



Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Date: 14th September 2020

Title: Sport and Physical Activity Development Plan Update

Purpose of the Report: To provide Members with an update to the work undertaken to date and consider imagery and provide feedback/thoughts.

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Corporate Aim/s		
Implications:		
Financial		None
Human Resources		None
Operational/Service delivery		None
Procedural/Legal		None
Risk/Health and Safety		None

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 Should Members be minded, to support the proposal to:-**
- 1.2 To note the report.**

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Town Council has sought the creation of a Sport and Physical Activity development plan so that it can try and help adopt a holistic approach to the provision of sport and physical activity across its geographical area.
- 2.2 The plan seeks to assess current club and activity provision, the facilities that support these activities, and estimate future facility needs and requirements to ensure that good quality, sustainable demand-led facilities, and activities remain available to its residents.
- 2.3 The scope of the plan was to review existing and projected facility stock, a detailed overview of sporting provision available through the sporting club

network, together with an overview of non-club-based opportunities available through the Leisure Centre, Community Centres and the Parks and Open Spaces across the Town. It also looked at the support and resources available through national and local sporting agencies and the opportunities to and for possible partnership working to try and secure a future inward investment to help satisfy the demand of an increasing and ageing population.

- 2.4 Significantly the plan includes a number of potential partnership actions which, if jointly implemented, will positively impact upon the Town's vision to 'improve what we have, to try and create new facilities and work in partnership to ensure that we have excellent quality and sustainable sport and physical activity opportunities for the town.
- 2.5 The Leighton-Linslade Sport and Physical Activity Development Plan sets out the possible actions that could be undertaken in order to invoke the vision presented below:

3. AIMS

- 3.1 The purpose of this update, is to review the document by way of a light touch engagement exercise in order to ensure that the outcomes remain salient.
- 3.2 Attached is the draft Sport and Physical Activity development plan. Members are asked to consider and feedback on two key areas:
 - 1) Imagery – Officers, believe the 'look' could be improved and give it a greater local feel if we inserted more local images. Officers would be keen to replace some of the 'icons' we have included with pictures of activity in our area. If Members agree we can easily do this.
 - 2) There will be an action plan at the end.
- 3.3 Please provide any feedback / thoughts as we would like to make this as impactful as possible.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Whilst it is fair to say that in isolation, the Town Council has little opportunity to deliver all of the Sports & Activity Development Plan actions plan points. However, the development plan sets out some good "starting blocks" to build going forward and will be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure it develops at the same rate that the Town does. Even if the development plan only helps to inform responses to planning policy, particularly the standard for outdoor pitches and play provision in association with existing and new developments, this alone should be considered a positive outcome.