

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2026

ITEM 6 – CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

Scrutiny comments made on: Playing Pitches, Built Facilities (Sports And Community), Open Spaces Strategies

Date considered by Cabinet: 28 April 2026

	Comments/recommendations from scrutiny	Advice provided by officers at the Scrutiny meeting	Cabinet response
C1	Data set and methodology: Concerns were raised about the methodology used to create the strategies and the data set, including paddle sport and drive time to sports facilities assumptions. The validity of the data set was questioned.	Officers confirmed that the methodology used was a standard set by Sports England with input from the various national sporting bodies. Therefore, it was in their opinion reliable, and assurances were made on its validity. The risks of deviating from standard methodology were explained.	Agreed with responses from officers and noted comments.
C2	Environmental impact of 3G pitches: Concerns were made in relation to the impact on the environment due to the use of 3G pitches.	Officers confirmed that sustainability would be considered at the project delivery stage.	Agreed with responses from officers and noted comments.
C3	Community facilities: Some Members advocated for clearer timelines, feasibility studies and tighter definitions for community facilities.	Officers clarified that these were actions for the next stage in the process.	Agreed with responses from officers and noted comments.
C4	Changing room facilities: Concerns were raised regarding the lack of consideration for changing rooms and ancillary facilities.	Officers clarified that these were separate matters that were included by football foundation plans.	Agreed with responses from officers and noted comments.

R1	Recommendation: That Cabinet considers the feasibility studies and funding for the projects identified in the strategies during the life of this authority before Local Government Reorganisation.	-	Noted and formally agreed that: 'The Council considers feasibility studies and will progress those projects that it has the resources to deliver within the lifetime of the Council.'
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