions but if you still feel that a meeting on site would be beneficial, please let me know.

As a result of receiving representations to the granting of a lease to Holmfirth Town Football Club, the Council's Cabinet will be asked to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the lease. The Cabinet report has been drafted and I will let you know of the Cabinet date in due course.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Noble (Mrs)
Disposal & Acquisition Surveyor

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Name of meeting:- Cabinet

Date:- 17th November 2015

Title of report: Capital Investment Plan 2015/16 – 2019/20
Quarter 2 Capital Monitoring 2015/16

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Yes
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Director	David Smith, Director of Resources 21 October 2015
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	Yes 21 October 2015
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal and Governance?	No legal implications
Cabinet member portfolio	Resources

Electoral [wards](#) affected and ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The Cabinet is responsible for implementing the Capital Investment Plan within the resources allocated. In compliance with current Financial Procedure Rules (FPRs) and the Prudential Code for Capital Finance, the Cabinet is presented with the Capital Monitoring Report for Quarter 2 (2015/16).
- 1.2 At the end of the second quarter of 2015/16 actual expenditure is £31.6m, representing 27.9% of budget.
- 1.3 Projected year-end expenditure stands at £98.1m against a current budget allocation of £113.5m. This variance of -£15.4m represents 13.5% of the total budget.

- 1.4 The majority of the reported variance relates to slippage rather than anticipated scheme underspends. However, it is proposed to undertake a review of 2015/16 capital schemes later in the year in order to identify any 'uncommitted' resources that could potentially be used to reduce overall corporate borrowing costs.

2. Key points

- 2.1 Current Financial Procedure Rules (FPRs) relating to 'Capital Investment Plan Preparation and Management' state the following;
- a) The Cabinet is responsible for implementing the Capital Investment Plan within the resources allocated. (FPR 3.8)
 - b) The Director of Resources will report to the Cabinet on the overall management of the Capital Investment Plan at least four times per year. The Cabinet will provide summary monitoring information to the Council at least twice a year. (FPR 3.16)
 - c) The Cabinet may delegate its authority under Financial Procedure Rules 3.10 and 3.11 to individual Cabinet members, to District Committees, to Directors or, in the case of the Housing Investment Plan, to the Board of Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Limited. The Cabinet is required to determine arrangements for delegation, which may differ between service areas. These delegations should be agreed annually by the Cabinet. (FPR 3.12).

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Capital Budget

- 3.1.1 The Capital Plan for 2015/16 (inclusive of rolled over funds from 2014/15) was revised by Council on 29th July 2015 and totalled £111.8m (excluding partner expenditure on Housing PFI). The following subsequent adjustments have been made, taking the total to £113.5m by the end of Quarter 2;

- (a) Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO) – (+£722k)
- ChYPS - £169k for modular accommodation and associated costs at Reinwood Infants & Nursery, £49k for fan convectors at Upperthong Junior and Infants School, £33k window replacement at Honley Infants & Nursery and £11k towards roof replacement at Cowlersley Primary School
 - Highways - £232k for Headlands Depot. A revised Highways Capital Plan 2015/16 Report was approved at Cabinet on 20th October
 - Asset Rationalisation - £150k for George Street Depot refurbishment
 - Parks & Open Spaces - £53k for Greenhead Park
 - District Committees - £25k for various schemes

(b) Additional Funding – (+£966k)

- Housing Private – Use of £433k retained right to buy capital receipts to support a Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund (CaSSH) scheme to provide supported housing. Approval to use right to buy receipts was gained by Cabinet on 26th August 2014
- Environment & Strategic Waste – use of £228k grant held in balances to support in-cab equipment for refuse vehicles
- A revised Highways Capital Plan was approved at Cabinet on the 20th July 2015. Approval was given for an increase in the Environment Agency grant (£220k) for flood alleviation works
- KAL Self-funded - £85k general contribution for Spenborough fitness suite extension

3.2 Monitoring of Corporate Capital Expenditure 2015/16 - Overall Position

3.2.1 The Council's Capital Investment Plan is structured between strategic investment needs, risks & pressures and baseline programmes of work. Assistant Directors and Capital budget contacts have been asked to produce figures for expenditure to date and an estimate of the year end outturn. Appendix 1 contains details (analysed by individual strategic priority or baseline work programme) of total budget, actual spend to date, total projected spending and any subsequent variances.

3.2.2 An explanation of the major variances from the 2015/16 Capital Plan are summarised in Appendix 2.

3.2.3 At the end of the second quarter of 2015/16 actual expenditure stands at £31.6m, representing 27.9% of the budget. Projected year-end expenditure stands at £98.1m against a current budget allocation of £113.5m, representing 86.5% of the total budget. This variance of -£15.4m represents 13.5% of the total budget.

Table 1 - Summary of Monitoring Position

	Adjusted Budget	Actual to Date	Year End Projection	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Strategic Priorities	24,094	5,606	17,159	-6,935
Baseline	59,782	16,334	53,612	-6,170
One-Off Projects	640	438	569	-71
Risks & Pressures	2,500	0	2,500	0
TOTAL	87,016	22,378	73,840	-13,176
HRA	26,487	9,252	24,300	-2,187
OVERALL TOTAL	113,503	31,630	98,140	-15,363
		28%	86%	-14%

3.2.4 One source of funding for the Capital Plan is through asset disposal and the generation of capital receipts. As at the second quarter, £0.5m has been generated through completed sales against a the target £5m non-earmarked

capital receipts. After property auctions later in the year, it is now anticipated that £3.5m will be generated in total, with further planned sales slipping into following years.

3.2.5 Of the overall variance, £10.2m relates to schemes funded by corporate borrowing. The underspend will only have a marginal effect on the Treasury Management Budget for 2015/16 due to the timing of principal repayments on new borrowing and because interest rates are currently so low.

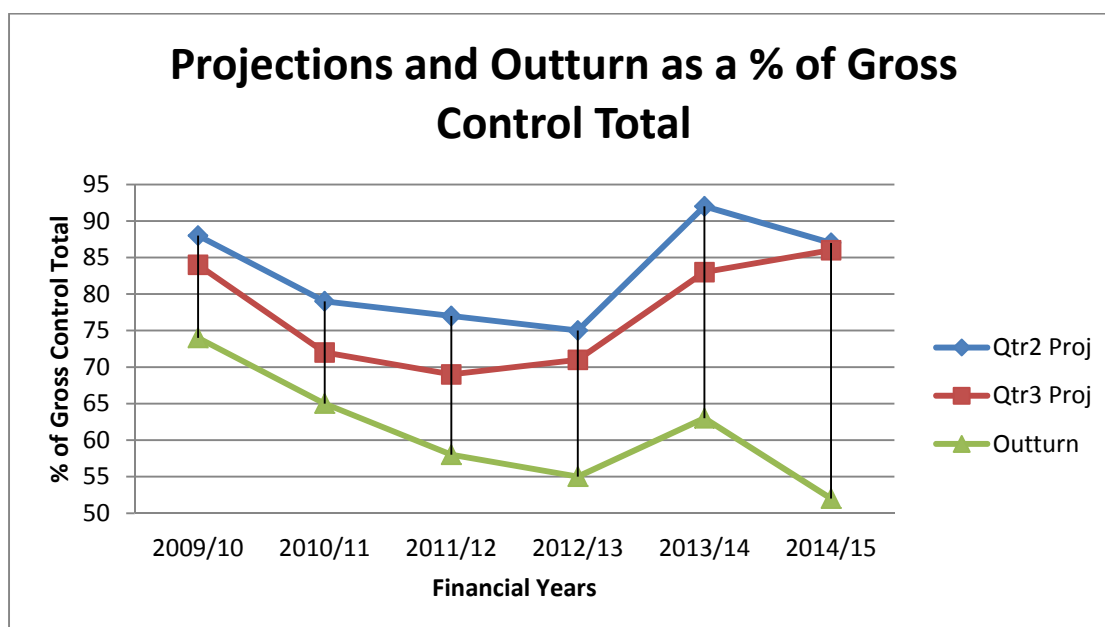
3.2.6 Currently, the Capital Plan assumes that all rollover is carried forward within the Plan. It is proposed to undertake a review of 2015/16 capital under-spends later in the year in order to identify any 'uncommitted' resources that could potentially be used to reduce overall corporate borrowing costs.

3.2.7 Based on the variance explanations highlighted in Appendix 2, the majority of large variances appear to be slippage rather than 'uncommitted' resources that could potentially be used to reduce overall corporate borrowing costs.

3.2.8 It should be noted that for every £10m of prudential borrowing removed from the Plan, the PI reduces by approx. 0.3% by 2020/21.

3.3 Historical Trend of Monitoring to Outturn

3.3.1 Experience of managing a capital programme of this size shows actual outturn positions are often lower than projections provided at Quarter 2. This is illustrated in the graph below, which shows projections and outturn as a % of gross capital budget. There are a number of unforeseen issues that can lead to slippage on capital schemes such as adverse weather conditions, changes in legislation, issues with planning permission, changes in external funding conditions, procurement issues etc.



3.3.2 The 2015/16 projection at Quarter 2 i.e. 86% of total capital budget is roughly the same as levels estimated at the same quarter in 2014/15. 2013/14 was the first year of the newly adopted approach in having a targeted and integrated Investment Plan e.g. resources prioritised to meet the strategic investment

needs of the Council and minimum baseline levels set to ensure the asset base and service delivery is maintained.

3.3.3 The above graph demonstrates that if the historic profile is maintained (accepting there are caveats about how the new format 5 Year Strategic Investment Plan may impact on trends) the outturn variance may be 20-30% higher than projections reported at Quarter 2. This implies the actual variance at year end could be 30-40% of the capital budget, i.e. a variance of £34m-£45m.

3.4 Retrospective reporting on Capital virements approved at Director Level

3.4.1 This section of the report collates all applications of the virement rule (FPR 3.14) from within the Corporate Capital Investment Plan in Quarter 2 of the financial year 2015/16.

3.4.2 There are no capital virements that require approval at this stage.

3.5 Prudential Indicators Monitoring Report

3.5.1 The new Prudential Code for Capital Finance in local authorities began on 1 April 2004 and introduced a greater freedom for the Council's capital expenditure. Part of the requirements of the Code is for reporting procedures to be implemented to monitor the progress and status of capital expenditure plans. This report is the first monitoring report for 2015/16. The monitoring information is shown in Appendix 3.

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

This report has been prepared by the Director of Resources after consultation with Capital Delivery Group, AD Strategic Investment Group, and Directors Group.

5. **Next steps**

Cabinet will be updated about the progress of the Capital Investment Plan when Quarter 3 figures are reported in March.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

It is recommended that:

- i) The second quarter Capital Monitoring Report is noted.
- ii) A review of 2015/16 capital under-spends is undertaken in order to identify any 'uncommitted' resources that could potentially be used to reduce overall corporate borrowing costs.
- iii) The Prudential Indicators information be noted

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Support the officer recommendations.

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ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES FROM CAPITAL PLAN 2015/16 – QUARTER 2

Overall Capital Plan	Revised Budget	Actual to Date	Total Expected Cost less Overprogramming	Variance	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Strategic Priorities	24,094	5,606	17,159	-6,935	-29%
Baseline	59,782	16,334	53,612	-6,170	-10%
Risks & Pressures	2,500	0	2,500	0	0%
One-Off Initiatives	640	438	569	-71	-11%
Housing Revenue Account	26,487	9,252	24,300	-2,187	-8%
Overall Total	113,503	31,630	98,140	-15,363	-14%

Strategic Priorities Capital Plan	Revised Budget	Actual to Date	Total Expected Cost	Variance	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
WYTF - A644/A62 Cooper Bridge	300	34	300	0	0%
WYTF - A644/A62 Corridor Improvements	350	78	350	0	0%
WYTF - A653 Dew to Leeds Corridor incl Chidswell	80	13	80	0	0%
WYTF - A629 Hudds to Halifax Corridor	100	3	100	0	0%
Development of South Dewsbury Strategic Location	0	8	0	0	0%
Bringing Commercial Properties into use	552	331	552	0	0%
Pioneer House	250	-79	250	0	0%
Town & Village Centres	110	0	110	0	0%
Huddersfield Town Centre Action Plan	350	5	350	0	0%
European Grant Funding Opportunities	500	0	500	0	0%
New Pupil Places in Primary Schools	5,500	597	5,271	-229	-4%
Reprovision of Lydgate Special School	3,105	168	2,500	-605	-19%
New Huddersfield Sports Centre	4,644	3,198	4,700	56	1%
Huddersfield Sports Centre Connectivity	220	0	220	0	0%
Spensorough Pool	1,000	7	100	-900	-90%
Powerhouse	276	78	276	0	0%
KSDL - HD-One	2,250	0	250	-2,000	-89%
Kirklees College Loan	4,200	1,100	1,100	-3,100	-74%
Organisational Risks	307	65	150	-157	-51%
Strategic Priorities Total	24,094	5,606	17,159	-6,935	-29%

APPENDIX 1 (cont'd)

One-Off Initiatives Capital Plan	Revised Budget	Actual to Date	Total Expected Cost	Variance	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Almondbury Through School	640	438	569	-71	-11%
One-Off Initiatives Total	640	438	569	-71	-11%

Baseline Capital Plan	Revised Budget	Actual to Date	Total Expected Cost less Overprogramming	Variance	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Childrens					
Basic Need	2,766	508	2,766	0	0%
Capital Maintenance	5,111	3,136	5,111	0	0%
Devolved Formula Capital	1,722	0	1,100	-622	-36%
One-off Initiatives	3,325	-238	2,893	-432	-13%
Childrens Total	12,924	3,406	11,870	-1,054	-8%
Adults Total	1,167	34	131	-1,036	-89%
Place					
Housing (Private)	4,076	1,315	4,076	0	0%
Highways	17,680	6,532	17,680	0	0%
Economic Delivery	2,332	291	1,081	-1,251	-54%
Parks & Open Spaces	1,202	236	1,202	0	0%
Environment and Strategic Waste	328	188	328	0	0%
Bereavement Services	406	-16	406	0	0%
Transport Services	6,270	2,172	6,270	0	0%
Investment in Buildings	3,221	828	3,221	0	0%
Asset Utilisation/Rationalisation	2,773	378	2,773	0	0%
KAL KC-Funded	872	298	872	0	0%
School Catering	200	0	200	0	0%
Place Total	39,360	12,222	38,109	-1,251	-3%
Communities, Transformation & Change					
KAL Self-Funded	2,001	43	1,354	-647	-32%
Area Neighbourhood Teams	743	76	435	-308	-41%
Communities, Transformation & Change Total	2,744	119	1,789	-955	-35%
Resources					
Information Technology	1,713	553	1,713	0	0%
Resources Total	1,713	553	1,713	0	0%
Leeds City Region Revolving Fund	1,874	0	0	-1,874	-100%
Baseline Total	59,782	16,334	53,612	-6,170	10%

ANALYSIS OF MAJOR VARIANCES FROM CAPITAL PLAN 2015/16

These are summarised in column 5 of Appendix 1. The principal variations are described below:

Strategic Priorities (-£6.9m)

Kirklees College Loan (-£3.1m) – The College is not expected to fully utilise the short term loan facility this year.

HD-One (-£2m) – Delayed progress on KSDL's development plans mean that drawdown of loan funding will slip into future years.

Spensorough Pool (-£900k) – Only professional fees & survey work to be charged this year. The scheme is not due to start on site until mid 2017.

Reprovision of Lydgate Special School (-£605k) – the variance is due to slippage in the start on site date for construction.

Baseline Programmes (-£6.2m)***Directorate of Children and Young People (-£1.1m)***

Devolved Formula Capital (-£622k) – Devolved Formula Capital is a ring-fenced grant and effectively schools' money. The expenditure is dependent on schools agreeing the level of contributions and is therefore difficult to accurately forecast

Completed Schemes (-£310k) - Dependent on final accounts being settled / retentions being paid / outstanding contractual disputes being resolved hence it is difficult to accurately forecast expenditure.

Adults (-£1.0m)

Plans with partners as to how the ringfenced Better Care Fund social care capital allocation can best be used to deliver its objectives not yet fully developed.

Directorate of Place (-£1.2m)

Economic Delivery (-£1.2m) - A number of major carbon reduction schemes are progressing far more slowly than anticipated due to uncertainty created by recently announced changes to the level of central government support for such schemes. Major property based regeneration schemes are being reviewed in order to ensure that they align with the proposals that emerge from the Economic Resilience theme work as part of the development of the New Council model.

Directorate of Communities, Transformation & Change (-£1.0m)

KAL Self-funded (-£647k) – Underspend due to schemes currently at the development stage

District Committees (-£308k) – New schemes which have been approved are projected to not be fully spent by the end of the financial year.

Leeds City Region Revolving Fund (-£1.9m)

No spend has been incurred on this initiative, nor is any anticipated for the remainder of the year.

Housing Revenue Account (-£2.2m)

PV Programme (-£3m) – Progress on the PV programme has been slower than anticipated due to difficulties in getting approval for schemes from the Grid Operators. Permission has been refused for some estates, whilst in other instances approval has been given, but only after several months delay. Another cause of delay has been identifying suitable properties where the roof will not need renewing for at least 20 years.

APPENDIX 3

1. Prudential indicators for affordability (mandatory indicators highlighted)

Capital Expenditure and External Debt

The table below draws together the main elements of Capital Plan expenditure, highlighting borrowing and other financing arrangements. It contains the following prudential indicators:

- 1) Capital expenditure – sets out the latest actual spend and the estimated spend in the plan period, split between General Fund and HRA.
- 2) Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) – this is the Council’s underlying need to borrow to fund capital investment.
- 3) External debt – sets out the latest actual debt for the Council. The difference between external borrowing and the CFR in each year reflects the amount of internal balances that are being “borrowed” to finance capital indebtedness.

	2014/15	2015/16	
	Actual	Approved Indicator	Revised Estimate
	£000s	£000s	£000s
<u>Capital Expenditure</u>			
General Fund	60,534	87,016	73,840
General Fund - PFI	1,692	1,526	1,526
HRA	24,033	26,487	24,300
HRA - PFI	-76	151	151
Total	86,183	115,180	99,817
<u>Financed by -</u>			
Borrowing	5,056	43,325	32,468
PFI	1,616	1,677	1,677
Other Resources	79,511	70,178	65,672
Total	86,183	115,180	99,817
<u>CFR as at 31 March</u>			
General Fund excl PFI	422,263	440,064	429,193
General Fund PFI	60,834	58,029	58,047
HRA excl PFI	196,579	192,406	192,406
HRA PFI	60,918	58,910	58,910
Total	740,594	749,409	738,556
<u>External debt as at 31 March</u>			
Borrowing	443,715	474,622	463,731
Other LT Liabilities	126,285	121,330	121,350
Total	570,000	595,952	585,081

A further two Prudential Indicators control overall level of borrowing. These are the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary. The Authorised Limit represents the limit beyond which borrowing is prohibited. It reflects the level of borrowing which, while not desired, could be afforded in the short-term, but is not sustainable. It is the expected maximum borrowing need with some headroom for unexpected movements. This is the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003.

The Operational Boundary is based on the probable external debt during the course of the year. It is not a limit and actual borrowing could vary around this boundary for short times during this year.

	2015/16 £m
<u>Authorised limit for external debt</u>	
Borrowing	543.7
Other Long Term Liabilities	126.3
Total	670.0
 <u>Operational boundary for external debt</u>	
Borrowing	495.3
Other Long Term Liabilities	126.3
Total	621.6
 <u>Estimated maxima for external debt</u>	
Borrowing	463.7
Other Long Term Liabilities	126.3
Total	590.0

The Council is expected to comfortably remain within its Authorised Limit.

There is also a limit on HRA indebtedness set by the Department for Communities and Local Government under the recent HRA self-financing reform. The limit is set at £247.6 million for the HRA CFR excluding PFI liabilities. The estimated HRA CFR excluding PFI liabilities as at 31 March 2015 is £192.4 million which is well within the limit.

Estimates of ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream

This prudential indicator measures the impact of borrowing costs on the General Fund and the HRA. It expresses financing costs as a percentage of the “net revenue stream” (taxation and non-specific grant income for General Fund and gross income for HRA).

	2014/15 Actual	2015/16	
		Approved Indicator	Revised Estimate
General Fund	12.88%	13.76%	13.13%
General Fund (excl. PFI)	10.79%	11.74%	11.05%
HRA	34.31%	30.19%	30.02%
HRA (excl. PFI)	29.90%	27.75%	27.58%

The lower percentages for General Fund reflect lower financing costs mainly due to a slower anticipated rise in interest rates and capital slippage.

2. Prudential indicators for prudence

Net Borrowing and the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

In order to ensure that over the medium term, net borrowing will only be for a capital purpose, the authority should ensure that net external borrowing does not, except in the short term, exceed the total CFR. The Council comfortably complied with this requirement in 2014/15 and no difficulties are envisaged for current or future years.

3. **Prudential indicator for treasury management**

Treasury Management

The prudential indicator in respect of treasury management is that the local authority has adopted the CIPFA *Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes*. The aim is to ensure that treasury management is led by a clear integrated forward treasury management strategy, and a recognition of the pre-existing structure of the authority's borrowing and investment portfolios. The Council adopted the Code in February 2002.

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Name of meeting: Cabinet 17 November 2015

Corporate Governance and Audit 20 November 2015

Council 9 December 2015

Title of report: Half yearly monitoring report on Treasury Management activities 2015/16

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan ?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny ?	No
Date signed off by Director	David Smith, Director of Resources 14 October 2015
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	Yes 14 October 2015
Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal and Governance?	No legal implications
Cabinet member portfolio	Corporate and Finance

Electoral [wards](#) affected and ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The Council has adopted the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management. It is a requirement of the Code that regular reports be submitted to Members detailing treasury management operational activity. This report is the mid-year for 2015/16 covering the period 1 April to 30 September.

2. Key points

2.1 Background

2.1.1 The Council has adopted the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and operates its treasury management service in compliance with this Code and various statutory requirements. The

Code recommends monitoring reports on treasury management be submitted to Council. Under Financial Procedure Rules, Cabinet is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the treasury management policies. Corporate Governance and Audit Committee undertake a scrutiny role with regard to treasury management. The Council's treasury advisors gave training to members of that committee in March 2015.

2.1.2 The report covers the period 1 April to 30 September, and reports on interest rates, investment and borrowing activities, budget monitoring, prudential indicators, and risk/compliance issues. Reference will be made to the Treasury Management Strategy Report approved by Council 18 February 2015.

2.2 The Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16 approved by Council on 18 February 2015

2.2.1 The over-riding policy continues to be one of ensuring the security of the Council's balances. The Council will aim to invest externally balances of around £30 million, largely for the purpose of managing day-to-day cash flow requirements, with any remaining balances invested "internally", offsetting borrowing requirements. The investment strategy is designed to minimise risk, investments being made primarily in instant access accounts or short-term deposits, with the major British owned banks and building societies, or Money Market Funds. Diversification amongst counterparties is key.

2.2.2 It was not expected that the Council would have any external borrowing requirement.

2.3 Economic Context and Interest Rates

2.3.1 Events at the beginning of the year were dominated by Greece and their possible default and exit from the Eurozone. The issue was finally resolved (for the time being) with agreement on 12 July on a third bailout. The summer saw attention shifting towards China with signs of a significant slowdown in their economy. The UK economy has remained resilient over the last six months. GDP has shown growth in ten consecutive quarters and there has been further improvement in the labour market.

2.3.2 Base rate has remained at 0.5% for the period, whilst long term borrowing rates continue at historically low levels – 3.11% at the beginning of April, 3.40% at the end of June and 3.19% at the end of September (50 year maturity loan – PWLB – Certainty Rate). Our advisors expect the first rise in Base Rate to be mid 2016, with the pace of increases being gradual thereafter.

2.4 Investment Performance

2.4.1 The Council invested an average balance of £60.9 million externally during the period (£58.8 million in the first six months of 2014/15), generating £0.13 million in investment income. The Council is cash rich at the beginning of the year due to profiles of Revenue Support Grant being weighted towards earlier payments and it is not expected

that the “target” investment balance of £30 million will be achieved until January.

2.4.2 Most balances were invested in instant access accounts or short term deposits. Appendix 1 shows where investments were held at the start of April, the end of June and September by counterparty, by sector and by country.

2.4.3 The Council’s investment performance was monitored during the period, with the average lending rate of 0.43%. This is slightly higher than the average for 2014/15 of 0.42%.

2.4.4 The change in regulations on bank bail-ins has now been reflected in movements in credit ratings, along with other factors. Some institution’s ratings have improved whilst others have suffered, notably in terms of the Council’s investment activity –

- Coventry Building Society improving its ratings such that it has moved into the Council’s specified category, thus increasing potential investment limits (up to £10 million)
- Nottingham and Yorkshire Building Societies improving their ratings such that they move into the Council’s non-specified category, thus increasing potential counterparties (up to £3 million)
- Barclays’ ratings falling such that it moves into the Council’s non-specified category from specified, thus reducing potential investment limits (down from £10 million to £3 million)

2.4.5 In an attempt to further diversify the Council’s investments in light of the changes in regulations on bail-in, the strategy approved in February was changed to allow fixed deposits for up to two months with some unrated building societies (as approved by our treasury management advisors) and highly rated foreign banks, particularly when the Council was cash rich. Unfortunately, this opportunity has not really materialised –

- Many of the building societies suggested are not or rarely in the market for taking local authority money, or want investments for longer periods than the Council is prepared to place monies.
- Due to the uncertainty over the Greek economic position over the last few months, the Director of Resources has decided not to increase exposure to foreign banks as this point in time.

2.5 Borrowing Performance

2.5.1 In terms of borrowing, long-term loans at the end September totalled £413.1 million (£422.6 million 31 March 2015) and short-term loans £12.6 million (£21.1 million 31 March 2015). There has been no new external borrowing so far this year. The updated borrowing requirement for the year is around £20 million. This builds in borrowing rolled over from 2014/15 capital underspend but also allows for slippage in 2015/16.

2.5.2 Any borrowing undertaken is likely to be fairly short-term, partly to take advantage of very low borrowing rates but also because as the Council may be cash rich again in April 2016, it will give the opportunity to

repay at least some of the borrowing rather than have high investment balances increasing the exposure to risk.

2.5.3 The Local Capital Finance Company, established in 2014 by the LGA as an alternative source of local authority finance, is still not operational. Officers will continue to monitor developments.

2.5.4 Fixed rate loans account for around 80% of total long-term debt giving the Council stability in its interest costs. The maturity profile for fixed rate long-term loans is shown in Appendix 2 and shows that no more than 10% of fixed rate debt is due to be repaid in any one year. This is good practice as it reduces the Council's exposure to a substantial borrowing requirement in future years when interest rates might be at a relatively high level.

2.5.5 The Council has not had any temporary borrowing from the Money Market, apart from in the first few days of April. This was borrowed from another local authority at a rate of 0.28%.

2.6 Revenue Budget Monitoring

2.6.1 The treasury management budget for 2015/16 currently stands at £34.7 million. The latest budget monitoring shows an under-spend of £1.75 million. The under-spend is due to savings on principal and interest arising from capital slippage and the net effect of £10.5 million capital receipt/revenue contribution/capital grant applied to service debt in 2014/15.

2.7 Prudential Indicators

2.7.1 The Council is able to undertake borrowing without central government approval under a code of practice called the Prudential Code. Under this Code, certain indicators have to be set at the beginning of the financial year as part of the treasury management strategy. The purpose of the indicators is to contain the treasury function within certain limits, thereby reducing the risk or likelihood of an adverse movement in interest rates or borrowing decision impacting negatively on the Council's overall financial position. Other prudential indicators are reported as part of the monitoring of capital.

2.7.2 Appendix 3 provides a schedule of the indicators set for treasury management and the latest position.

2.8 Risk and Compliance Issues

2.8.1 The Council moved its current account banking arrangements from the Co-Operative to Barclays on 1 July 2015, on an initial five year contract. The changeover was extensively planned by officers and went reasonably smoothly. There have been issues with income coding and loading statements into SAP for bank reconciliation purposes, and officers are currently working to get these items up-to-date.

2.8.2 There has been some adverse publicity recently, including a Channel 4 documentary on 6 July, about LOBO (Lender's Option, Borrower's Option) loans, claiming that these loans are offering poor value for

money for local authorities. The publicity has resulted in a DCLG Select Committee taking evidence from the participants of the documentary on 20 July.

- 2.8.3 The principle of a LOBO is that the opening rate is usually cheaper than borrowing from the Government's Public Works Loans Board. However, at pre-determined future dates, such as every 5 years, the lender has the option to propose or impose a new fixed rate for the remaining term of the facility and the borrower has the option to either accept the new imposed fixed rate or repay the loan facility.
- 2.8.4 The Council currently has eleven LOBOs with various UK and foreign banks, totalling £105 million. They were all taken between 1997 and 2008, and their average interest rate equates to 4.4% compared to the Council's PWLB loan average interest rate of 5.1%. All the LOBOs are on their original terms – in one case, where a bank proposed to increase an interest rate from 3.36% to 4.20%, the Council decided to immediately repay that loan. The Council has no "inverse floating" LOBOs, of which the Channel 4 documentary was particularly critical.
- 2.8.5 The Council is aware of the risks of passive management of the treasury portfolio and, with the support of the Council's consultants, Arlingclose, has proactively managed the debt and investments over the period.

2.9 Fossil Fuel Divestment

- 2.9.1 Council on 7th October 2015 passed a motion that:-

"This Council recognises;

- (i) the challenge and threat of climate change to residents and global community.
- (ii) that to keep global warming below 2oC we must operate within a global carbon budget. 80% of existing fossil fuel reserves cannot be burned if we are to keep below the internationally agreed climate change goal of keeping below 2 degrees
- (iii) the growing movement to divest from fossil fuels in order to, in the words of Desmond Tutu, "break their ties with corporations financing the injustice of climate change."
- (iv) that there is also a strong financial case for divestment ,with recent concerns raised by the Bank of England about 'unburnable carbon' and significant financial risks posed by fossil fuel equities.
- (v) that governments are increasingly controlling carbon emissions to meet international targets; a large proportion of fossil-fuel reserves which companies expect to extract will become stranded assets: a "carbon bubble". Funds which are exposed to fossil-fuel equities when this bubble bursts can expect to suffer considerable losses.
- (vi) that Pension Fund Trustees owe fiduciary duties to scheme employers and scheme members, and must act in the best long-term interests of fund members.

This Council believes that;

The Director of Resources is requested to review the existing Treasury Management Strategy, and present a report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, Cabinet and Council to giving consideration to an additional principle of avoiding direct investment in institutions with material links to fossil fuel extraction as defined by the Carbon Underground 200 – the top 200 companies with the largest known carbon reserves (oil, gas and coal) by June 2016.

Kirklees Council will encourage other local authorities to similarly reviewing their Fossil Fuel industry investments, by sharing this decision through the Local Government Association and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Kirklees Council will use its influence to call on West Yorkshire Pension Fund and other Funds where the Council appoints Trustees to review investments in the fossil fuel industry (as defined by the Carbon Underground 200). Specifically Kirklees will ask our representatives on the West Yorkshire Pension Fund - Investment Advisory Panel to call on all Pension Trustees to exercise their fiduciary duty and to call for a review of WYPF fossil fuel investments in the light of climate risk posed by fossil fuel equities.

Kirklees Council request that WYPF makes a commitment to wind down exposure to the carbon underground top 200 fossil fuel companies over a 5 year period.”

2.9.2 In addition the Council has received a petition of some 350 signatures requesting that “Kirklees Council should immediately freeze any new investments in fossil fuels, and divest from direct public ownership and any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds.”

2.9.3 The Director of Resources therefore will review our existing investment policy and report back to Cabinet and Council as part of the 2016/17 budget process. The Council currently has no direct investments in fossil fuel companies. However, further checks need to run on the money market funds the Council invests with to determine whether they hold corporate bonds of such companies. Consideration also needs to be given where the Council is acting as Trustee for Charitable Funds.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 The underspending on the treasury management function has been taken into account in the consolidated budget monitoring reported to Cabinet.

4. Consultees and their opinions

None.

5. Next steps

None.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Cabinet and Corporate Governance and Audit Committee are asked to recommend to Council that the report be noted.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

The report be noted.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management in the Public Services.

CIPFA's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.
Local Government Act 2003.

The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
Public Works Loan Board Website.

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APPENDIX 1

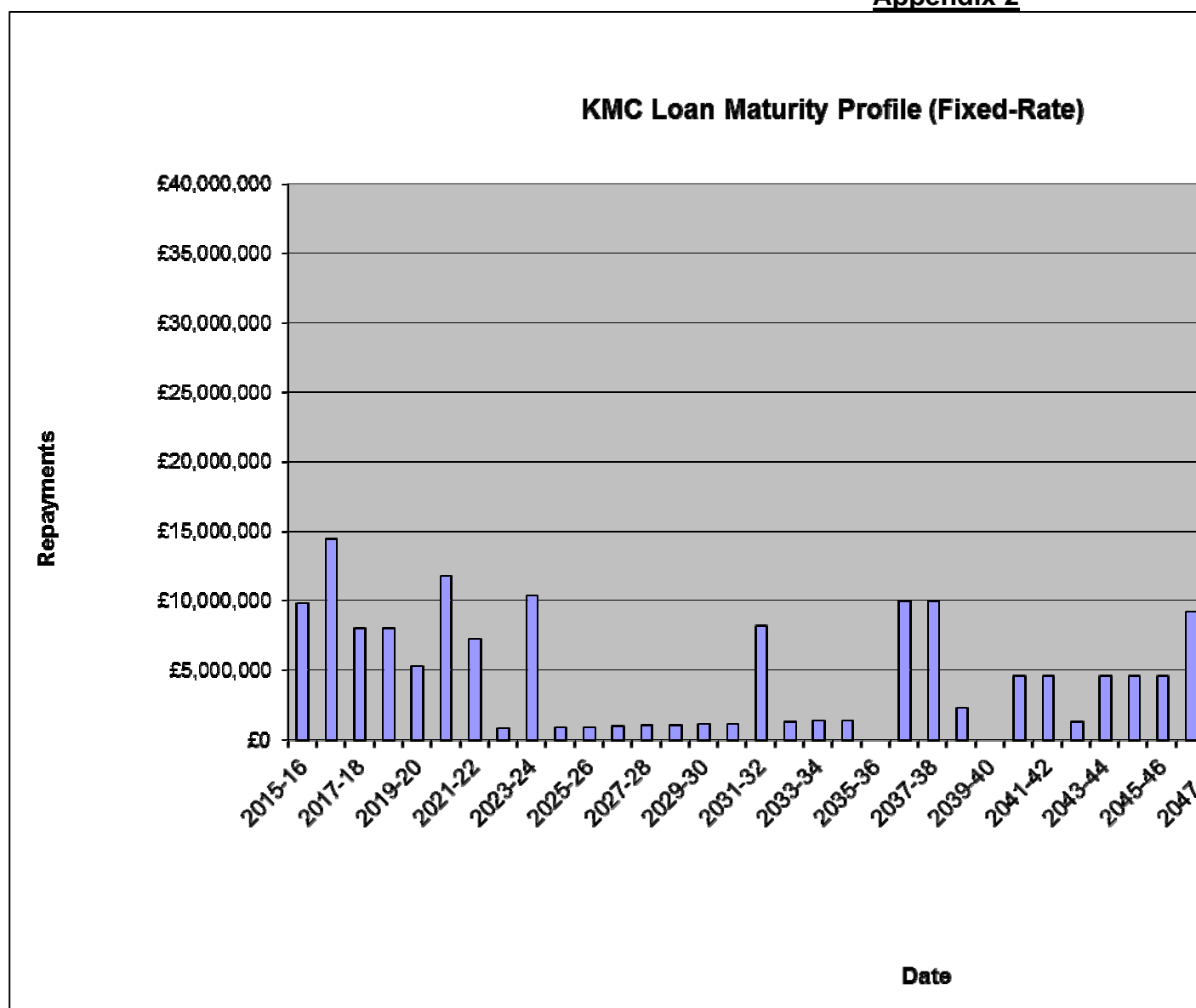
Kirklees Council Investments 2015-16										
Counterparty	Credit Rating Sept 2015*	1 April 2015 (opening)			30 June 2015			30 September 2015		
		£m	Interest Rate	Type of Investment	£m	Interest Rate	Type of Investment	£m	Interest Rate	Type of Investment
Specified Investments										
LB Merton Local Govt		3.2	0.40%	1 mth fixed						
Barclays Bank					4.0	0.40%	2 mth fixed			
Nationwide Bldg Soc	F1/A	6.5	0.43%	1 mth fixed	8.0	0.46%	2 mth fixed x 3	8.0	0.43%	1 mth fixed x 3
Bank of Scotland Bank	F1/A+				4.0	0.40%	Instant Access	2.0	0.40%	Instant Access
Handelsbanken Bank	F1+/AA-	9.0	0.45%	Instant Access	3.0	0.45%	Instant Access	5.0	0.45%	Instant Access
Handelsbanken Bank					5.0	0.55%	35 days fixed			
Std Life (Ignis) MMF**	AAAmmf	10.0	0.47%	MMF-Instant Acc	9.0	0.48%	MMF-Instant Acc	7.6	0.49%	MMF-Instant Acc
Aviva MMF**	Aaa-mf	5.0	0.39%	MMF-Instant Acc	8.3	0.44%	MMF-Instant Acc	7.6	0.46%	MMF-Instant Acc
Aviva - Govt MMF**	Aaa-mf				9.6	0.40%	MMF-Instant Acc	10.0	0.39%	MMF-Instant Acc
Deutsche MMF**	AAAmmf				3.9	0.41%	MMF-Instant Acc	7.5	0.45%	MMF-Instant Acc
Goldman Sachs MMF**	AAAmmf	5.0	0.41%	MMF-Instant Acc	8.8	0.44%	MMF-Instant Acc	7.1	0.45%	MMF-Instant Acc
Coventry Bldg Soc	F1/A				3.0	0.41%	1 mth fixed	4.7	0.41%	1 mth fixed x 2
Non-specified investments										
Barclays Bank	F1/A							2.9	0.10%+0.40%	Instant Access
Nottingham Bldg Soc	P2/Baa1							3.0	0.40%	1 mth fixed
		38.7			66.6			65.4		
Sector analysis										
Bank		9.0			16.0			9.9		
Building Society		6.5			11.0			15.7		
MMF**		20.0			39.6			39.8		
Local Authorities/Cent Govt		3.2								
		38.7			66.6			65.4		
Country analysis										
UK		9.7			19.0			20.6		
Sweden		9			8.0			5.0		
MMF**		20			39.6			39.8		
		38.7			66.6			65.4		

*Fitch short/long term ratings, except Aviva MMF and Nottingham BS (Moody rating). See next page for key. The use of Fitch ratings is illustrative – the Council assesses counterparty suitability using all 3 credit rating agencies, where applicable, and other information on credit quality.

** MMF – Money Market Fund. These funds are domiciled in Ireland for tax reasons, but the funds are made up of numerous diverse investments with highly rated banks and other institutions. The credit risk is therefore spread over numerous countries, including the UK. The exception to this is the Aviva Government Liquidity Fund which invests directly in UK government securities and in short-term deposits secured on those securities.

Key – Fitch’s credit ratings:

		Long	Short
Investment Grade	Extremely Strong	AAA	F1+
		AA+	
	Very Strong	AA	
		AA-	
		A+	
	Strong	A	
		A-	
		BBB+	F2
	Adequate	BBB	
		BBB-	F3
Speculative Grade	Speculative	BB+	B
		BB	
		BB-	
	Very Speculative	B+	
		B	
		B-	
	Vulnerable	CCC+	C
		CCC	
		CCC-	
		CC	
		C	
	Defaulting	D	D

**APPENDIX 3****Treasury Management Prudential Indicators**Interest Rate Exposures

While fixed rate borrowing can contribute significantly to reducing the uncertainty surrounding future interest rate scenarios, the pursuit of optimum performance justifies retaining a degree of flexibility through the use of variable interest rates on at least part of the treasury management portfolio. The Prudential Code requires the setting of upper limits for both variable rate and fixed interest rate exposure:

	Limit Set 2015 - 16	Estd Actual 2015 - 16
Interest at fixed rates as a percentage of net interest payments	60% - 100%	78.7%
Interest at variable rates as a percentage of net interest payments	0% - 40%	21.3%

The interest payments were within the limits set.

Maturity Structure of Borrowing

This indicator is designed to prevent the Council having large concentrations of fixed rate debt needing to be replaced at times of uncertainty over interest rates.

Amount of projected borrowing that is fixed rate maturing in each period as a percentage of total projected borrowing that is fixed rate	Limit Set 2015 - 16	Estd Actual 2015 - 16
Under 12 months	0% - 20%	3% - 5%
12 months to 2 years	0% - 20%	2% - 4%
2 years to 5 years	0% - 60%	5% - 8%
5 years to 10 years	0% - 80%	6% - 10%
More than 10 years	20% - 100%	76% - 79%

The limits on the proportion of fixed rate debt were adhered to.

Total principal sums invested for periods longer than 364 days

The Council will not invest sums for periods longer than 364 days.

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Name of meeting: Cabinet
Date: 17th November 2015

Title of report: Corporate Revenue Financial Monitoring Report, Quarter 2, 2015-16

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Yes
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	David Smith, 2 November 2015
Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?	Yes
Is it signed off by the Acting Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	No legal implications
Cabinet member portfolio	Resources

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All
Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 This report is the second in an agreed quarterly cycle of consolidated revenue budget monitoring statements to be presented to Cabinet during the course of the financial year.
- 1.2 This report, and the accompanying Appendices presents an overall forecast revenue outturn for 2015-16, as at Quarter 2, including commentary on emerging developments and risks.
- 1.3 The report also includes a summary update on Council reserves included at Appendix A.

2. Key points

GENERAL FUND

- 2.1 The Council's general fund net controllable revenue budget for 2015-16 is **£314.1million (m)**, and includes a (net) budget reduction of £10m.
- 2.2 Overall, there is a reported Quarter 2 forecast **net underspend position of £992k or -0.3%**, against the **£314.1 m** net controllable revenue budget, as summarised at Appendix A. This represents a favourable shift from the forecast position reported at Quarter one, by £1.8m.
- 2.3 Within the overall forecast, there are net Directorate pressures totalling £9.8m; these include demand led pressures on Adults at £5.1m, Children & Young People at £3.1m, and Waste Services at £0.8m.
- 2.4 The net Directorate pressures are 'net' of £2.2m Better Care Funding applied in-year against Adult Social Care services; £0.9m Older People, £1m Learning Disabilities, £0.3m Contracts and Commissioning.
- 2.5 There is also a specific pressure on Public Health budgets of £1.6m, impacted on by the government intention to clawback Council public health grant allocations in-year, as part of the overall July 8 budget announcement.
- 2.6 Elsewhere within Place, schools transport is reflecting a current overspend of £1.1m; this was also acknowledged as part of the formal budget approval process for 2015-18 to be a continuing area of budget risk.
- 2.7 The above pressures have been mitigated in-year partly through Central (contingency) budget set aside to mitigate Directorate pressures, totalling £1.9m.
- 2.8 As previously set out in the Quarter 1 revenue monitoring report to Cabinet on 25 August 2015, the Chair of the New Council Programme Board (Director of Economy & Skills) has been given delegated overall budget management responsibility for approved budgets in scope as part of the economic resilience and early intervention and prevention theme work. This is referred to at Appendix A as Cross-Directorate Themes. Appendix B attached gives a more detailed breakdown of the budgeted activity in scope here.
- 2.9 The Quarter 2 projections also include the proposed drawdown of "one-off" earmarked reserves totalling £6.3m, to mitigate both the volume element of demand led pressures, and other service pressures. These are set out in more detail at Appendix C attached.
- 2.10 There is also a balance of £2.5m Central budget forecast underspend; mainly £1.7m Treasury Management, and this reflects the impact of previous Cabinet approvals to apply available capital receipt/grant/revenue funding to service debt.
- 2.11 Appendix C to this report summarises key forecast variances across Directorate and Central budget activity, as at Quarter 2.

COLLECTION FUND

- 2.12 The Collection Fund forecasts here are based on Council shares of Collection Fund income due. There is a forecast in-year surplus of £1.6m on Council tax; equivalent to 1.1% against budget income of £141m; mainly due to council tax income collection performance in excess of targeted.
- 2.13 There is a current £2m in year forecast deficit against business rates income of £51.4m. This is largely due to a review of outstanding backdated appeals currently with the Valuation Office. In addition there is an emerging risk in relation to appeals for Doctor's Surgeries and Virgin Media which if successful could result in a one off cost to Kirklees of £1.1m for backdated payments plus reduced rates income of £300k per annum going forwards.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)

- 2.14 There is a forecast surplus of £3.6m against the ring-fenced HRA; equivalent to 3.8% against annual budgeted turnover (income) of £96m. The most significant variance is (£2.1m) relating to repairs and maintenance; less than anticipated costs on empty homes (£1.1m) and responsive repairs (£0.2m), and reduced volume of planned repairs (£0.8m). HRA surpluses or deficits at each year end transfer to HRA reserves. The budget announcement on 8 July with regard to a proposed 1% per annum rent reduction over the next 4 years, has significant financial implications for the HRA, and this is covered in the section below (para 2.19).

EMERGING DEVELOPMENTS / RISKS

- 2.15 The Chancellor's budget announcement on 8 July 2015 included the in-year (2015-16) clawback of £200m public health grant nationally. The basis of this cut has been subject to government consultation; the result of which was recently announced as a 6.2% standard rate cut to each Local Authority allocation. For Kirklees, this translates to a grant reduction of £1.645m. This matches our estimates that are factored into the Quarter 2 monitoring projections. It is not yet known whether or not the in-year grant reduction will inform the new baseline grant allocation for future years. This uncertainty is compounded by another consultation to revise the methodology for allocation of Public Health funding for 2016-17.
- 2.16 There is the possibility of central government departments requesting further in-year grant reductions; the Youth Justice Board have recently announced a reduction of Youth Justice Grant paid to Youth Offending Teams of £9m in 2015-16. The impact on Kirklees is a reduction of £66k however due to the timing of the announcement, this is not reflected in quarter 2 monitoring.
- 2.17 Government has also deferred Phase 2 of the Care Act, relating to the capping of client contributions towards their care costs, originally to be implemented from 1 April 2016. This has now been deferred to 2020. At this stage it is not known whether or not Government will review the

national Care Act New Burdens grant previously incorporated into the 2015-16 national funding settlement. Kirklees grant allocation in 2015-16 is £1.97m, factored into the MTFP. Current forecasts assume £1.2m of this will not be spent in 2015-16 and this variance is included in the Quarter 2 monitoring position.

- 2.18 There was also a headline announcement regarding significant increases in the current national minimum wage for the over 25's, rising from the current £6.50 per hour, to £7.20 from 2016-17, to £9 per hour by 2020.

The Local Government Association has estimated that the overall cost pressures on Local Government, who are the major purchasers of these services, could be in excess of £1 billion resultant from a minimum wage uplift to £9 per hour by 2020.

The Council implemented a local living wage from April 2015 at £7.88 per hour, and the financial implications of this were factored into approved budget plans. Consideration would need to be given to the impact of any future national minimum wage uplift relative to the Council's current local living wage hourly rate.

- 2.19 Another key announcement concerns proposals to achieve government target welfare spend reductions by 2020; including the proposal to reduce Council housing and registered provider rents by 1% per annum for each of the following 4 years after 2015-16. Effectively about two-thirds of total social housing rents are supported by housing benefit. These, and other welfare reform proposals will be formalised into Welfare & Reform legislation currently being drafted for implementation from 1 April 2016, along with a raft of other housing related proposals to be set out in the forthcoming Housing & Planning Bill.

This will have a significant impact on the whole social rented housing sector. The impact on Kirklees HRA is a forecast reduction in annual (base) rental income, in excess of £10m per annum by 2020. To put this into perspective, current year budgeted rental income is £84m. The £10m calculated annual rent reduction by 2020 is based on a comparison of what government previously allowed for as annual rental increases across the sector (Consumer Price Index or CPI, plus 1%) compared to the current proposal for a 1% per annum reduction over each of the next 4 years. The calculation is also based on current HM Treasury CPI forecasts over the next 4 years.

Senior officers are working closely with lead members to undertake a more wide ranging assessment of the impact and implications for HRA over the medium term, and this will include proposals to be incorporated into the forthcoming HRA medium term financial plan 2016-19.

- 2.20 There were no specific proposals to revise the national funding allocation (revenue support grant) in-year. However, the Office of Budget Responsibility set out updated public sector expenditure forecasts to 2020 as part of the 8 July budget announcement. These suggest, albeit heavily caveated, that there may be scope for government to review the profile of future year public sector funding reductions across years, and how this

may translate to specific local government funding reductions to 2020, compared to current MTFP forecasts.

- 2.21 Other recent Government announcements include proposals for Councils to retain 100% of business rates collected locally - which will have significant implications for future Council funding. The detail of this has yet to be worked up and current indications are that this would not be implemented before 2018-19 at the earliest. Future proposals for regional devolution and the pooling of the existing 89 Local Authority pension funds into half a dozen British Wealth Funds were also announced recently.
- 2.22 Officers will continue to report back to Cabinet through the quarterly monitoring process on emerging national developments and risks, including specific impacts on in-year monitoring. The autumn spending review (which government has announced will be 25 November) and detailed funding settlement in December will provide further clarification on Council funding in 2016-17 and future direction of travel across a range of national policy announcements set out in this section.

OTHER

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS RESERVE

- 2.23 As at Quarter 2, commitments against the £2.85m total an estimated £805k to date;
- £200k additional temporary senior management capacity within Commissioning, Adult & Public Health to backfill for existing senior management capacity supporting the cross-Directorate Early Intervention & Prevention theme work.
 - Up to £605k Programme Management Resources within New Council Programme Management Office; Immediate recruitment of a Programme Manager and a Project Officer and recruitment of up to three further Project Managers and four Project Officers for allocation to specific New Council programmes or projects – e.g. aspects of ‘Early Intervention and Prevention’ and ‘Economic Resilience’

3. Implications for the Council

- 3.1 The Council Budget Report 2015-18 to full Council on 18 February 2015 includes the use of £27.2m available Council general fund “one-off” balances over the medium term financial plan, and a further £4.4m earmarked reserves, to support the MTFP; £31.6m in total.
- 3.2 The use of available “one-off” balances is part of the medium term budget strategy and is intended to buy the Council time to be able to plan ahead for the scale of continuing budget reductions required over the 2015-18 period. This approach was re-affirmed in the budget strategy update report 2016-19 to Council on 7 October 2015.
- 3.3 The updated reserves position of the Council, as at Quarter 2, 2015-16 is shown at Appendix A. The proposed drawdown of £6.3m earmarked reserves in-year to mitigate volume/service pressures reflects the Council’s continued approach to the management of budget risk in-year.

- 3.4 While the Council overall general fund position is broadly in line with budget, within the overall forecast position there are a number of significant in-year pressures being mitigated by a combination of one-off reserves, central contingency budgets and external funding contribution in conjunction with health partners through Better Care Funding (BCF); the Department of Communities and Local Government have recently announced their continuing commitments to BCF in 2016-17.

In order to ensure that the longer financial position is affordable, the council will need to deliver in line with the MTFP which means continuing to explore additional service redesign and transformation proposals to bridge the anticipated financial shortfall over the medium term, and address the longer term demographic and service volume pressures.

4. Consultees and their opinions

This report has been prepared by the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Team.

5. Next steps

Cabinet to consider officer recommendations below.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

Members are asked to:-

- i) note the forecast position at Quarter 2 for the general fund, housing revenue account and collection fund,
- ii) note the approved drawdown of £6.3m from earmarked reserves for volume/service pressures,
- iii) note up to £805k commitments to date against the £2.85m New Council Developments Reserve.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

The portfolio holders support the officer recommendations.

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CORPORATE REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 - MONTH 6
Appendix A

Directorate	Net Controllable Budget £000s	Forecast Outturn £000s	Variance £000s	Pressures offset by Reserves £000s	Adjusted Forecast Outturn £000s	Adjusted Variance £000s	%	Variance from Q1 £000s
Children & Young People	60,942	64,800	3,858	(3,036)	61,764	822	1.3%	(101)
Commissioning, Public Health & Adults	84,171	89,596	5,425	(3,219)	86,377	2,206	2.6%	(396)
Place	35,709	37,639	1,930	0	37,639	1,930	5.4%	(773)
Resources	33,603	33,226	(377)	0	33,226	(337)	-1.1%	296
Communities, Transformation & Change	6,522	6,180	(342)	0	6,180	(342)	-5.2%	(214)
Cross-Directorate Themes	36,719	35,996	(723)	0	35,996	(723)	-2.0%	(579)
Sub-total	257,666	267,437	9,771	(6,255)	261,182	3,516	1.4%	(1,767)
Central Budgets - contingencies offsetting Directorate pressures	1,880	0	(1,880)	0	0	(1,880)		108
	259,546	267,437	7,891	(6,255)	261,182	1,636		1,659
Other Central Budgets	59,925	57,443	(2,482)	0	57,443	(2,482)	-4.1%	30
Public health grant contribution to MTFP	(6,403)	(6,403)	0	0	(6,403)	0	0.0%	0
Sub-Total	313,068	318,477	5,409	(6,255)	312,222	(846)	-0.3%	(1,629)
District Committee managed budgets	1,034	888	(146)	0	888	(146)	-14.1%	(146)
General Fund Total	314,102	319,365	5,263	(6,255)	313,110	(992)	-0.3%	(1,775)
Memo Item (HRA)	(9,740)	(13,306)	(3,566)	0	(13,306)	(3,566)	36.6%	(2,551)

Collection Fund forecast (Council Share)	Council Tax £000s	Bus. Rates £000s	Total £000s
Actual Opening balance 1 st April 2015	(4,342)	5,234	892
Planned contribution to/(from) General Fund 2015/16	1,200	(5,200)	(4,000)
In-year forecast	(1,600)	2,000	(400)
Forecast Closing balance 31st March 16	(4,742)	2,034	(2,708)

UPDATED RESERVES POSITION*Appendix A / continued**GENERAL FUND*

	Reserves as at 1/4/15	Reserves commitments over MTFP period 15-18	Remaining reserves	Comments
	£m	£m	£m	
Statutory	(24.0)	24.0	-	Schools related reserves
Earmarked	(64.4)	64.4	-	Commitments include £6.3m drawdown against in-year pressures
Risk based	(9.0)	-	(9.0)	Contingency reserve
General Reserves (balances)	(38.0)	33.0*	(5.0)	Remaining reserves reflects minimum balances held
Grand Total	(135.4)	121.4	(14.0)	

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

	Reserves as at 1/4/2015	Reserves commitments over MTFP period 15-18	Remaining reserves	Comments
	£m	£m	£m	
General reserves (1)	(35.8)	34.3	(1.5)	See note (1)
Major Repairs reserve (2)	-			See note (2)
Grand Total	(35.8)	34.3	(1.5)	

Notes

- (1) includes £9m set aside to support strategic HRA Council priorities, £8.5m set aside for business income risks (welfare reforms – direct payments to tenants); £16.8m to support current & longer term HRA capital plan requirements; £1.5m working balance
- (2) opening balance of nil reflects the fact that there is an in-year contribution from HRA (annual depreciation charge - currently £15.6m) which is then fully committed in-year to support HRA capital plan and pay down HRA debt. Statutorily this reserve cannot be used for any other purpose.

THEMES**Appendix B**

	Net Controllable Budget £000s	Forecast Outturn £000s	Variance £000s	Variance from Q1 £000s
Early Intervention & Prevention				
Access to Services - CSC	1,292	1,145	(147)	(147)
Gateway to care	51	51	0	0
Single Point of Access (104202)	471	438	(33)	(7)
5-19 yrs Public Health	0	0	0	0
Care navigation	806	742	(64)	(70)
child with dis (young people's activity team)	580	579	(1)	(1)
early intervention & targeted support	8,435	7,999	(436)	(284)
early years SEN support	576	576	0	0
Health Trainers	(7)	(7)	0	11
international new arrivals	74	28	(46)	0
Sensory Services	204	222	18	16
Smoking and tobacco	0	0	0	0
Support for Carers	522	425	(97)	(99)
Supporting People	6,109	6,599	490	(124)
young people service	4,277	4,207	(70)	(69)
<u>Social Action</u>	0			
Community Liaison	1,564	1,544	(20)	(29)
Engaging communities & bldg capacity	535	590	55	55
Healthwatch	435	332	(103)	(3)
voluntary sector support	247	229	(18)	(18)
Total Early Intervention & Prevention	26,171	25,699	(472)	(769)
Economic Resilience				
Adult Learning	59	59	0	0
Allotments	35	35	0	0
CCTV	249	229	(20)	0
Comm Safety & ASB	382	348	(34)	(34)
Connexions	283	283	0	0
Creative Economy Support	296	295	(1)	(1)
Events & Concerts	194	194	0	0
Grant to KAL	2,307	2,307	0	0
Kirklees Advice Service	724	724	0	0
Kirklees Benefits Service	606	684	78	78
Lawrence Batley	267	267	0	0
Museums & Galleries	1,103	1,103	0	0
Nutrition Initiatives	0	0	0	0
PCSO's	636	416	(220)	0
Physical Activity	0	0	0	0
School Crossing Patrols	350	280	(70)	10
Sport & Physical Activity	504	482	(22)	(1)
Strategic Regeneration	467	655	188	188
Uniformed staff	1,150	1,000	(150)	(50)
Total Economic Resilience	9,612	9,361	(251)	190
Total EIP and ER	35,783	35,060	(723)	(579)
<i>Memo Item</i>				
<i>ER new offer (reshaped services)</i>	<i>441</i>	<i>441</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>EIP new offer (reshaped services)</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Themes Total	36,719	35,996	(723)	(579)

HIGHLIGHT VARIANCES

Appendix C

Directorate	Activity	Highlight Variances (before reserves) £000	Earmarked Reserves applied £000	Additional comments on Highlight variances (before BCF/reserves applied)
Children & Young People	Safeguarding & family support; demand led activity	+3,059	(2,792)*	+£1035k fostering; +£1,651k external placements (includes £300k less Clinical Commissioning Groups income than expected)
	Disabled Children's Services	+316		+£269k Direct Payments, +£142k Short Breaks
	Child Sexual Exploitation Team	+244	(244)	Additional costs arising from CSE; to be met from reserves in 15/16
	Safeguarding & family support; Legal Costs	+400		Overspend on external Legal costs
	Sub-total	+4,019	(3,036)	
Commissioning, Public Health & Adults	Placement equivalent demand	+5,078	(2,164)*	+£0.8m Older People; +£0.5m Physical Disabilities; +£2.8m Learning Disabilities; +£1m mental health. BCF funding allocation not factored into budget plans
	(Older People) In-house residential	+606		Mainly agency costs re sickness/ vacancies
	Best Partnering	+197		Savings not realised
	Public health expenditure	+492		Includes timing issue on sexual health & substance misuse new contracts +£1,129k and (£233k) staff vacancies
	Public Health Income	+1,648	(1,055)	Our current estimate of government in-year PH grant clawback; part offset by 'uncommitted' PH grant reserves (balance of £0.9m PH reserves committed)
	Sub-total	+8,021	(3,219)	
Place	Waste Services	+844		Contract waste/landfill costs; demand led
	Cleansing	+755		Changes to working practices & employee reductions – slippage on MTFP savings
	Parking	+250		Delayed to Feb 16 - +£133k Residents Permits, +£218k moving Traffic Enforcement. Part offset by vacancy savings (£83k).
	Schools Transport	+1,103		Including +£770k Increased volumes of pupils; +£253k slippage on procurement savings.
	Schools Facilities Management	(374)		Mainly catering saving due to increased efficiency on labour and food costs of supplying Universal Free School Meals.
	Sub-total	+2,578	-	

HIGHLIGHT VARIANCES

Appendix C / continued

Directorate	Activity	Variance (before reserves) £000	Earmarked Reserves applied £000	Additional comments on variances
Resources	Customer & exchequer services	(295)		Includes some vacancy management and additional recovery of Housing benefit overpayments. (£146k) relating to KD.
	Legal & Governance	(183)		Includes (£295k) support for Council as democratic organisation; part offset by +£112k Legal
	Corporate & Democratic Core	(154)		(£72k) DRM, (£82k) Corporate Management – including (£71k) External Audit Fee.
	IT	289		Largely additional coverage of IT system costs
	Sub-total	(343)	-	
CTC	Support services	(244)		(£154k) Communications and Marketing additional income and staffing savings, (£90k) HR Professional vacancies held
	Communities & Leisure	(220)		Includes (£121k) Organisational change service redesign - savings achieved early, (£102k) Healthwatch savings made ahead of likely grant reduction 16-17.
	Sub-total	(464)	-	
Cross-Directorate themes	Economic resilience & early intervention & prevention	(722)		(£471k) EIP, (£251k) ER
	Sub-total	(722)	-	
	Central budget contingencies used to offset Directorate pressures	(1,880)		£1.2m Base budget set aside as part of approved MTFP to support Directorate pressures (balance of uncommitted Care Act new Burdens gov't grant) plus £618k supplementary revenue support grant allocation
Central Budgets	Treasury Management	(1,750)		Net effect of £10.5m capital receipt/revenue contribution/capital grant applied to service debt, plus underspend on capital plan.
	Joint committees	(755)		Mainly one-off refund from ITA (combined authority) re previous years contributions not used, plus joint services charge less than expected
	Sub-total	(4,385)	-	
District Committee Managed Budgets	CTC Activity Budgets	(146)		Slippage into future years
	Grand total (highlight variances)	8,558	(6,255)	

HIGHLIGHT VARIANCES***Appendix C / continued***

Directorate	Activity	Variance (before reserves) £000	Earmarked Reserves applied £000	Additional comments on variances
HRA	Repairs & Maintenance	(2,110)		(£0.8m) planned repairs reduction in volume of work, (£1.1m) empty homes; (£0.2m) responsive repairs
	Housing Management	(852)		Includes (£453k) reduced projection in PFI in line with reductions in unitary charges, (£336k) temporary accommodation savings due to late implementation of Universal credit
	Other	(251)		Mainly (£255k) reduced bad debt provision due to delayed implementation of Welfare reform
	Income	(353)		(£231k) Lower voids and (£208k) leaseholder charges, part offset by District heating Income and other rents.
	total (highlight variances)	(3,566)	-	