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Mid Devon District Council

Cabinet

Tuesday, 5 April 2022 at 10.00 am
Phoenix Chamber, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Tuesday, 17 May 2022 at 10.00 am

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Membership

Cllr R M Deed
Cllr R J Chesterton
Cllr Mrs C P Daw
Cllr R Evans
Cllr D J Knowles
Cllr B A Moore
Cllr C R Slade
Cllr C J Eginton

AGENDA

Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place

1. **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Public Question Time**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.
3. **Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct**
To record any interests on agenda matters.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 5 - 10)*
To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 8 March 2022.
5. **Single Equalities Policy and Equality Objectives** *(Pages 11 - 44)*
Following a report of the Director of Business Improvement and Operations the Community Policy Development Group has made the following recommendations: That the Single Equality Scheme and the Equality Objectives for 2022-2023 be adopted.
6. **Safeguarding Childrens and Adults at Risk Policy and Procedures** *(Pages 45 - 58)*
Following a report of the Director of Business Improvement and Operations, the Community Policy Development Group has made the following recommendations: That the Safeguarding Children's and Adults at Risk Policy and Procedures be adopted.
7. **Corporate Plan 2020-24 - Mid Point Review** *(Pages 59 - 74)*
To receive a report of the Chief Executive considering the progress against delivery for the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 at its midway point. This report reflects on performance against achievement of the priorities over the past two years, undertakes a brief gap analysis to understand where delivery is untracked via existing KPIs, identifies a range of challenges to delivery moving forward and, ultimately, recommends a refreshed corporate plan be brought back to Cabinet for consideration and onward recommendation to full Council as appropriate.
8. **Junction 27 and 28 Report** *(Pages 75 - 80)*
To receive a report from the Director of Place. At the January 2022 Economy PDG meeting, a request was made for an update on work being undertaken to progress opportunities for business growth by development at the motorway junctions in Mid Devon. This report therefore seeks to present an update in relation to work underway in relation to Junctions 27 and 28, and opportunities that exist therein.

9. **Devolution and the 'County Deal'** *(Pages 81 - 84)*
To receive a report of the Chief Executive updating the Cabinet on the status and progress of the county deal discussions for Devon.
10. **Playing Pitch Strategy - Post Consultation** *(Pages 85 - 272)*
To consider a report of the Director of Place recommending the approval of the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy.
11. **Financial Monitoring**
To receive a verbal report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) presenting a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.
12. **Performance and Risk** *(Pages 273 - 322)*
To consider a report of the Director of Business Improvement and Operations providing Members with an update on the performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets.
13. **Continuous Improvement** *(Pages 323 - 326)*
To receive a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) providing the Cabinet with an update on how the Continuous Improvement process is working after its implementation in March 2021.
14. **Notification of Key Decisions** *(Pages 327 - 336)*
To note the contents of the Forward Plan.
15. **3 Rivers Developments Limited - Performance Update** *(Pages 337 - 366)*
To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) providing the Cabinet with an update on current project performance and any key risks.
16. **3RDL Business Case for a new site and consideration of changes to Council borrowing arrangements** *(Pages 367 - 386)*
To consider a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) reviewing the request for further borrowing to support the attached business case and to consider the implications of recent changes to Council borrowing arrangements.
17. **Directors Remuneration of 3 Rivers Development Limited** *(Pages 387 - 398)*
To consider a report of the Deputy Chief Executive in order to comply with the current governance arrangements under schedule 2 of the Shareholder Reserved Matters, the level of remuneration of a company Director is a reserved matter for the Shareholder, this is currently a Cabinet decision.

Covid-19 and meetings

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MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **CABINET** held on 8 March 2022 at 10.00 am

Present

Councillors

R M Deed (Leader)
R J Chesterton, Mrs C P Daw, C J Eginton,
R Evans, D J Knowles, B A Moore and
C R Slade

Also Present

Councillor(s)

B G J Warren

Also Present

Officer(s):

Stephen Walford (Chief Executive), Andrew Jarrett (Deputy Chief Executive (S151)), Richard Marsh (Director of Place), Karen Trickey (District Solicitor and Monitoring Officer), Paul Deal (Corporate Manager for Finance), Simon Newcombe (Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing), Fiona Wilkinson (Operations Manager for Revenues Benefits & Recovery), Stephen Bennett (Building Surveyor), Jessica Watts (Member Services Apprentice) and Sally Gabriel (Member Services Manager)

153. APOLOGIES (00-03-12)

There were no apologies for absence.

154. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (00-03-20)

There were no questions from members of the public present in the meeting.

155. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT (00-03-32)

Members were reminded of the need to make declarations of interest if and when necessary.

156. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (00-03-43)

Subject to the inclusion of Cllr E J Berry in the attendance list, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

157. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (00-04-23)

Arising from a *report of the District Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, the Community Policy Development Group had made the following recommendation that: the Council's RIPA Policy be amended as outlined in section 3 of the report.

The Cabinet Member for Community Well-Being outlined the contents of the report stating that the current policy did not accurately reflect the requirements regarding covert surveillance using communications data, this had been updated within the revised policy along with the use of juvenile covert human surveillance

A query was raised with regard to the number of staff that had received training.

RESOLVED that the Council's RIPA Policy be amended as outlined in section 3 of the report.

(Proposed by Cllr D J Knowles and seconded by Cllr C R Slade)

Reason for the decision – there is a need for the RIPA policy to be up to date.

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

158. **REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY PLANNING FEES IN RELATION TO THE MONITORING OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS AND RESPONDING TO ENQUIRIES CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH PLANNING OBLIGATIONS (00-08-00)**

The Cabinet had before it a *report of the Corporate Manager for Income, Benefits, Recovery and Planning with regard to discretionary fees.

The Cabinet Member for Finance outlined the contents of the report stating that this dealt with a review of discretionary fees with regard to S106 agreements and was in line with other local council's general practice.

A query was raised as to whether the charges would be applied to Parish Councils and it was explained that this was not the case.

It was therefore:

RESOLVED that:

- 1) the introduction of a £100 fee for basic Section 106 compliance enquiries be approved, with a further charge of £50 per additional clause, applicable from 1st April 2022;
- 2) the reviewing and setting of these fees, with a further review being undertaken after 12 months be approved;
- 3) that monitoring fees contained within Section 106 Agreements be delegated to the Corporate Manager for Income, Benefits, Recovery and Planning in conjunction with the Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Finance.

(Proposed by Cllr B A Moore and seconded by Cllr R J Chesterton)

Reason for the decision – the charging of relevant fees in line with increasing costs will generate valuable revenue to assist in covering the costs associated with providing the service.

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

159. **CULLOMPTON RAILWAY STATION (00-10-07)**

The Cabinet had before it and noted a *report of the Director of Place presenting an update in relation to the Cullompton Railway Station project.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration outlined the contents of the report stating that the Council had been working with South West and Taunton Council over a number of years and had included the production of a strategic outlined business case seeking to demonstrate the strong business case associated with the proposed reopening of the Cullompton and Wellington stations. The Councils had been successful in securing a further £5m of funding for the project. A change to the governance arrangements was felt to be appropriate and the project lead role would transfer from the District Councils to Network Rail who would now progress the project further with the use of this funding. It was hoped that the first passengers would be able to use the stations by 2025.

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

160. **RESIDENTS SURVEY (00-13-11)**

The Cabinet had before it and noted a *report of the Deputy Chief Executive providing an update of the results of the Mid Devon residents' survey which was undertaken in November 2021 and included questions in relation to statutory consultation on the budget.

The Leader outlined the contents of the report stating that the results of the residents' survey along with feedback from the Peer Review provided valuable tools for the Council to reflect upon.

Consideration was given to:

- The percentage of those who felt safe after dark and whether there was a further breakdown available
- The feedback with regard to tackling climate change and the reported satisfaction with regard to the waste service
- Disappointment in the feedback with regard to street cleaning which would be followed up and whether a further breakdown with regard to areas of concern across the district could be made available.
- The public's views on spending and the importance of continuing to invest in the leisure centres
- Value for money and general satisfaction and whether any further breakdown could be made available

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

161. **FINANCIAL MONITORING (00-25-00)**

The Cabinet had before it and noted a *report of the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) presenting a financial update in respect of the income and expenditure so far in the year.

The Cabinet Member for Finance outlined the contents of the report stating that the current financial status provided a General Fund projected underspend of £30k, with income remaining well below normal levels for leisure and car parking, planning and waste income rising and staff costs under budget but this was offset by higher usage of agency staff. The HRA was showing an underspend, as was the Capital Programme.

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

162. MODERNISATION OF COUNCIL HOMES CONTRACT 2022 - 2026 (00-27-18)

The Cabinet had before it a *report of Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing advising Members on the results for the tendering of the Modernisation of Council Homes Contract 2022–2026 and requesting confirmation of the award of the contract.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services outlined the contents of the report explaining the evaluation process and the investment in the HRA estate.

RESOLVED that:

1. The new four-year (2+1+1) Modernisation of Council Homes Contract is awarded to Contractor 1 with a forecast annual cost £400,000.00.
2. Delegated authority be granted to the S151 Officer (in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services) to complete the associated modernisation contract.

(Proposed by Cllr R B Evans and seconded by Cllr B A Moore)

Reason for the decision – the Council has a legal duty to maintain the stock and meet the Decent Homes Standard.

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

163. GAS AND RENEWABLE SERVICING CONTRACT (00-29-34)

The Cabinet had before it a *report of the Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing advising Members of the procurement of a combined gas and renewables servicing delivery partner (2022-2028) and requesting confirmation of the award of the contract.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services outlined the contents of the report explaining the evaluation process and the investment in the HRA Estate.

RESOLVED that:

1. The new 6-year (4+1+1) Combined Heating Services Contract is awarded to Contractor 2 with a forecast annual cost £385,000.00.
2. Delegated authority be granted to the S151 Officer (in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services) to complete the associated service contract.

(Proposed by Cllr R B Evans and seconded by Cllr C R Slade)

Reason for the decision – the Council has a duty to main safety compliance standards within its homes.

Note: *Report previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

164. NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS (00-30-53)

The Cabinet had before it and noted it's *rolling plan for April 2022 containing future key decisions.

Note: *Plan previously circulated, copy attached to minutes.

165. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR TO 3 RIVERS DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (00-31-34)

The Cabinet had before it a *report with regard to the appointment of a new Finance Director to 3 Rivers Developments Ltd complying with the current governance arrangements under schedule 2 of the Shareholder Reserved Matters, the appointment or removal of a Director was a reserved matter for the Shareholder.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services outlined the contents of the report explaining the process for seeking a new director.

RESOLVED that Mr Paul Neilson be appointed to the post of Finance Director to 3 Rivers Developments Ltd.

(Proposed by Cllr R B Evans and seconded by Cllr B A Moore)

Note: *Report previously circulated.

(The meeting ended at 10.35 am)

CHAIRMAN

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**COMMUNITY PDG
22 MARCH 2022**

SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME

Cabinet Members: Cllr Clive Eginton, Cabinet Member for Working Environment and Support Services
Responsible Officer: Mrs Jill May, Director for Business Improvement & Operations

Reason for Report: To remind Members of the Council's statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010

RECOMMENDATION(S): That Members recommend to Cabinet that they approve the Single Equality Scheme together with the Equality Objectives for 2022-2023.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: The Equality Objectives reflect Corporate Plan aims under the Community and Corporate priorities. The new proposed equality objective is a specific 2020-224 Corporate Plan aim.

Financial Implications: The Single Equality Scheme does not have any financial implications itself beyond those identified in individual service's equality impact assessments.

Legal Implications: The objectives and the information gathered for them contribute to the Council's compliance with the Equality Act 2010. Failure to adopt Objectives or to collect data to support them could find the Council in breach of the Equality Act 2010.

Risk Assessment: Approving the Single Equality Scheme and Equality Objectives reduces the risk of legal challenge.

Equality Impact Assessment: The adoption and monitoring of Equality Objectives helps to ensure that the needs of all protected groups are taken into account in service delivery.

Impact on Climate Change: No impacts identified for this report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Equality Act 2010 replaced previous anti-discrimination laws with the aim of simplifying the law and removing inconsistencies. The Act places a requirement on public bodies to demonstrate compliance with each part of the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED).
- 1.2 Under the Equality Act 2010 local authorities have a duty to have 'due regard' to:
 - Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

- 1.3 Case law over the last few years has clarified that considerations of equality should not only be placed at the centre of policy development but that bodies subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty, of which we are one, must apply this duty to the carrying out of any functions of a public body not just statutory functions.
- 1.4 Local authorities also have specific duties under the Act to publish Equality Information annually and 'Equality Objectives' at least every four years. The Equality Information is available on the Mid Devon District Council website [Equality pages](#).
- 1.5 The Single Equality Scheme is relevant to officers, Members and the wider community and has been reviewed and updated. (Appendix A)
- 1.6 Mid Devon District Council is a member of the Devon Joint Declaration for [Equality](#). The declaration demonstrates our commitment to the achievement of equality and fairness for all people in the county and our district and recognises the importance and benefits of an equal society and will behave in ways that reflect an equal society.
- 1.7 The Council wants to understand the needs and views of our residents and people working in our district and experiences from those using any of our services help us identify priorities and monitor performance with our Corporate Plan. We have a dedicated [web page](#) to access all our consultations and welcome residents to participate.
- 1.8 Whilst we aim to provide high-quality services to all who live or work in the Mid Devon area, we recognise people may wish to complain, or pay a compliment to our officers or give us suggestions on how we could improve a service. Full details are available on our [website](#) using a number of different mediums.

2.0 Progress this year

- 2.1 The two additional Equality Objectives were added in 2021-22, the single equality scheme has been updated to include these objectives.
 1. To continue to concentrate on mental health issues within MDDC and the wider community.
 2. Secure decent digital connectivity for all of Mid Devon (Corporate Plan aim).

Current Objective	Updated Objective
To continue to concentrate on	Regular articles have been posted in the Link newsletter regarding wellbeing and mental health by

Current Objective	Updated Objective
<p>mental health issues within MDDC and the wider community.</p>	<p>the Health & Safety Advisor.</p>
	<p>The Council will focus on how we will support mental health and wellbeing as we travel out of the pandemic to a new 'normal' way of working, and improve both awareness and employment practices to support initiatives.</p> <p>A number of officers have been trained as Mental Health 1st aiders and details of them are available on the intranet and noticeboards.</p> <p>A number of officers have been trained as workplace coaches to support colleagues with personal or work related concerns.</p> <p>Members of the Impact group are trained to be Wellbeing Ambassadors.</p>
	<p>During the pandemic the Council published details of support for our residents. Details of organisations who can support mental health are available on the council's website.</p> <p>Details of community support across the district are available on our website and details of a community support helpline.</p>
	<p>In view of the pandemic, Devon County Council were able to offer a Covid-19 Counselling Service specifically for our BAME communities and details are available on our website.</p>
	<p>The Equality Act 2010 (The Act) requires Mid Devon District Council (MDDC), to make 'reasonable adjustments' where a provision, criterion, function, practice, and/or physical or environmental conditions in premises occupied by the Council, place a disabled person at a substantial disadvantage when compared with people who are not disabled.</p> <p>The Council must take reasonable steps to avoid disadvantage being caused to any disabled person in relation to recruitment, retention, promotion, development, retirement and dismissal. A Reasonable Adjustments Policy was approved in October 2021.</p>
	<p>The Council is committed to raising awareness</p>

Current Objective	Updated Objective
<p>Secure decent digital connectivity for all of Mid Devon (Corporate Plan aim).</p>	<p>around areas of employment practice which may cause discrimination and lack of equal treatment for example the menopause.</p> <p>Internal Audit completed the audit on safe operations for officers during the Covid-19 emergency which included support for officers.</p> <p>The audit demonstrated the Council had reasonable assurance, generally sound system of governance, risk management and control in place to risk 1 and 2.</p> <p>The findings with risk 3 showed limited assurance, with room to improve in relation to technology supporting working remotely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Telephone system is due for implementation - March • Broadband upgrade procured – scheduled in spring • Core infrastructure refresh procured and implementation in progress • Hybrid project – future working arrangements review in progress to be completed by 30th September <p>Orion was appointed in 2021 to look into a free-to-use Wi-Fi network for Tiverton and Cullompton town centres and have been progressing slowly with establishing the necessary infrastructure. The Council is due to receive an update very soon.</p>
<p>Overcoming the problems faced by vulnerable individuals caused by rural isolation</p> <p>Overcoming the effects of multiple disadvantage in families with complex needs.</p>	<p>The Council has appointed a Customer Welfare Officer to support customers of Mid Devon by working collaboratively with internal and external partners to keeping the customer at the 'heart of all we do' and improve processes and policy.</p> <p>Housing have appointed a Customer Engagement Officer working to support the tenants' involvement Ensuring their views are taken into account and these inform service delivery. To promote a culture of customer focus and to ensure that the services delivered are responsive to local needs, encouraging feedback and involvement of the views of under-represented and hard to reach groups are taken account.</p>

- 2.2 We said we would publish information on our website about our [pay supplement policy](#) and [gender pay gap](#) reporting,
- 2.3 To enable us to understand the demographic breakdown of our communities, we have accessed data from LG Inform which is a local government association research service, the report provides an overview of the mid-year population estimates for 2020 published by ONS in June each year.
- 2.4 In August 2021 an Access assessment took place which appraised the building of Phoenix House on elements to assess the extent of accessibility to services and facilities in accordance with the definitions of the Equality Act 2010 and the client brief. The audit took into account the needs of people with mobility impairments (including wheelchair users) and sensory impairments.
- The audit is only the first stage in the process of identifying, planning and implementing access changes and should only be seen as a snapshot of the position at the time of the report. The findings in the audit will be linked to a wider review of the Fire Strategy for Phoenix House.
- 2.5 During the financial year of 2021/2022 an upgrade of the provision of CCTV in Tiverton took place in the control room situated in the Multi Storey car park, the new system now captures the bus station opposite to the car park. The Tiverton town centre CCTV upgrade is due to commence in the 2022/23 financial year.
- 2.6 The Council has developed an employee consultative group named 'Impact' to engage their views in the development of policies and projects like 'Evolve'.

3.0 Update on request to Community PDG in Motion 564

- 3.1 In February 2021, Cllr Elizabeth Lloyd and Cllr Jo Norton brought Motion 564 to Full Council to encourage a discussion on equality and diversity, and to bring forward ideas on how to ensure the Council represents the residents of Mid Devon. Part of that Motion included a request for the Community PDG:

That the Equality Forum and Community Policy Development Group be tasked with exploring opportunities to increase inclusivity, engagement and representation at Mid Devon District Council, including by identifying hard to reach or underrepresented communities, and considering how best to engage with them.

- 3.2 In July 2021 the PDG discussed the request and agreed that as the motion had also made a request to Scrutiny Committee to investigate recommendations in the Fawcett Society/LGiU report: 'Does Local Government Work for Women?', the PDG would defer a decision on a way forward until the Scrutiny review was completed.
- 3.3 Scrutiny have now completed a Spotlight Review on this work and it is due to report to the 21 March Scrutiny meeting. This report will make recommendations the Council can take to enable the right conditions to be in place to allow a diverse range of candidates to be empowered and supported to stand for election in the District, and to ensure those candidates are

supported once elected. The PDG may like to consider reviewing those recommendations, and the original request to the PDG from Motion 564, at its June meeting to consider if any further work is required.

4.0 Future work on Equalities

- 4.1 We Need to develop a new Equalities profile for MDDC to understand any changes with the protected characteristics of our residents in the District using the national (Census 2021) and local data releases.
- 4.2 Access to Work is a scheme to support (if eligible) people to get help or stay in work if they have a physical or mental health condition or disability. Further information is available [here](#).
- 4.3 There is a consultation about disability workforce reporting, the closing date of the consultation is 25 March 2022. This consultation is being led by the Disability Unit, in the Cabinet Office and they are focusing on 4 main areas
 - understanding the current landscape
 - benefits and barriers to disability workforce reporting
 - considerations if mandatory disability workforce reporting was implemented
 - alternative approaches

The outcome of the consultation will be published at a later date.

- 4.4 To raise the profile of Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion across the Council by continuing to do Equality Impact Assessments to ensure equalities are embedded in policy developments and changes.
- 4.5 To organise and plan for the Equalities forum to meet throughout the year

Contact for more Information: Mrs Jill May, Director for Business Improvement and Operations, jmay@middevon.gov.uk; Nicola Cuskeran, Interim Corporate Performance Manager, ncuskeran@middevon.gov.uk

Circulation of the Report: Members of Community PDG, Cabinet Members, Leadership Team

Single Equality Scheme

Mid Devon District Council's Single Equality Scheme sets out how we are working to implement the equality duties that are set out in the Equality Act 2010.

Section 149 of the Act imposes a duty on 'public authorities' and other bodies when exercising public functions to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

These are the three aims of the general equality duty.

What do we mean by equality, diversity and inclusion?

Equality

This means ensuring that all our workforce, residents and visitors are treated fairly and are given the same, as much as reasonably possible, life chances. One way of achieving it is through provision of equal access to the services and employment opportunities we offer.

However, it is important to understand that equality is not about treating everyone in the same way, as people have different needs that may need to be met by considering individual circumstances.

Therefore, the council takes positive action, wherever possible, to design and deliver services based on the specific needs of a segment of our community, for example, people with disabilities or older people.

Diversity

Diversity is about recognising and championing individual differences of our workforce, residents and visitors. Diversity is closely linked to equality as it is through understanding and valuing differences between the peoples of Mid Devon that equality can be furthered.

Inclusion

Inclusion means that we go beyond legal compliance to create a community and culture where everyone feels that they belong it is safe to be who they are, and they feel valued for being themselves.

1.0 Our Vision

Mid Devon District Council is committed to providing quality services delivered in a fair and equitable way and to promoting good relations between different groups within the community. We value the positive contribution that all our residents bring to the district, and want to work with individuals and groups to continue to improve our services and to promote equality.

2.0 How will we achieve this?

In order to achieve our vision we will:

- Seek to understand the needs of our community
- Know our customers and their specific needs
- Involve the community in changes that might affect them
- Develop services that can respond to the requirements of different residents
- Develop an inclusive working environment
- Ensure equality in procurement and commissioning
- Promote equality through working with others
- Recognise the needs of specific equality groups

3.0 Understanding our community

In order to develop services that meet people's needs we must first of all understand our community. The following gives a brief profile of the district. Most of the data comes from LG Inform Plus - Basic facts about Mid Devon, which includes statistics from the 2011 Census.

An equality profile of Mid Devon

Mid Devon is a rural district lying equidistant between the north and south coasts. It has three principle towns, Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton, serving an extensive rural hinterland.

Population

The population of Mid Devon in 2020 is around 83,290 this is an increase of 6% since 2013, 49% male and 51% female. Those over 65 make up 23.7% of the population. 27.70% of households have dependent children. 98.6 % of the population in Mid Devon is white compared to 85.4% for the South West as a whole.

Mid Devon

Metric type	Mid Devon	Mean for All English district local authorities	Mean for All local authorities in South West
	2020		
	People		
All persons aged 0 to 17 ↓↑	17,212 ↓↑	23,531 ↓↑	37,097 ↓↑
All persons aged 18 to 24	5,319	8,503	15,309
All persons aged 25 to 34	8,233	13,267	22,231
All persons aged 35 to 44	9,100	13,592	21,525
All persons aged 45 to 54	11,674	15,912	24,987
All persons aged 55 to 64	11,992	15,434	25,146
All persons aged 65 and over	19,760	25,092	42,343
Total population	83,290	115,332	188,638

The key issues for the population of Mid Devon are:

Economy

Mid Devon is an area of low unemployment (1%), but jobs tend to be poorly paid and low skilled. There are a high proportion of part-time and self-employed workers. Over a third of the resident population commutes out of the District for work, particularly from the Crediton and Cullompton areas. In 2020 the overall employment rate for those aged 16-64 was 81.3% compared to the Devon average figure of 80.1%.

Housing

37.3% of Mid Devon households live in housing owned outright and another 31.8% in houses owned with a mortgage or loan. Mid Devon has a higher score than the English area for barriers to Housing and services. The situation is considerably worse in the rural areas of the District. Mid Devon compares poorly for the index of deprivation concerning barriers to housing and services. There is also an increasingly aging population who require support to live in their own homes, and suitably adapted accommodation when they are unable to manage on their own.

Crime

Mid Devon is an area of low crime. The incidence of all major crime (theft, burglary, violent crime) is well below national averages. However concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour remain high particularly amongst the most vulnerable.

Education

Most Mid Devon schools perform well against national averages, in 2017 69.9% of pupils achieved 5 GCSE or equivalent at grades A* - C including English and Maths 56.3% for England as a whole. However the proportion of people of working age who lack any qualifications is higher than the Devon average at 22.7%

Access

In a rural district access to vital services can be a significant problem for some people, particularly those on low income. Over half of rural parishes do not have a post office, and access to scheduled public transport is a problem in many areas, including the edges of market towns. Despite regional programmes to increase speeds, broadband speeds remain low in many rural areas limiting the growth of home-based businesses and increasing the digital divide.

Health

The residents of Mid Devon are generally healthier than the rest of the population. Life expectancy is higher than the national average both for men and women, and mortality rates for all major diseases are lower. However there is a growing proportion of over 75s who will put increasing demands on health and social care services, and a number of people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities whose needs, and those of their carers, must be met. 1% of residents report being in very bad health and another 3.6% in bad health.

Multiple disadvantage

Although Mid Devon generally rates well in national statistics, small parts of Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton do disproportionately badly for income, education, skills and training when compared to other areas nationally. However Mid Devon overall is ranked 78 out of all 188 districts. Similarly some people in Mid Devon, because of their condition or circumstances, are more vulnerable to disadvantage and poor health outcomes than the rest of the population. This may be due to their age, gender, physical, sensory or learning disability, mental illness, sexuality, race, religion or social circumstances. There are a variety of organisations that provide support to these individuals and their families, including education and training providers, health and social care agencies, employers, voluntary sector organisations.

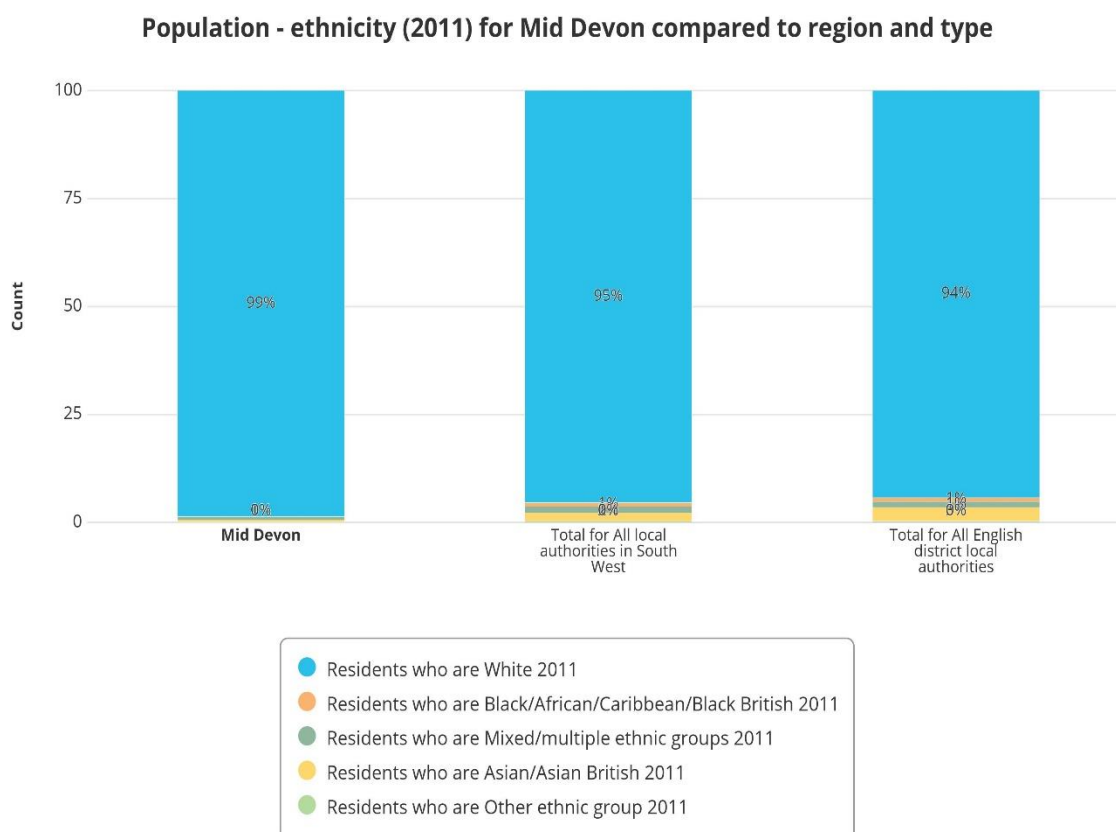
Equality Priorities

From this profile the Council recognises that there are five main equality priorities for the district:

1. Meeting the needs of an aging population
2. Overcoming the problems faced by vulnerable individuals caused by rural isolation
3. Overcoming the effects of multiple disadvantage in families with complex needs.
4. To continue to concentrate on mental health issues within MDDC and the wider community.
5. Secure decent digital connectivity for all of Mid Devon (Corporate Plan aim).

4.0 Knowing our customers – equality monitoring

Mid Devon District Council believe that it is important to know who uses our services. By comparing this with what we know about the community as a whole, we can see if there are any groups who are under-represented, highlighting where there may be barriers to overcome.



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In Mid Devon in 2011 the percentage of the population who identified themselves as white was 98.6%, the percentage who identified as Asian or Asian British was 0.6%, the percentage who identified as black or black British was 0.1%, those who

identified as mixed race made up 0.6% per cent of the population and those who identified as other ethnic group made up 0.1% per cent of the population.

We monitor the complaints we receive to identify whether any equality issues are believed to have contributed to the complaint or problem. This is done by asking the customer a few optional questions when they call in to make a complaint.

The equality information collected can be used to:

- review service delivery
- compare our performance over time
- assist in the development of services in line with people's needs
- monitor the impact of any service changes.

In line with current legislation we will publish relevant equality information, this information includes:

- an equality profile of the district and
- workforce information.

5.0 Involving the community

As part of our commitment to good consultation, the Communications and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan were reviewed and approved during 2018/19. The Council is keen to make sure that people from different equality groups take part in consultation, and will try to find the most appropriate way to consult with them according to their needs.

Mid Devon District Council will:

- work with groups representing the interests of people from different equality groups to get feedback on proposed service changes particularly relevant to them
- develop and support forms of consultation that are appropriate to the communication needs of different groups within the community
- monitor and assess the consultation methods used and where necessary adapt them to meet the needs of different participants
- publish the results of these consultations and feed them back into our decision-making processes in an open and responsible way.

Customer feedback

Mid Devon District Council positively welcomes feedback. We want to ensure residents' views, whether positive or negative, are noted and their concerns are addressed. We are aware that the Council's formal feedback process may be inaccessible to those sections of the community who have difficulties in accessing services. The Council encourages helper organisations to act as advocates for a complainant if necessary.

6.0 Developing responsive services

A primary factor in making a service accessible is providing information and advice in a usable and convenient format.

We seek to ensure that all users:

- know about the relevant services they might need
- are given support where necessary i.e. with completing forms
- are confident about using and contacting a service and, if necessary, complaining about it.

We will do this by:

- communicating clearly both internally and externally
- providing information in plain English
- making as many services as internet accessible as possible
- offering information in different formats on request
- providing interpretation and translation services where possible
- ensuring that buildings that are open to the public, including leisure and community facilities, can be accessed and used by all residents
- making sure that our employees are trained and supported to deliver the highest possible levels of customer service in line with this policy.

Changing services and policies

Mid Devon District Council has a responsibility to assess the likely impact on residents and employees of policies or services it is proposing to change or introduce before they are adopted. This is to make sure that any changes do not disproportionately affect any particular group, and any adverse impacts can be reduced as much as possible.

Policies, in particular, are frequently adapted or replaced to reflect changes in the legal, social and political environment. Our objective is to build equality and diversity into the policy making process and to make that process clear, open and inclusive.

The Council undertakes detailed Equality Impact Assessments on those changes most likely to impact on the wellbeing of certain individuals or groups. The impact assessment process asks how the service or policy affects the different groups in the community. Each Equality Impact Assessment includes an action plan for describing what actions can be taken to mitigate any negative impacts identified. The template includes the consideration of rurality which is identified as a specific problem in Mid Devon.

7.0 Developing an inclusive working environment

The Council considers equality and diversity in all aspects of employment, from advertising vacancies, recruitment and selection, terms and conditions of employment, training and personal development, to reasons for ending employment.

We will promote equality in recruitment by:

- advertising jobs as widely as possible
- providing job details and accepting job applications in alternative formats on request as appropriate to the needs of the applicant
- monitoring recruitment processes and taking action as a result of the findings
- acknowledging that recruitment and selection decisions should be based upon objective, measurable and reasonable selection criteria
- asking only for the skills and qualities actually needed to do the job
- commitment to equality in employment and in service delivery will be reinforced in staff induction programmes for new staff
- training managers on how to recruit in a non-discriminatory way, making sure that all job applicants, whether redeployment candidates, existing employees or people who do not currently work for the District Council, demonstrate that they are qualified, motivated and competent to do the job.

We will promote equality in disciplinary procedures by:

- regularly reviewing our disciplinary and grievance procedures to ensure an appropriate mechanism is in place to deal with bullying and harassment at work.

We will promote equality in pay and conditions by:

- using a pay structure that makes sure employees are rewarded fairly and equitably.

We publish information on our website about our pay policy and gender pay gap.

We will promote equality in training and development by:

- providing training programmes for staff to raise awareness of equality issues and assist them in applying equality principles to their role within the Council
- recognising and supporting the potential of all employees by offering opportunities for training and personal development
- monitoring employee development to make sure that training and development opportunities continue to be open to all employees.

8.0 Ensuring equality in procurement and commissioning

Mid Devon District Council is a major purchaser of services. Every year we spend over £5 million with businesses so that we can deliver our services. We recognise that our spending power gives us the chance to influence how others work and to promote equality. We will:

- require any company or business that wishes to be one of our contractors or suppliers to demonstrate appropriate consideration in their policies on equality in relation to employment and service delivery
- seek to encourage any company, business or individual wishing to provide goods or services to Mid Devon District Council, to contribute to our policy by implementing fair practices in employment and training
- review our own policies and practices and where necessary make changes to them to ensure they do not discriminate or place unfair requirements on small businesses from Mid Devon
- cease issuing contracts to, purchasing from or commissioning any contractor, business or organisation, where we believe they fail to comply with our values in relation to equality and diversity
- follow good practice by having a procurement strategy that gives a clear commitment to equality of opportunity and to tackling discrimination and disadvantage.

9.0 Promoting equality through working with others

The Council recognises that it cannot meet its equality responsibilities without working closely with other public bodies, community groups and individuals.

Mid Devon District Council will:

- use our standing in the area to help shape public opinion to promote understanding between different sections of the community
- work with other public, private, voluntary and community groups in Mid Devon to ensure that equality and diversity policies and plans similar to our own are adopted and implemented more widely
- share information, experience and examples of good practice on equality through links with other public, private, voluntary and community organisations in the region
- promote equality and diversity within partnership working and in our dealings with the media
- involve people from different equality groups in influencing our work and progress on equality
- learn from the equality and diversity policies and plans of other local authorities and organisations.

10.0 Meeting the needs of specific equality groups

The Council is aware that certain groups within society are particularly vulnerable to discrimination because of age, disability, gender, marital status, race, belief or

sexual orientation. In order to eliminate discrimination and promote equality we recognise the need to work with representatives who can advocate on behalf of particular equality groups in order to develop services that meet their specific requirements.

We also recognise that people are individuals, and that although they may be included within a particular equality group they also have individual needs that may differ from the rest of the group. We are committed to dealing with every resident as an individual with their own particular needs.

11.0 Monitoring

Monitoring Impact and Acting on Results

Mid Devon District Council recognises that monitoring is an important way of assessing the effects of policies in practice and is a vital part of any strategy to promote equality.

Monitoring will help us check whether our policies, operations and organisational culture are discriminating against some groups and individuals. This will help us find out why and how discrimination takes place. Where we see that any of our policies or procedures have a negative impact we will investigate the reasons for this and revise them accordingly.

Publishing Results

If Mid Devon District Council is to be successful and keep public confidence, we need not only to promote equality but also to be seen to be doing so. The Council will therefore publish the results of its monitoring, assessment and consultation activities.

12.0 Concerns

If there are any concerns about any matter regarding equality of opportunity or discrimination is suspected, you are referred to the following related policies:

- Whistleblowing Policy
- Dignity at Work and
- Grievance Policy
- Appendix 3 for definitions of types of discrimination

Appendices

Appendix 1 Summary of Equalities Legislation

Mid Devon District Council Equality Strategy complies with the following Equal Opportunities Legislation, Codes of Practice and recommendations:

- Equality Act 2010
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The Protection from Harassment Act 1997
- Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006
- Sex Discrimination (Gender Reassignment) Regulations 1999
- The Macpherson Recommendations, Stephen Lawrence Inquiry
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
- Equal Opportunities Commission and Commission for Racial Equality Codes of Practices
- The Work and Families Act 2006

Appendix 2 Protected Characteristics

We understand we have a duty to promote equality and eradicate discrimination in relation to the nine protected characteristics outlined in the Equality Act 2010.

- Age
- Disability (including people with learning disabilities, people with a mental illness, and people living with HIV and/or AIDS)
- Gender reassignment
- Marital status, family circumstances, or caring responsibilities
- Pregnant women and mothers with young children (under 5's)
- Race, including nationality, national or ethnic origin, being a traveller or gypsy
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

Appendix 3 Definitions

Direct discrimination

Direct discrimination occurs when a person treats another less favourably because of a protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race (including colour, nationality, and ethnic or national origins), religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

For example, someone is not offered a promotion because they are a woman and the job is given to a less qualified man.

This also covers less favourable treatment because of an association with someone with a protected characteristic or less favourable treatment because of a belief that someone has a certain protected characteristic whether or not it is true.

Indirect discrimination

Indirect discrimination occurs where a provision, criterion or practice is applied, which cannot be justified as necessary for the job and is not a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim, which is discriminatory in relation to a protected characteristic.

Victimisation

Victimisation occurs when a person is treated unfairly because they made or supported a complaint to do with a 'protected characteristic', or someone thinks they did.

Bullying

Bullying may be characterised as offensive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour, an abuse or misuse of power through means that undermine, humiliate, denigrate or injure the recipient.

Harassment

Harassment as defined in the Equality Act 2010 is: Unwanted conduct related to a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, race (including colour, nationality, and ethnic or national origins), religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation), which has the purpose or effect of violating an individual's dignity or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for that individual

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Introduction

Understanding and planning for population change is one of the key factors in service planning for local authorities. This report is one of a series of reports in LG Inform based on a single collection, the aim is to provide users with quick and easy access to all the metrics contained in the collection and present this in a variety of charts, tables and maps. Users may wish to use the report in its entirety or select individual elements to download or reuse in their own LG Inform reports. This report provides an overview of the mid-year population estimates for Mid Devon for 2020 taken from the Mid-Year Population Estimates published by the Office for National Statistics. Data in this report is updated annually in June of each year.

The mid-year estimates refer to the population on 30 June of the reference year and are published annually. They are the official set of population estimates for the UK and its constituent countries, the regions and counties of England, and local authorities and their equivalents.

Mid-year population estimates relate to the usually resident population. They account for long-term international migrants (people who change their country of usual residence for a period of 12 months or more) but do not account for short-term migrants (people who come to or leave the country for a period of less than 12 months). This approach is consistent with the standard UN definition for population estimates which is based upon the concept of usual residence and includes people who reside, or intend to reside, in the country for at least twelve months, whatever their nationality.

Using this report

When using / interpreting data from this report it is important to understand:

The most recent mid year population have been used throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, and these unrounded estimates are published by ONS to enable and encourage further calculations and analysis. However, the estimates should not be taken to be accurate to the level of detail provided.

In all charts, tables and text a rank of 1 is the highest area of the chosen comparison group.

Executive summary

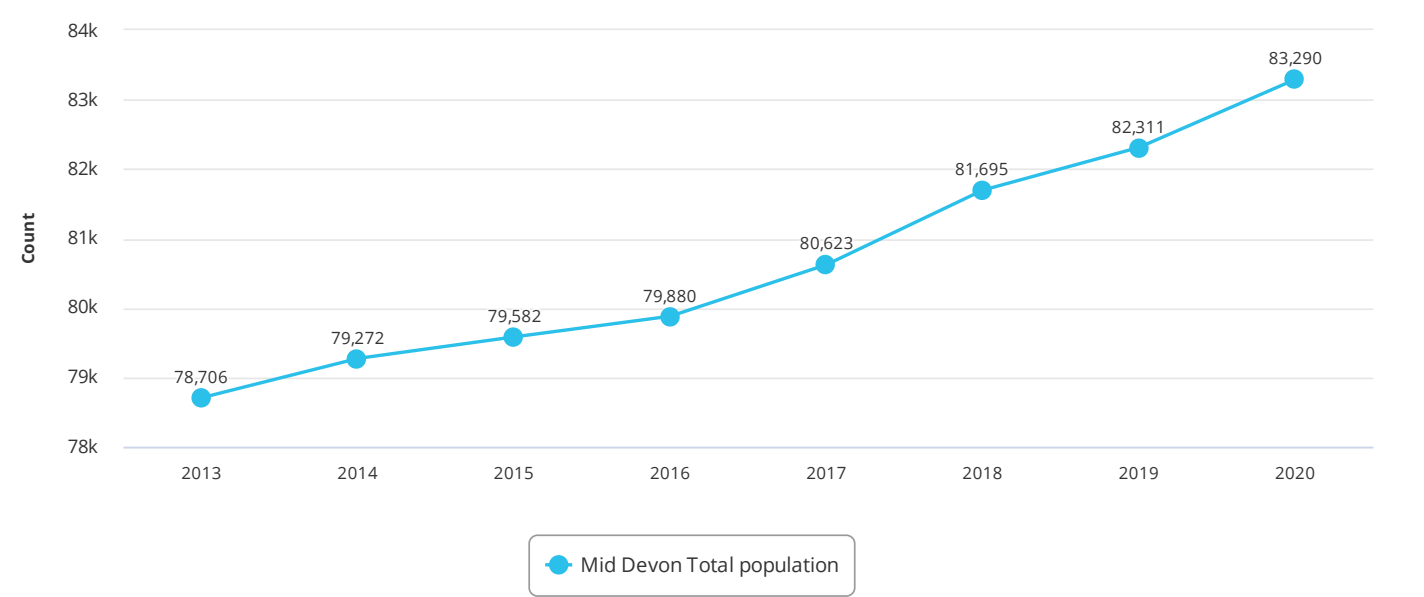
Mid Devon is a District in the South West region.

In 2020 the total population of Mid Devon was 83,290 people this is an increase of 6 % (4,584) since 2013, Mid Devon is now ranked 16 (out of 18 Districts in the South West region) in terms of total population. The main (predominate) component of Mid Devon population change is Internal Migration Net.

In 2020 Internal Migration Net accounted for 906 people of the overall change followed by International Migration Net which accounted for 108 people. Of the 83,290 people in Mid Devon, 20.7 percent (17,212) are children aged under 18, 55.6 percent (46,318) are adults aged 18 to 64 and 23.7 percent (19,760) are aged 65 and over; 3.1 percent (2,593) of the resident population are 85 and over. Mid Devon has a old age dependency ratio (working age population:over 65 population) of 41.0 per 100 working age population which is the 6 lowest out of 18 Districts in the South West region and 128 lowest out of all Districts authorities.

Mid-year population estimates by ethnicity have not been produced since 2009, therefore the latest data available is from the 2011 Census that showed that 1.4 per cent of the resident population are non-White and 98.6 percent are white; the predominate ethnic group in Mid Devon is residents who are White , followed by residents who are Mixed/multiple ethnic groups representing 98.6 and 0.6 percent of the population respectively.

Total resident population (from 2013 to 2020) for Mid Devon



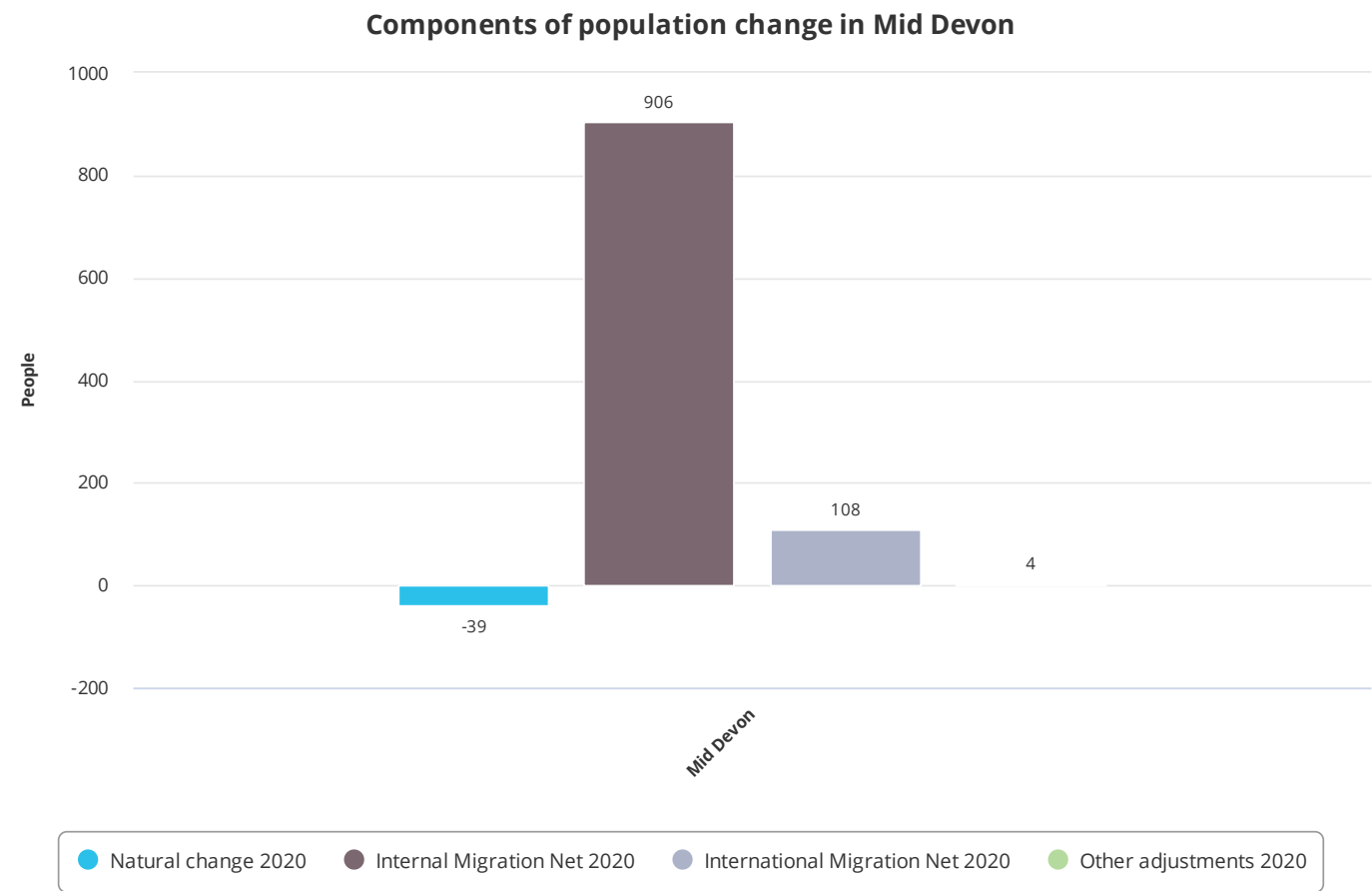
Population Change

The total population change in Mid Devon for the year to 2020 was 979 people. This included natural change (births - deaths) of -39 people, net internal migration (people into/away from the area within the UK) of 906 , net international migration (people immigrating/emigration into/out of the UK) of 108 and other migration factors of 4.

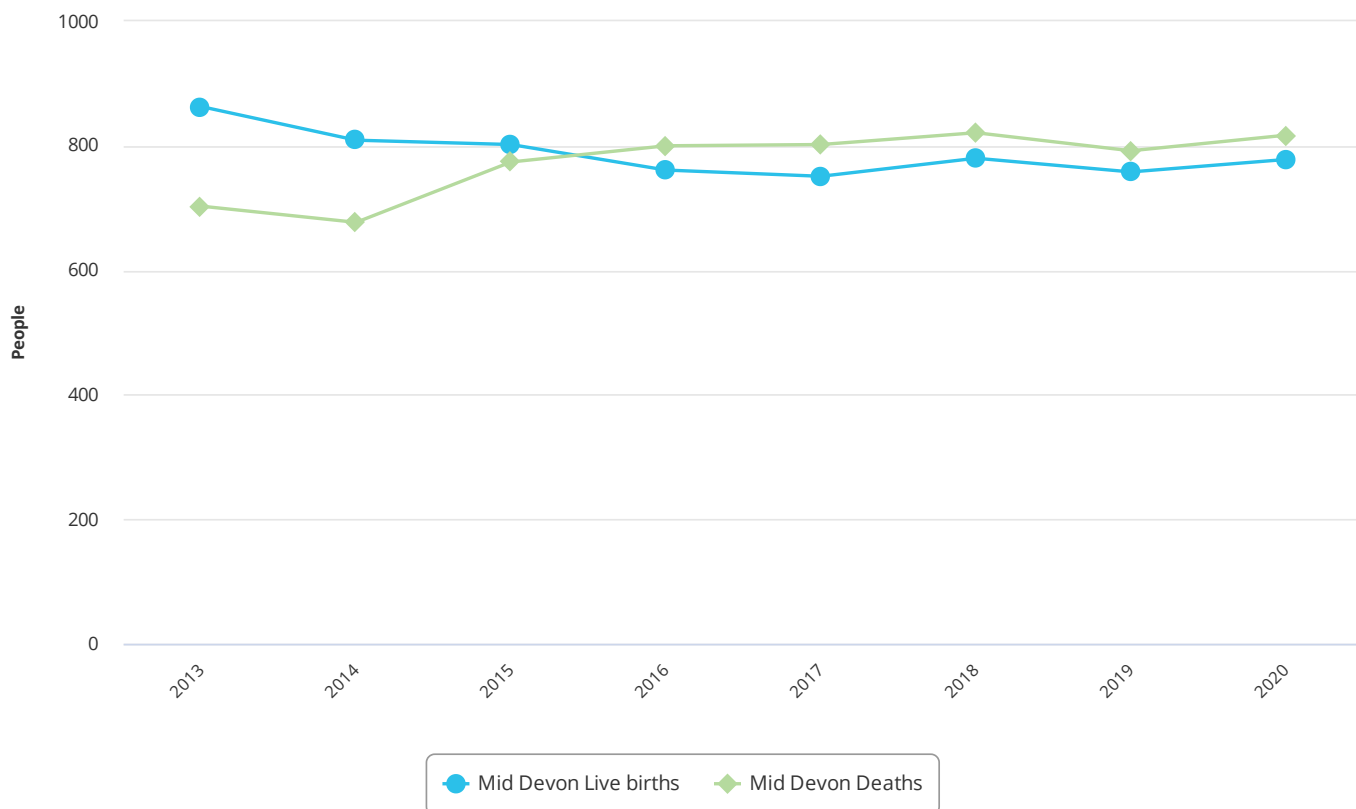
Natural change was less than in previous years (down to -39 people from -34 people in 2019) caused largely by an increase in the number of deaths (817), combined with the continuing increase in the number of births (up 778).

An decrease in immigration (down 248) and a decrease in emigration (down 140) have both contributed to the increase in net international migration compared to that seen in the year to mid-2019.

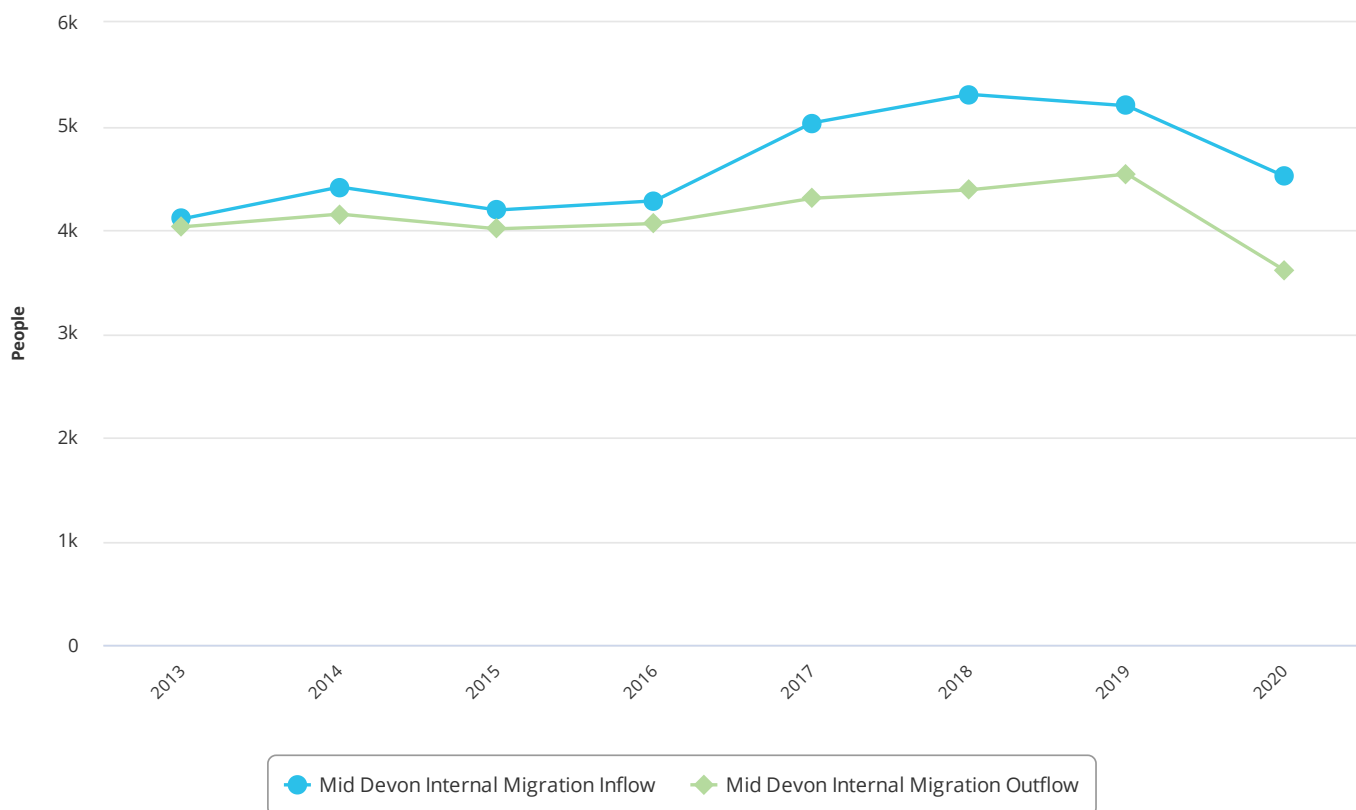
Population change include changes in population due to internal and international civilian migration and changes in the number of armed forces (both non-UK and UK) and their dependants resident in the UK. In calculating the international migration component of the population estimates, ONS uses the United Nations recommended definition of an international long-term migrant (someone who changes their country of residence for at least 12 months). This component does not include short-term migrants and visitors.



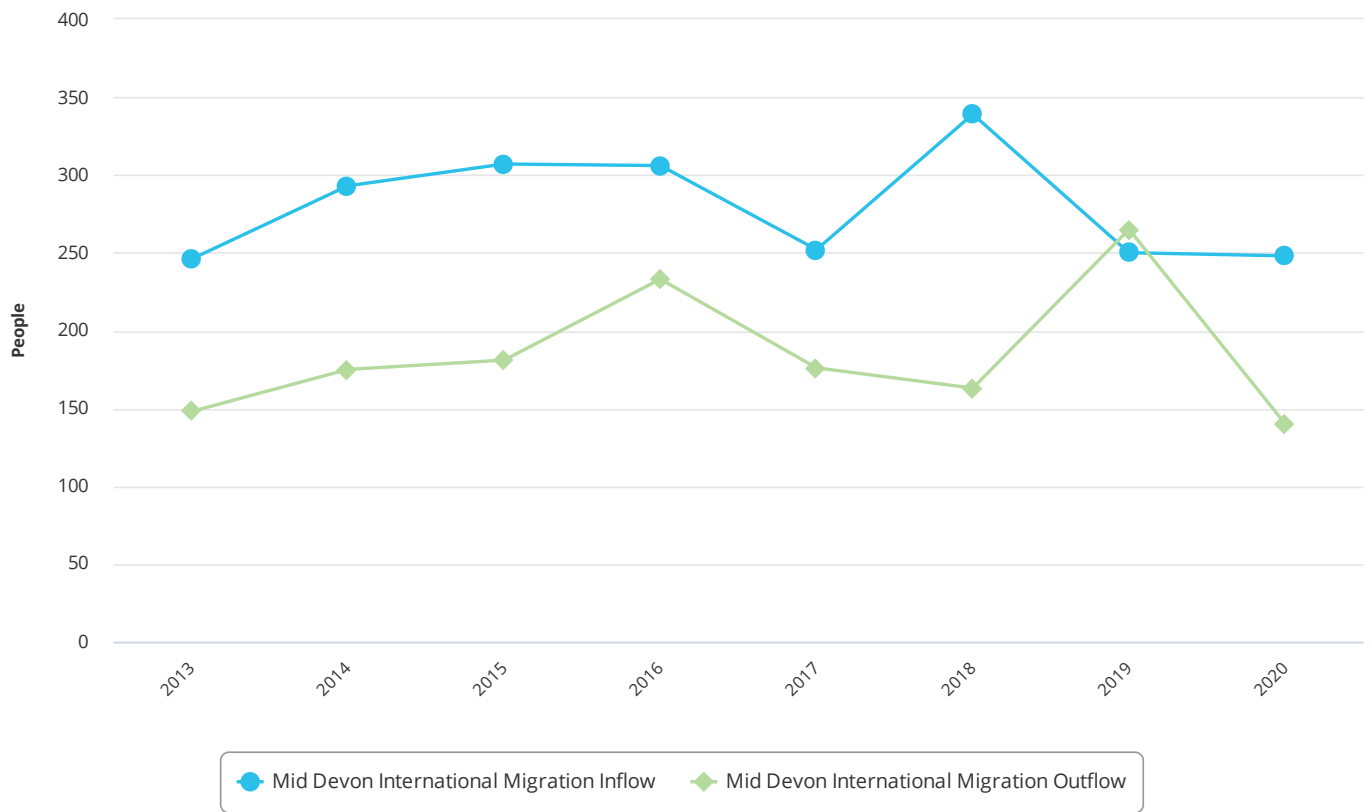
Population change, Live births (from 2013 to 2020) & Population change, Deaths (from 2013 to 2020) for Mid Devon



Population change, Internal Migration Inflow (from 2013 to 2020) & Population change, Internal Migration Outflow (from 2013 to 2020) for Mid Devon



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Population by broad age group

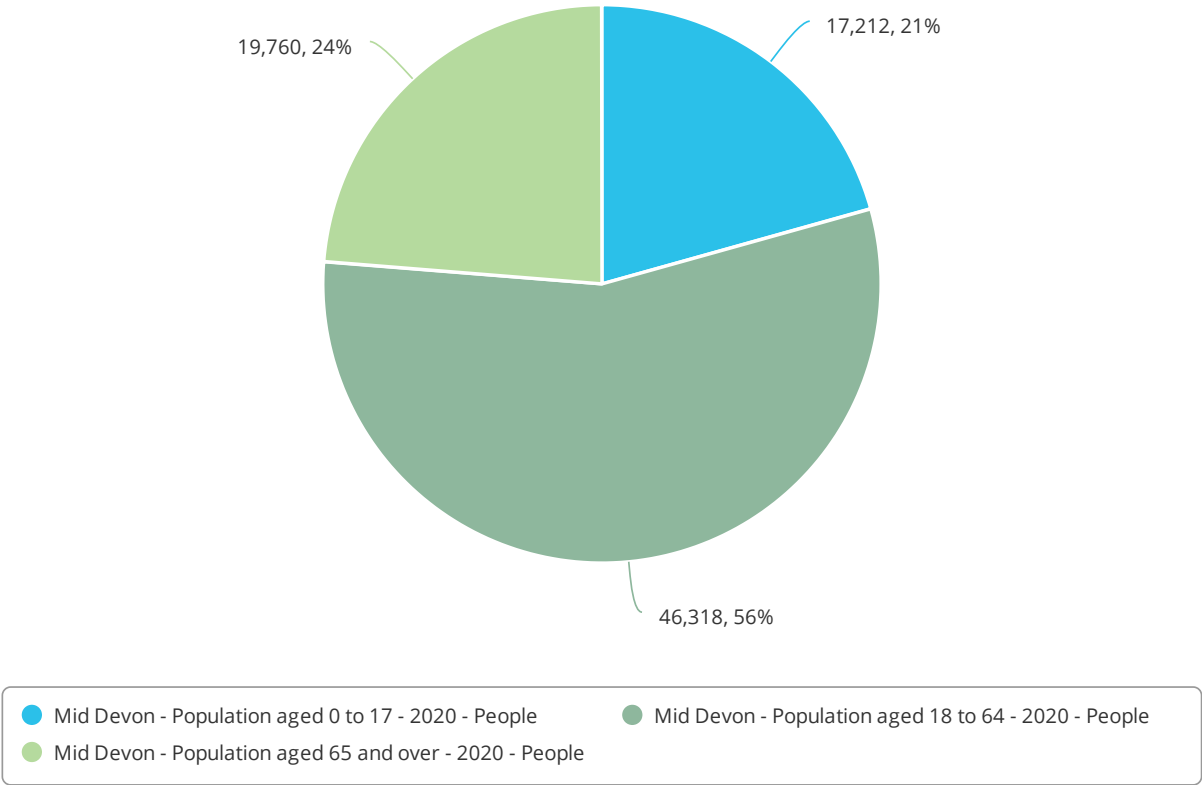
Of the 83,290 people living in Mid Devon in 2020, 17,212 people (20.7%) were aged 0 to 17, 46,318 people (55.6%) were aged 18 to 64 and 19,760 people (23.7%) were aged 65 and over.

This compares to 19.7% aged 0 to 17, 57.9% aged 18 to 64 and 22.4% aged 65 and over for the South West region as a whole, and 21.4%, 60.1% and 18.5% for England.

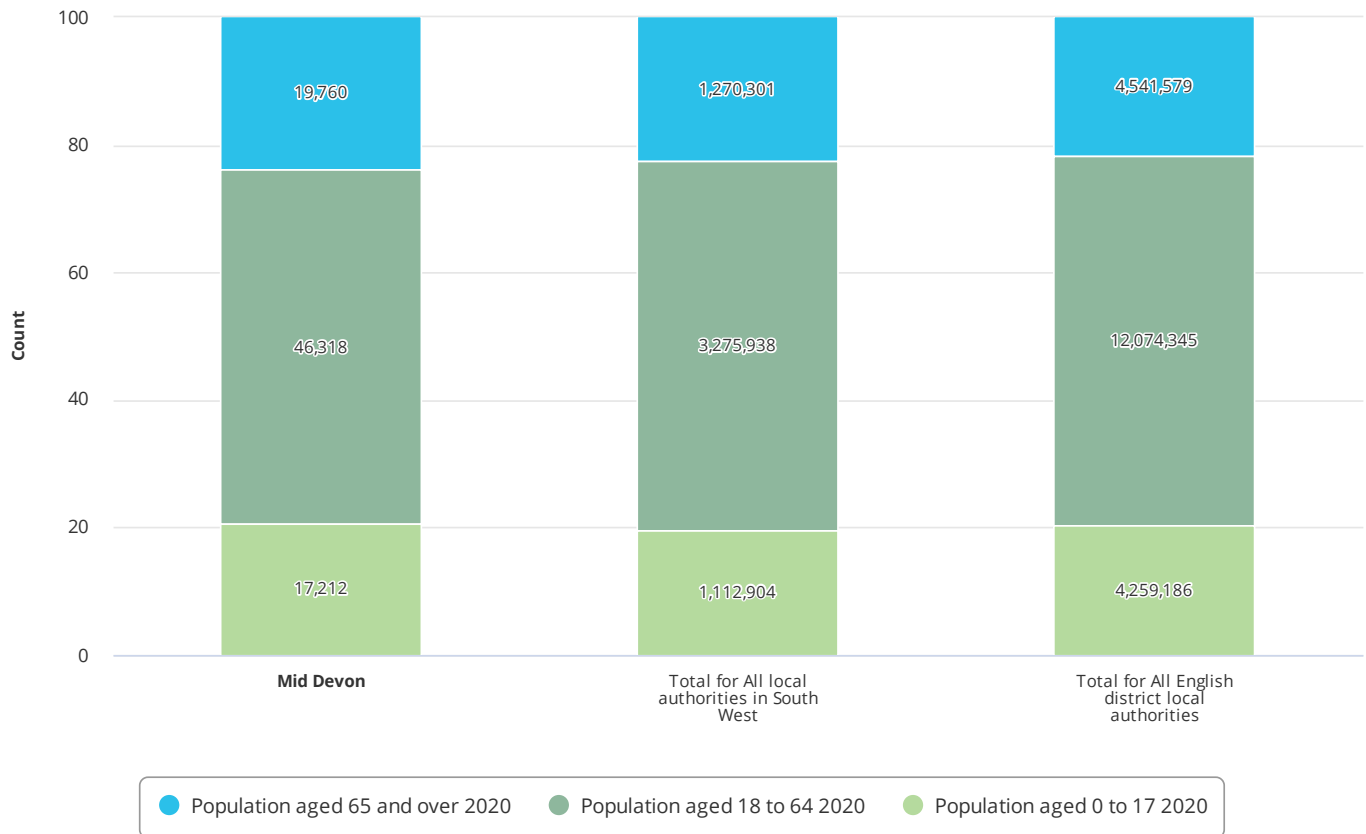
Using the Mid-Year Population estimates - single year of age and sex tables for local authorities the remainder of this section presents charts showing:

- the number aged 0-17, 18-64 and 65 and over
- single year and sex population pyramid
- market research age bands and sex population pyramid

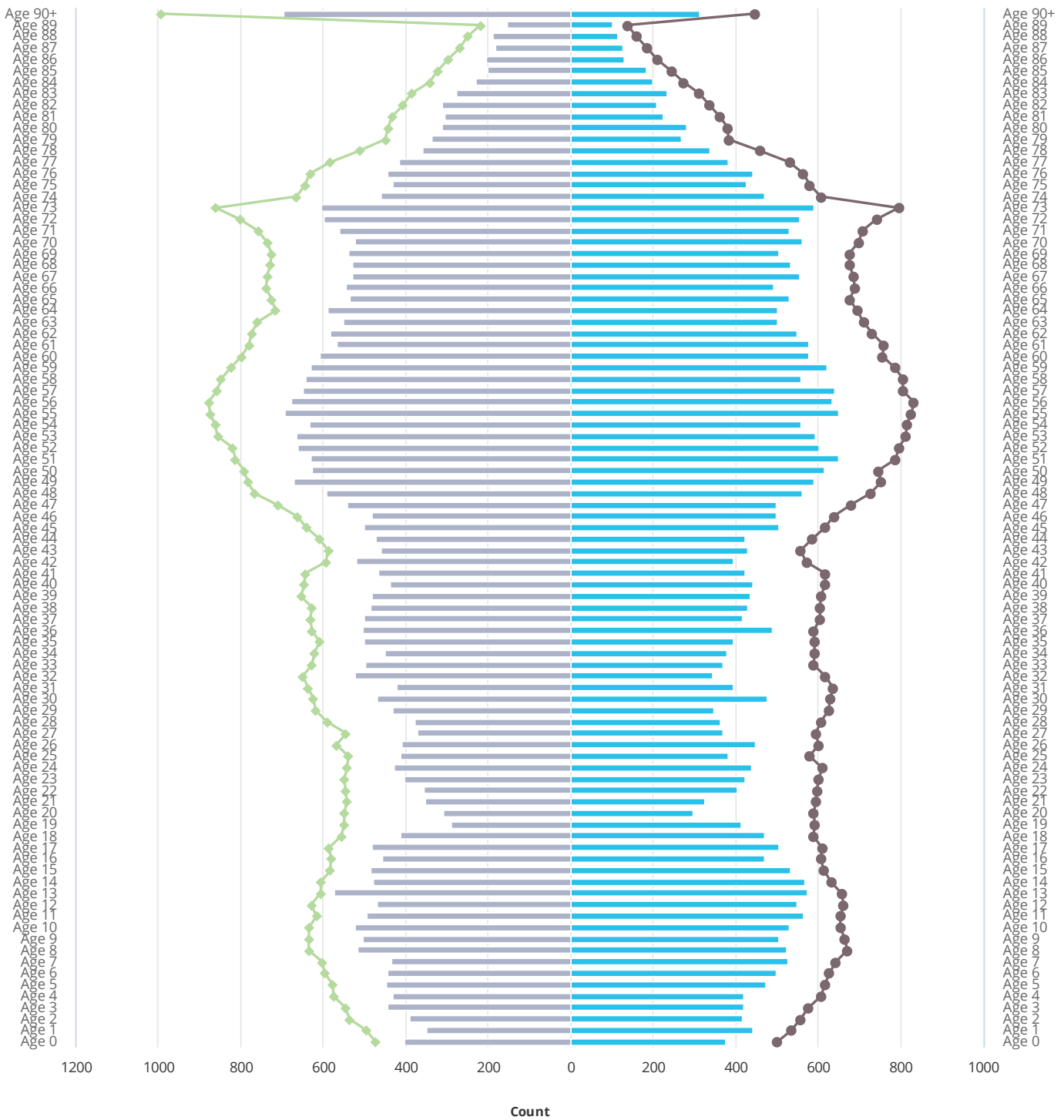
Population - Three broad age groups (2020) for Mid Devon



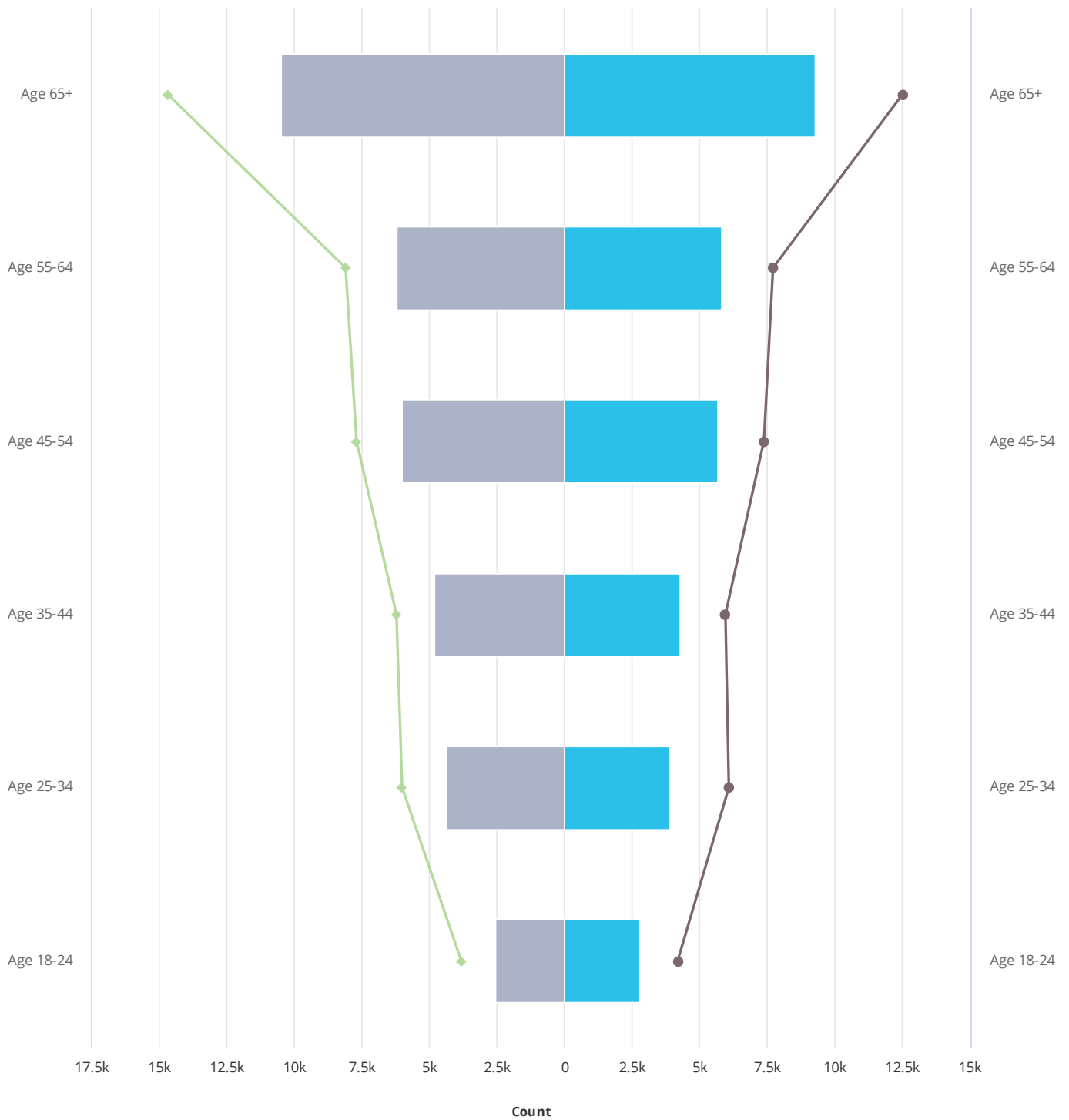
Population - Three broad age groups (2020) for Mid Devon compared to region and type



Total male population (2020) & Total female population (2020) (broken down by age (Single year of age)) for Mid Devon



Total male population (2020) & Total female population (2020) (broken down by age (Market research bands)) for Mid Devon



- Mid Devon - Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands) (count)
- Mean for All local authority districts in South West - Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands) (count)
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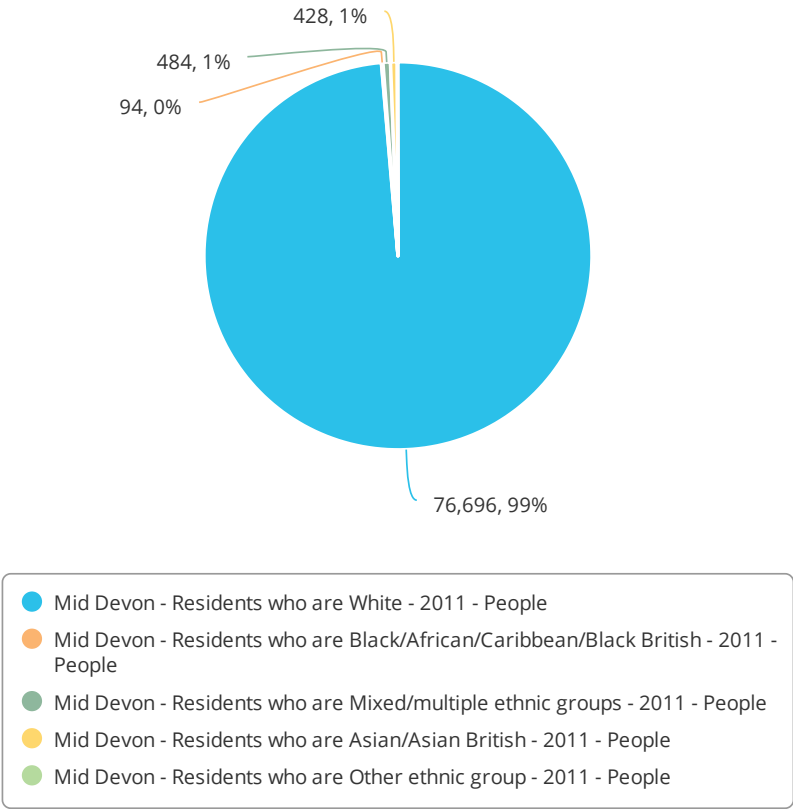
Population Ethnicity

The ethnic group records each person's perceived ethnic group and cultural background. The data covers all people, and shows the detailed 5-way classification of ethnic groups. The latest data available for this measure is Census 2011.

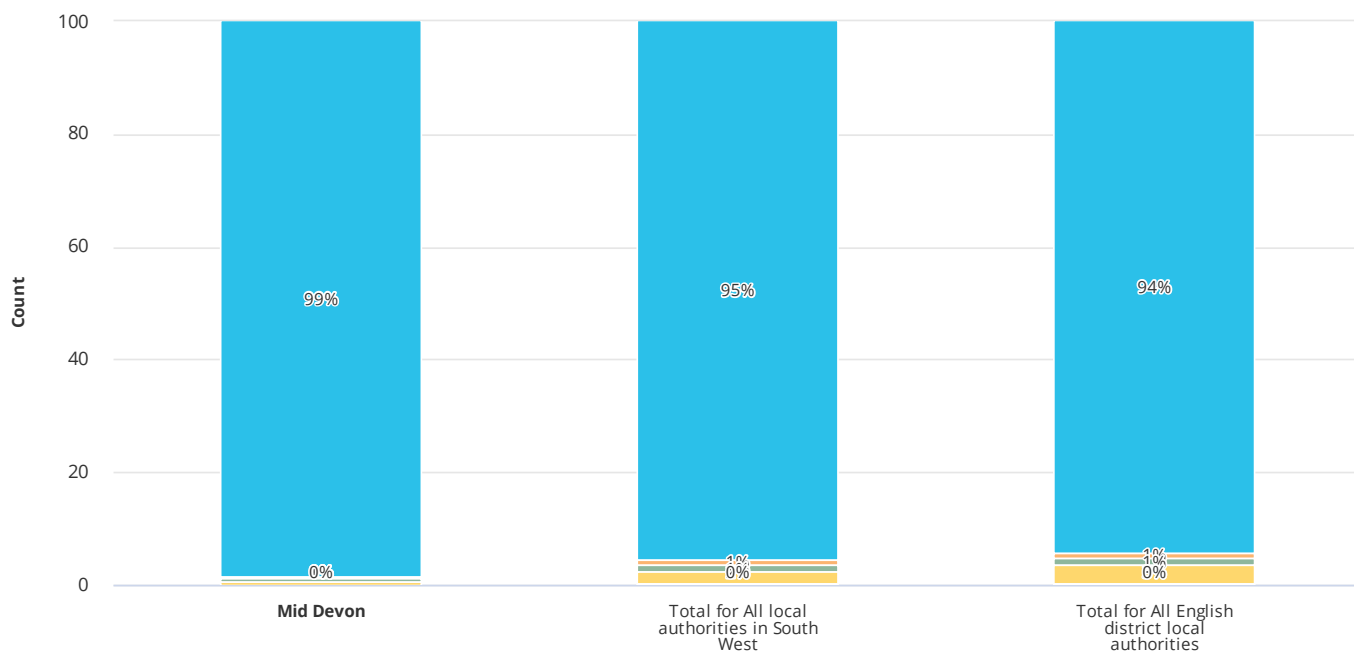
In Mid Devon in 2011 the percentage of the population who identified themselves as white was 98.6% , the percentage who identified as Asian or Asian British was 0.6%, the percentage who identified as black or black British was 0.1%, those who identified as mixed race made up 0.6% per cent of the population and those who identified as other ethnic group made up 0.1% per cent of the population.

In the South West region the percentage of the population who identified themselves as white was 95.4%, the percentage who identified as Asian or Asian British was 2.0%, the percentage who identified as black or black British was 0.9%, those who identified as mixed race made up 1.4% of the population and those who identified as other ethnic group made up 0.3% of the population. This compared to South West where the percentage of the population who identified themselves as white was 85.4% , Asian or Asian British was 7.8%, black or black British was 3.5%, mixed race made up 2.3% and other ethnic groups made up 1.0% per cent of the population.

Population - ethnicity (2011) for Mid Devon



Population - ethnicity (2011) for Mid Devon compared to region and type



Mid Devon

Metric type	Mid Devon	Mean for All English district local authorities	Mean for All local authorities in South West
	2020		
	People		
Live births	778	1,098	1,717
Deaths	817	1,241	1,997
Natural change	-39	-143	-281
Internal Migration Outflow	3,610	5,628	8,886
Internal Migration Net	906	548	902
International Migration Inflow	248	633	1,237
International Migration Outflow	140	428	823
International Migration Net	108	205	413
Other adjustments	4	-5	114
Total population	83,290	115,332	188,638

Mid Devon

Metric type	Mid Devon	Mean for All English district local authorities	Mean for All local authorities in South West
	2020		
	People		
All persons aged 0 to 17	17,212	23,531	37,097
All persons aged 18 to 24	5,319	8,503	15,309
All persons aged 25 to 34	8,233	13,267	22,231
All persons aged 35 to 44	9,100	13,592	21,525
All persons aged 45 to 54	11,674	15,912	24,987
All persons aged 55 to 64	11,992	15,434	25,146
All persons aged 65 and over	19,760	25,092	42,343
Total population	83,290	115,332	188,638

Total male population (breakdown by age (market research age bands)) (people) 2020 & Total female population (breakdown by age (market research age bands)) (people) 2020 for Mid Devon

Metric breakdown	Metric type	Mid Devon	Mean for All local authorities in South West
		2020	
		People	
Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 18-24	2,774	7,924
Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 25-34	3,876	11,299
Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 35-44	4,279	10,612
Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 45-54	5,676	12,251
Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 55-64	5,812	12,292
Male population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 65+	<u>9,298</u>	19,434
Female population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 18-24	2,545	7,386
Female population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 25-34	4,357	10,931
Female population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 35-44	4,821	10,913
Female population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 45-54	5,998	12,735
Female population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 55-64	6,180	12,854
Female population (unrounded) by Age (Market research bands).(count)	Age 65+	<u>10,462</u>	22,909

Population - ethnicity (2011) for Mid Devon

Metric type	Mid Devon	Mean for All local authorities in South West
	2011	
	People	
Residents who are White	76,696	168,214
Residents who are Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	94	1,649
Residents who are Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	484	2,396
Residents who are Asian/Asian British	428	3,518
Residents who are Other ethnic group	48	520

References

This report was generated using data from:

- [Office for National Statistics - Census 2011](#)
- [Office for National Statistics - Mid-Year Population Estimates: Components of Change](#)
- [Office for National Statistics - Mid-year estimates](#)

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COMMUNITY WELL-BEING PDG 22 MARCH 2022

SAFEGUARDING POLICY, GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Clive Eginton, Cabinet Member for Working Environment and Support Services

Responsible Officer: Mrs Jill May, Director of Business Transformation & Operations and the Council's Corporate Safeguarding Lead Officer

Reason for Report: To provide Members with an update on Safeguarding and a review of best practice.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Well-Being PDG recommends the Safeguarding Policy to Cabinet for approval. The content of the report is intended to provide an update on the safeguarding arrangements in place and to ensure the council addresses and embraces its responsibilities to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: The report helps the Council meet its legal responsibilities in respect to safeguarding and child protection and contributes to the Corporate Plan.

Financial Implications: There are no new financial issues arising from the report

Legal Implications: If we do not have appropriate policies and procedures in place we may not meet the requirements of relevant Safeguarding legislation i.e. the Children's Act 2004, Care Act 2014, etc.

Risk Assessment: Failure to have adequate policies and procedures in place may result in harm or injury to a child, young person or adult at risk.

Equality Impact Assessment: The Council needs to take full account of its duties under the Equalities Legislation to ensure that it understands the needs to people with protected characteristics in relation to safeguarding and to ensure that it can meet the needs of all in relation to safeguarding.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update you on the Council's Safeguarding and Child Protection arrangements.
- 1.2 As a District Council we have responsibility for safeguarding; our duty is to put into place a safeguarding policy and procedures, ensure that all employees and elected members are aware of the policy and procedures and to provide training and development on safeguarding. This also includes the making of referrals to the statutory agencies. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

- 1.3 We need to ensure that children, young people and adults at risk are safeguarded within the services that we provide and for those we commission through the provision of safe environments and safe working practices. This would include safeguarding practices where external organisations use Mid Devon District premises or hold events on our land.
- 1.4 As a District Council we are required to engage with local partners including Devon Children's and Families Partnership and Torbay & Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership.
- 1.5 The Corporate Safeguarding Officer meets with the Districts on a quarterly basis which includes a representative from the above partnerships (1.4) to share best practice and feed back to the boards.

2.0 Safeguarding Policy

- 2.1 Safeguarding is about keeping each other and ourselves safe, it is about speaking out and taking appropriate action to prevent any kind of harm or abuse from happening.
- 2.2 Our responsibility as a District Council is to put in place a safeguarding policy and procedures, ensure officers and members are aware of the policy and procedures and to provide training and development on safeguarding, to know what the signs of abuse are and to know when and how to report concerns.
- 2.3 The Council adopted the current safeguarding policy on 7 February 2019. The policy has not been amended during the last year (2021/2022). (see appendix 1).

3.0 Internal Audit

- 3.1 Devon audit partnership have carried out an audit on safeguarding in January 2022, the objective was to review safeguarding and establish that its operations and processes are effective and ensure the council is meeting its statutory obligations.
- 3.2 The overall findings of the audit report established a 'reasonable assurance' with a couple of opportunities to improve.
- 3.3 The Council has a statutory requirement under the Children's Act 2004 to provide a Section 11 Assurance statement annually, previously the council joined the other Districts of Devon and submitted a joint assurance statement.
- 3.4 The audit report highlighted the requirement for a new Section 11 Assurance statement, the council has chosen to submit its own statement which will be forwarded to the Devon Children's and Families Partnership by 31 March 2022.
- 3.5 One recommendation is to share the safeguarding knowledge with all members and take the same approach as we do for all officers. We use the

LMS system to assign e-training to officers and propose this approach to all members.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and members are in a position where they meet their constituents and by having awareness training may assist members with identifying any concerns.

- 3.6 The Corporate Safeguarding Officer last gave an update face to face on child protection, modern slavery, child exploitation and safeguarding presentation to Elected Members in February 2020.

4.0 Community Safety Partnership/Safeguarding

- 4.1 The Modern Slavery Act 2015 ('the Act') introduced the powers that law enforcement agencies needed to pursue, disrupt and bring to justice those engaged in human trafficking, slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour.

The Home Office's [Statutory Guidance on Modern Slavery \(2021\)](#) ('the Statutory Guidance') is intended for staff in England and Wales within public authorities who may encounter potential victims of modern slavery and/or who are involved in supporting victims.

Mid Devon District Council has linked with Devon & Torbay Antislavery Partnership which has produced a joint Modern Slavery Adult Victims Protocol and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Statutory Agencies to support potential victims and how to make referrals to the National Referral Mechanism.

- 4.2 Mid Devon District Council is required to publish a modern slavery statement on an annual basis under section 54 (Transparency in Supply Chains) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. Statutory guidance states that the council should do this within 6 months of the financial year-end. Due to Covid 19 an extension of time was introduced meaning the statement must be posted by 31 March 2022.
- 4.3 Working in partnership with the specialist lead for community safety we have rolled out e-learning modules on the subjects of PREVENT and Domestic Violence & Abuse awareness training to all officers however we recognise the importance to share this training with all members. We are investigating Modern Slavery awareness training for all and specific training for officers who may come across modern slavery whilst carrying out their duties across the district.

5.0 Monitoring

- 5.1 Over the year the number of referrals and allegations made by officers totalled 41 incidents between April 2020 and March 2021, 33 referrals were made by our One Housing Service.

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Safeguarding Policy

VERSION CONTROL SHEET

Title: **Safeguarding Policy**

Purpose: **Mid Devon District Council is committed to safeguarding from harm all children, young people and adults with care and support needs using any Council services and involved in any of their activities and to treat them with respect during their dealings with the Councils, our partners and contractors.**

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1**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Mid Devon District Council is committed to safeguarding from harm all children, young people and adults with care and support needs (see definition in point 3.1 relating to the Care Act 2014); that is using any council services and involved in any activities, to be treated with respect during their dealings with the council, our partners and contractors.
- 1.2 We aim to act as an exemplar of safeguarding practice providing strong leadership and improving safeguarding standards through having a robust safeguarding policy and monitoring system.

2. Aims of the Policy

2.1 The aims of the policy are to:

- Establish the roles and responsibilities of all parties within scope of the policy.
- Minimise chances of abuse through effective council recruitment and selection procedures.
- Have procedures in place for dealing with concerns through the process of timely and appropriate reporting of issues to Devon County Council.
- Support the promotion of a safe working environment and a culture of care in which the rights of all children, young people and adults with care and support needs are protected and respected.
- Promote best practice in how employees, elected members and associated workers interact with children, young people and adults with care and support needs while providing council services.
- Develop clear guidance and procedures for those employees, elected members and associated workers and ensure through training and support that they are aware of these and able to implement them.
- Provide a framework for developing partnerships with appropriate external bodies e.g. Devon Children and Families Partnership and Devon Safeguarding Adults Board, to ensure that the policy continues to reflect legal and best practice requirements in respect of the responsibility of care of children, young people and adults with care and support needs.

3. Scope of the Policy

3.1 The policy is in respect of Mid Devon District Council's responsibility towards:

- Children and young people legally defined as any person under the age of 18. From this point the terms child or children will be used to refer to this group.
- Adults with care and support needs are defined under the Care Act 2014 and for the purposes of this policy, as anyone over the age of 18 who:
 - has need for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any needs) **and**;
 - is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; **and**

- as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.
 - Further information on safeguarding adults and the types and indicators of abuse, can be found at:
<https://www.scie.org.uk/publications/ata glance/69-adults-safeguarding-types-and-indicators-of-abuse.asp>
 - The employees of the council who have dealings with children, young people and adults with care and support needs and who are required to act in a position of trust and to act responsibly and within the law.
 - The employees and elected members of the council who, while not required to act in a position of trust, will come into contact with members of these groups on a regular basis during the course of their work.
 - Volunteers and other workers involved in the provision of council services but not employed by the council, including workers in organisations with which the council has contracts for the delivery of services.
- 3.2 It covers all the functions and services of the council, its elected members, staff, partners and contractors.
- 3.3 This document is primarily concerned with protecting children, young people and adults with care and support needs from harm and providing guidance on how to deal with issues. However it is important to remember that safeguarding has a wider meaning which includes the promotion of welfare and taking action to enable all children, young people and adults with care and support needs to have the best life outcomes.
- 3.4 The policy does not cover health and safety issues related to safeguarding children such as use of play equipment or provision of food at events. Separate guidance on this and appropriate behaviours when dealing with children and adults with care and support needs, should be read in conjunction with this policy.
- 3.5 In accordance with this statutory framework, this policy should be read in conjunction with other Council policies which promote wellbeing.

4. Legal Framework

- 4.1 This policy is based on Mid Devon District Council's responsibilities under:
- 1.1.1 The Care Act 2014 in particular Sections 42 to 46 related to safeguarding, further information can be found at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted>
- 1.1.2 The Children Act 2004, specifically Section 11 which places a duty on key people and public bodies, including district councils, to make arrangements to ensure that their functions are discharged with regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/31/contents>
- 1.1.3 The Counter Terrorism Act 2015 section 26 which places a duty on certain bodies, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The Prevent Agenda is one of four strands which makes up the Governments counter-terrorism strategy. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/6/contents>

- 1.1.4 The Modern Slavery Act 2015. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/contents/enacted>
- 1.1.5 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in particular Part 10 relating to forced marriage. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/contents/enacted>
- 1.1.6 The Serious Crime Act 2015 particularly Part 5 relating to female genital mutilation, child cruelty and domestic abuse. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/9/contents/enacted>
- 1.1.7 The policy is written with reference to the principle of Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family. Further information can be found at:
<https://www.devonchildrenandfamiliespartnership.org.uk/documents/2014/10/think-family-protocol.pdf/>

5. Supporting structures, policies and procedures

- 5.1 Responsibility for the maintenance and implementation of this policy is that of the Director of Corporate Affairs & Business Transformation (Corporate Safeguarding Lead Officer) who has overall responsibility for the organisation's safeguarding arrangements.
- 5.2 It is the responsibility of group managers/service leads to disseminate and discharge the policy within their area of responsibility; however accountability for the implementation of this policy lies with all levels of the council.
- 5.3 In addition the council has appointed a 'Corporate Safeguarding Officer' responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of the policy and providing a single point of contact.
- 5.4 The Corporate Safeguarding Officer has responsibility for:
- recommending to Leadership Team new/revised policies and procedures, so that the council can safeguard children, young people and adults at risk in accordance with its legal obligations.
 - developing and implementing a performance framework and reporting on the council's safeguarding performance to committee.
 - promoting the policy within the council.
 - procuring and directly providing training, so that officers can undertake their safeguarding roles successfully and efficiently.
 - ensuring there is a secure central record relating to allegations and investigations.
 - working with other district authorities to share best practice and create a shared culture for Devon.
 - advocating the importance of safeguarding to partners, contractors and customers
 - ensuring all safeguarding policies, procedures and guidelines are implemented and promoted

- 5.5 In addition the Corporate Safeguarding Officer chairs a Safeguarding Representatives Group made up of a number of staff across the different services of the council. This group will have an operational overview of safeguarding issues in service areas, together with actions that could be taken.
- 5.6 Safeguarding Representatives have responsibility for:
- Receiving concerns, discussing them with whoever has raised the concern and taking advice from the relevant partner agency/county council service: this could include complex matters such as consent and whether parents/carers should be notified.
 - Making a decision about how to proceed and whether to make a formal referral. If there is disagreement on the appropriate course of action to take then the corporate safeguarding officer has the final decision. Where staff is dissatisfied with the decision of the corporate safeguarding officer, they should report their concerns to their line manager in the first instance and can still make a referral if they have strong concerns.
 - Ensuring the procedure is followed on such matters as making a referral, confidentiality and recording.
 - Working with colleagues to improve practice across the organisation.
 - In the event of an incident or query, if the corporate safeguarding officer not available, staff should go straight to the relevant Devon County Council service. They can be supported by a senior manager but details of any incident must not be shared unless absolutely necessary.
 - Attending appropriate courses and updating of safeguarding legislation.
- 5.7 Any officer who has a safeguarding concern should in the first instance discuss the matter with any one of the safeguarding representatives who will make a decision whether or not to refer the matter to the appropriate external organisation. A suite of supporting procedural documents is made available to all staff on the council's sharepoint site.
- 5.8 Mid & East Devon Community Safety Partnership also deals with some safeguarding issues on a district wide basis such as domestic & sexual violence and abuse, modern slavery, child sexual exploitation and preventing violent extremism. The specialist lead for community safety and emergency planning sits on the corporate safeguarding group so is able to ensure that the work of the corporate safeguarding group supports that of the community safety partnership and vice versa.
- 5.9 This policy should also be used in conjunction with the following documents:
- [Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure](#)
 - [Grievance Procedure](#)
 - [Whistle Blowing Policy](#)
 - [IT Acceptable Use Policy](#)
 - [Equality and Diversity Policy](#)
 - [Complaints & Feedback Procedure](#)
 - [Dignity at Work Policy](#)
 - [Health & Safety at Work guidance](#)
 - [Disclosure & Barring Policy](#)

6. Responsibilities

6.1 Responsibility for the implementation of this policy lies at all levels of the council.

6.1.1 Members

Elected members are collectively responsible for ensuring that the council has a policy, which adequately provides protection for children and adults with care and support needs in receipt of its services and for the regular review of this policy in the light of changes to legislation or regulation.

Each Mid Devon District Councillor has the personal responsibility to comply with the policy.

Elected Members should report any concerns to the corporate safeguarding lead or the corporate safeguarding officer or safeguarding representative.

The Portfolio Holder for Community Wellbeing has lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

6.2 Officers

All employees and particularly those working with children and adults with care and support needs are responsible for:

- Ensuring that they are familiar with and understand the policies and procedures relating to their work with or in the vicinity of children and adults with care and support needs.
- Ensuring that they feel confident in working within this environment and working with their managers to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to carry out their tasks in this context.
- Treating all those children and adults with whom they come into contact while carrying out their work equally and with respect.
- Reporting to a safeguarding representative or to make a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) enquiry or contact Care Direct with a referral, if they have concerns about abuse or a lack of care of children and adults with care and support needs, either from other staff, carers, parents or those in place of a parent or between members of the group, providing they feel confident and competent to do so
- More information on making a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) enquiry can be found at:
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/child-protection/making-a-mash-enquiry>
- Taking personal responsibility for their own welfare related to distressing or difficult disclosure of case outcomes and engaging in appropriate levels of support as required by the situation or the organisation.

- 6.3 Leadership team is required to ensure good governance of the organisation and has responsibility to make sure this policy is consistently applied and taken into account when setting strategic direction and reviewing performance.

Members of Leadership Team are also responsible for:

- Ensuring that all necessary procedures and practices are in place to provide adequate protection both for the individuals in these groups but also protection for the employees involved with them.
- Ensuring that the procurement framework for the authority includes expectations upon contractors to demonstrate effective safeguarding practices for all their staff.

- 6.4 The Corporate Safeguarding Lead, Corporate Safeguarding Officer and Human Resources are responsible for:

- Identifying those services and posts that are likely to have an involvement with children and adults with care and support needs, and undertaking an appropriate risk assessment of posts in respect of Disclosure & Barring Service disclosure requirements.
- Ensuring that those people appointed by them to the district council, whose normal duties fall into the definition of regulated activity as defined in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, are subject to the appropriate level of DBS disclosure and are appropriately qualified and/or trained in working with these groups.
- Ensuring that proper records are kept of any incidents occurring within their service and that these are held securely and/or passed on to the council's human resources team if the incident involves an employee.
- Ensuring that employees, volunteers and other workers dealing with these groups are adequately trained and aware of their responsibilities in this area.
- Ensuring that external contractors delivering council services are aware of the council's expectation that workers are aware of and abide by the standards of behaviour expected of council employees.
- Ensuring that any evidence or complaint of abuse or lack of care is reported to the appropriate body e.g. Devon County Council, Safeguarding Board or the Police, and to council's human resources team where employees, volunteers and contractors are involved and to the Monitoring Officer where elected members are involved.
- Ensuring that employees and others do not work with children or adults with care and support needs on regulated activities without an appropriate Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) disclosure.
- Working with other associated agencies to ensure the proper transfer of information relating to dealings with children and adults with care and support needs, where necessary.
- Ensuring that adequate supervision and support is available to those who have been directly involved in dealing with safeguarding cases, including a debrief of the case and any relevant outcomes.

6.5 Human Resources are responsible for:

- Working with group managers / service leads in maintaining a record of those posts, requiring a disclosure & barring service disclosure together with the level of disclosure required.
- Ensuring that recruitment procedures are robust and that information pertinent to working with these groups is obtained during the recruitment procedure.
- Ensuring that Disclosure & Barring Service Disclosures are carried out in compliance with legislation and disclosure & barring service guidance.
- Supporting group managers / service leads in dealing with allegations of abuse or lack of care by staff.
- Referring information to the Disclosure & Barring Service and Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) about employees who have been dismissed or removed from working with vulnerable groups (or would have been had they not left/resigned) as a result of a relevant caution/conviction, conduct that has harmed or put a child/vulnerable adult at risk of harm.

6.6 Volunteers, contractors, suppliers and consultants and other workers are responsible for:

- Working with employees of the council, to the same standard, in ensuring the safety and well-being of children and adults with care and support needs within their scope.
- Participating in any training or development opportunities offered to them to improve their knowledge of skills in this area.

6.6.1 A requirement to comply with equality legislation will be included in all contracts and service level/delivery agreements. Failure to comply may lead to the termination of contracts. Organisations doing business with us are welcome to adopt our safeguarding policy for their own use.

7. Events and land hire

7.1 Any organisation who has lease agreements or regularly hire out or lease council facilities or open spaces, should have appropriate safeguarding procedures in place. They should also ensure any volunteer or employee that has unsupervised contact with children, young people or adults with care and support needs undertakes a Disclosure & Barring Service check.

7.2 A positive disclosure is a certificate that shows cautions, warnings or convictions. They may show spent convictions and also unspent convictions and for enhanced checks, they will also show information that a police force deems relevant to disclose based on the nature of the job that the individual will be undertaking. The organisation will be required to use a positive disclosure & barring service disclosure decision sheet to make an assessment about a volunteers' suitability to be named as the safeguarding representative for the event.

7.3 Any safeguarding concerns on council land should be reported to corporate safeguarding officer or a safeguarding representative. (Not negating a need to call police in a safeguarding emergency) safeguarding representatives are able to provide further advice and support to groups or organisations.

8. Grant applications

- 8.1 All organisations seeking funding from the council are expected to have appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place according to the level and type of their activities. Such policies should include Disclosure & Barring Service checks for all employees and volunteers working with children, young people and adults with care

and support needs. Evidence of these policies and procedures may be requested as part of the grant making process.

- 8.2 As a minimum, an organisation will be expected to have a policy statement or procedure relating to safeguarding. Commissioned, contracted or grant funded organisations with minimal contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults may wish to adopt the councils Safeguarding Policy and procedures if deemed suitable.

9. Review

- 9.1 This policy and the related guidance will be reviewed annually or sooner if required whenever there is a change in the related legislation or an emerging risk is identified. This will include an on-going review of guidance, both nationally and locally, to ensure the council meets requirements to safeguard children, young people and adults, and there are appropriate procedures and protocols in place.
- 9.2 The council's scrutiny function will also have a role in scrutinizing and challenging the corporate safeguarding policy and the work of the corporate safeguarding group. An annual report will be submitted to the Community Wellbeing PDG.

This policy should be read with the MDDC guides for managers and employees

This policy can be made available in large print and other formats such as printed on yellow paper, taped, Braille etc. as requested.

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CABINET
5 APRIL 2022

Corporate Plan 2020-24 – Mid Point Review

Cabinet Member(s): Leader, Cllr Bob Deed
Responsible Officer: Chief Executive, Stephen Walford

Reason for Report: To consider the progress against delivery for the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 at its midway point. This report reflects on performance against achievement of the priorities over the past two years, undertakes a brief gap analysis to understand where delivery is untracked via existing KPIs, identifies a range of challenges to delivery moving forward and, ultimately, recommends a refreshed corporate plan be brought back to cabinet for consideration and onward recommendation to full council as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the Cabinet notes the progress on delivery of the Corporate Plan.**
- 2. That an updated version of the Corporate Plan be brought back to Cabinet in due course, reflecting the known gaps and refreshed delivery priorities.**

Relationship to Corporate Plan: This report provides an update on the current corporate plan 2020-2024.

Financial Implications: There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, if performance is not at the expected or desired level then resources may need to be reviewed or redirected to enable improved performance.

Legal Implications: There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. However, if performance is not at satisfactory levels, the risk of legal challenge arising increases.

Equalities Impact Assessment: Customer feedback can help the council identify any groups of people who may potentially be experiencing our services differently to the majority of our customers. When reviewing performance and making recommendations on priorities, the council should be minded to consider how services might impact on different sections of the community.

Risk Assessment: Any areas at risk of missing target are highlighted within this report. Members are asked to consider these areas and consider any proposed remedial actions.

Climate Change: There are no direct climate change implications arising from this report. However, some individual supporting projects reflect specific elements of the council's climate change agenda as set out in the corporate plan.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1** It is now two years since the Council adopted its second Corporate Plan, a period in which there have been major changes locally, nationally and globally. The Corporate Plan was adopted a matter of weeks before the pandemic

struck, therefore it is safe to say that the first half of this plan period is not quite what the council may have envisaged at the time of its approval in February 2020. It is therefore appropriate to take some time to reflect on the progress against the Council's Corporate Plan, to review our successes and to review the priorities where necessary as we move into the second half of the Corporate Plan (2022-2024).

- 1.2 Additionally, it has created an opportunity for the business planning and performance framework to be reviewed and realigned to the needs of the council at this point in time as it reflects on the successes of the past two years and the challenges going forward.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Council's Corporate Plan included at Appendix A, was adopted by the Council in February 2020. It set out the Council's aims and priorities, and expanded on these with an explanation of the Council's thinking and the key actions that would deliver on these priorities.
- 2.2 The Corporate Plan is a document which sets out what the council want to achieve in the district to support and enrich our communities and businesses and the environment we live in. The Plan retained the four key priority areas that were identified in 2016 and these continue to 'map' onto the thematic 'Policy Development Groups' (PDGs) that make up part of the council's governance structure to enable targeted focus by elected members in each of those areas.

3.0 Pandemic Delivery

- 3.1 The global pandemic has clearly impacted on virtually all aspects of life over the last two years. Mid Devon District Council has played an important role in responding to this challenge, along with our partner agencies to develop 'Team Devon' and support our business communities and the welfare of our residents.
- 3.2 During the pandemic the council facilitated the Mid Devon Shielding Hub for the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and has been managing the Covid Financial Hardship Fund. With support from officers across the council (including from Leisure, Housing and Customer First) the Community Support Hub has provided essential food supplies, practical support and advice to 585 vulnerable households in need of help and during the national lockdowns delivered 236 emergency food parcels.

The Council has also administered a financial hardship fund, in partnership with CHAT and Navigate charity, with funding from Devon County Council and Central Government. The scheme has received a large number of applications, with a total of 554 applications to the fund, and has distributed over £48k in emergency relief as well as providing signposting to other emergency support and money and debt advice.

- 3.3 The council has also administered the COVID Test and Trace mandatory scheme (where of 925 applicants 42.49% received support) and the discretionary scheme (where of 827 applications 41.89% received support).
- 3.4 The pandemic led to a step change in the way the council works, with services able to continue being delivered digitally and remotely. Officers (and councillors) have made use of modern technology for example by having virtual meetings instead of face to face meetings. The Council implemented virtual meetings live streamed to the public with recordings placed on our website, making the decision process transparent and accessible. While legislation allowing remote votes has since lapsed, the council continues to broadcast its meetings and holds many non-decision making meetings in a digital way to minimise travel requirements, improve sustainability and fit better with the range of other time commitments of its members (as well as increasing public access and engagement).
- 3.5 Officers have continued to show a high level of dedication and flexibility with many taking on additional duties or being redeployed as necessary to support the numerous front line activities required as part of the response.
- 3.6 To achieve our strategic priorities within the current financial constraints, and while we continue to emerge from the pandemic, it was necessary to continue to reform how key services and activities are designed and delivered, and also how we work across the local public sector system and with our partners in the most efficient and effective way. This learning continues and while in some areas a reversion to a pre-pandemic 'normal' is returning, in others the last two years have opened a window into a new way of working that is being felt across the country from both a business and employment perspective.

4.0 Gap Analysis

- 4.1 There is a requirement to review our use of internal and external sources of data to ensure our performance can be appropriately benchmarked, compared and assessed in a specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely (SMART) way. A large amount of the council's operational performance (and hence strategic delivery) is tracked via a basket of key performance indicators (KPIs) reported to members regularly.
- 4.2 What is clear is that there are a range of aspects in the corporate plan where no specific KPI (or suitable proxy indicator) exists to measure performance. As part of this review, a short gap analysis was undertaken to review the existing framework and highlight any gaps that will not be addressed without intervention outside of the existing performance management framework.
- 4.3 The gap analysis can be located at Appendix B.

5.0 Risks

- 5.1 Throughout the planning and performance management cycle, risks are identified, assessed and appropriately managed. Mid Devon District Council has a comprehensive risk management framework in place with clear governance, including reporting of strategic level risks to Cabinet and the Audit

Committee. Strategic risks and operational risks are reviewed regularly, with high-scoring risks reported through the relevant corporate and council channels.

- 5.2 The latest high-scoring risks, alongside a report on performance went before the Audit Committee on 22 March 2022.

6.0 Successes

- 6.1 Given the background of significant challenges posed by the pandemic, the Council has made significant progress against the aims in the plan. Achievements include:

6.2 Homes

The Council has been working hard and recently developed and adopted a new, comprehensive and innovative housing strategy (2021-2025) ensuring a whole organisation approach to housing enablement, delivery and management.

- Planning consent has been secured to deliver a number of new zero carbon council houses and construction / delivery of these will take place later this year
- The creation of a multi-disciplinary Housing Strategy Delivery team
- A 5 year rolling development programme for 1-4-1 receipts
- An additional, emerging 5 year non-1-4-1 development programme
- Identification for potential areas/sites for up to 500 new social and affordable homes
- 2019-2020 – brought 138 empty homes back into use and in 2020-2021 brought back 101 empty homes, strong performance against a target of 72 each year
- Commissioned a major new Housing Revenue Account scheme of 70 new affordable homes at Post Hill and will be added to our Council Housing Stock, now at RIBA Stage 2-3;
- Regular engagement with Homes England and the Affordable Homes Programme, and
- Initiatives to focus on brownfield regeneration and sustainable development - including meeting life tenure needs through physical adapted standards and emerging neuro-diversity work to support the most vulnerable customers

6.3 Environment

One of the most notable initiatives is related to the commitment to increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of residual waste being generated and collected through our waste services.

A trial of three weekly residual waste collection in parts of the District took place between July and October 2021 – demonstrating a reduction in residual waste of between 24% and 44% in the urban trial locations, and a reduction of between 6% and 30% in rural settings. Analysis suggests that the majority of this change accrues to the diversion of food waste from residual waste – aided by the trial of weekly food caddy collections.

71% of those surveyed thought that reducing the carbon footprint was the most important aspect to them when asked about the benefits of collecting non-recyclable waste every three weeks. Plans are progressing to roll out district wide 3 weekly collections. It is estimated that this will generate significant improvements in recycling rates and put us on track to meet national targets, as well as delivering a reduction in operational carbon emissions from council vehicles and deliver a revenue saving of up to £143k per annum.

Key objectives are now to ensure the communication plan effectively prepares and educates the public for the change in service delivery accompanied by in-person guidance and assistance for anticipated areas of challenge. Wider consideration of how we mobilise our workforce and transport to deliver services to expanding areas of housing development and population over the coming months and years will be an important area of efficiency planning.

The Litter Strategy was approved by Cabinet in February 2022 which asserts the importance of Education and Enforcement working hand in hand to improve public behaviours and attitudes towards litter collection and management. The new Environment and Enforcement Manager has this high on his agenda in terms of implementation.

The recruitment and retention of the workforce in this service area remains an urgent priority due to the external environment and pressures of the labour market e.g. high demand for loaders and drivers with some private firms offering an extensive range of incentives and benefits – often making direct approaches to staff while on rounds. This makes our own position challenging and the consideration for how we respond to these challenges vital.

With the Culm Garden village, various initiatives are underway; the mobility strategy seeks to identify and promote options to reduce and design-out car dependency alongside wider initiatives to reduce commuting for work and connectivity with historic Cullompton to retain the ethos of buy locally and boost the high street.

6.4 Economy

The Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council together secured a portion of £5 million of funding through the 'Restoring your Railway' fund to progress plans for the re-opening of Cullompton railway station – supporting wider development initiatives within the town and the Culm Garden Village, and working in conjunction with other rail initiatives across the wider south-west network.

Work to enhance Cullompton high street have commenced and is backed by Historic England through a Heritage Action Zone. The Council was not successful in securing Levelling Up funding for the Cullompton Town Centre relief road however progress is being made to support the economic development initiatives such as the local farmers markets, and facilitating investment in many of the historic buildings making them more suitable for modern use whilst preserving them for the future.

In terms of strategic development, one of the district's most significant future development opportunities exists at Junction 27 of the M5 – where the M5 and the A361 north Devon link road intersect. The Eden project has received £250k of Community Renewal Fund monies in order to progress its outline proposals for the site – this Eden-led component having considerable scope to create a significant destination at Junction 27, creating a gateway to Devon / North Devon in a highly accessible location on the strategic highway network.

The economic development team have been promoting a campaign to shop local, 'Taste Mid Devon' seeks to encourage local producers and suppliers to interact with consumers by organising special events and local farmers markets.

Mid Devon District Council was one of 14 councils in England chosen to take part in a fully-funded pilot programme to test the Government's new National Model Design Code, the code is to give planning authorities a set of design principles to consider for new developments such as street character, building type, as well as environmental, heritage and wellbeing factors. The shortlisted councils all took part in a six-month testing programme to explore how the code could be applied in their area.

6.5 Community

The council has set their own local target, following the climate declaration in 2019, where the council is aiming to become carbon neutral by a more ambitious date of 2030. We have invested in specific plant at our 3 leisure centres to reduce our utility consumption (this included a biomass boiler at one of the sites). Recently, the council has secured in excess of £300k of government funding towards decarbonising our 3 leisure centres and have circa £5 million of bids at various stages of deployment to further reduce the carbon emissions from our corporate estate and our 3,000 council houses.

The Council will hold a public 'State of the District Debate' purely on the Climate Agenda on 5 April 2022. The public will be encouraged to explore topics to reduce individual and communities' carbon footprint as the council aims for Net Zero by 2030.

The council has launched a consultation on 'Plan Mid Devon' as it works towards planning the future of Mid Devon for decades to come; the current Local Plan was adopted by the Council in July 2020 and has a lifespan up to 2033. This plan helps guide multi-million pound investment across the district and provides greater certainty about where new homes, employment, schools, roads and other supporting infrastructure will be located. It will also help us regenerate our town centres and protect and enhance those parts of Mid Devon where we do not wish to see unplanned development taking place, including the open countryside and high quality landscapes. Consultation closed at the end of March 2022.

7.0 Peer Review

- 7.1 The council has recently participated in a peer challenge review under the auspices of the Local Government Association's sector-led improvement process. These reviews are an established tool that supports councils across

the country to drive improvements and efficiency in specific areas, including finance, communications, health and wellbeing, equalities, housing, planning etc.

- 7.2 These reviews are undertaken typically every 4-5 years and the council had its previous review back in early 2017. The peer team included experienced officers and members spending significant time with us to identify and address issues and challenge progress across themes including local priorities and outcomes, organisational and place leadership, governance and culture, financial planning and management and capacity for improvement.
- 7.3 This peer-led process acts as a critical friend providing feedback on how the council is performing and delivering for its communities. As a follow up to the time spent on site the council will receive a comprehensive report and recommendations which will be shared widely in order to encourage participation in opportunities for improvement.

8.0 Challenges

- 8.1 The lifting of all remaining covid restrictions on 24 March 2022 could impact our service delivery; the government has removed the legal requirement for self-isolation and free testing. The focus on prevention moves to individuals and communities, and the Council has seen an increase in the number of cases both across its workforce and across Devon as a whole. The emergence of new variants will be a significant factor in determining the future path of the virus.
- 8.2 Employers across the public and private sectors continue to face growing skills shortages due to what has widely been described as a perfect storm of pressures arising from the pandemic, a change in employment priorities for many people, a reduction in foreign labour arising from Brexit, and a resultant fiercely competitive jobs market, so it's more important than ever to try and retain existing talent. Mid Devon District Council's turnover figure for 2021/2022 is approximately 20%.
- 8.3 Like many councils, our largest cost is manifested in our workforce through whom council services are delivered. We have recently experienced severe difficulties in recruiting officers in several service areas. This has led to temporary engagement of agency workers at much greater cost which is unsustainable in the long term. It is also likely to be exacerbated in the coming months as inflationary (cost of living) pressures force people to seek better paying jobs, with local government unlikely to be able to offer the same rises in salary as other sectors (and all sectors unlikely to be able to offer salaries that keep pace with inflation).
- 8.4 The council continues to face a number of challenges in the way it is funded, how it is able to manage demand for services and demographic pressures, and how it responds to policy and legislative changes. At the same time, new technology and ways of working represent opportunities to transform our business processes and systems, to work in more modern and productive ways.
- 8.5 The council began a Parish Review (formally known as a Community Governance Review) in November 2021, and the first public consultation

finished on 28 February 2022. The review is taking into consideration a number of options, for example looking at the number parishes, creating, merging, altering or grouping parishes and the number of parish / town councillors to improve the effectiveness and convenience of local government at the most local level. Any changes as a result of the review will come into effect for 2023 all out elections.

- 8.6 The challenges of unknown or unplanned tasks or priorities continues to ensure that the deployment of council resources is more reactive than we would like. The most recent example being that of government asking councils to process and deliver the £150 council tax rebate for Band D and below households; this rebate is to assist with the energy costs crisis.
- 8.7 A further challenge over the coming months is likely to the work required to support and assist with the Ukrainian refugee crisis under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Team Devon authorities have pledged to work together to support Ukrainian refugees seeking sanctuary in the UK, albeit it remains unclear quite how significant these demands on resources could be. This is in addition to the work that continues on supporting other refugees and asylum seekers under previous national schemes.
- 8.8 Finally on the challenges, we are currently working through the Devon, Plymouth and Torbay 'county deal' devolution conversation with government to understand where there is potential to secure meaningful devolved powers, funding, influence and control closer to the democratic decision-making in Devon. This is the subject of a separate report being brought to Cabinet, however it represents an additional new workstream that may be of significant benefit to the people of Devon.

9.0 Business Transformation Update

- 9.1 During the past two years there has been a significant programme of transformation taking place across our services which have looked at how we deliver our services, how we have developed our customer focused processes and systems, and how we have been meeting customer expectations and accessibility needs throughout the pandemic.
- 9.2 Appendix C outlines the achievements that various services have made during the past two years whilst dealing with a range of new challenges and finding innovative ways to deliver essential services.

10.0 Conclusion

- 10.1 In conclusion, good progress has been made against many of the objectives identified in the current Corporate Plan. A key element of any plan review is to ensure it remains relevant, current, and continues to identify the key priorities.
- 10.2 In addition to considering the information contained within this report, members are asked to consider whether the proposed actions as projected/anticipated are adequate and appropriate to address concerns and improve performance to the desired level. Or, alternatively, to provide a steer on delivery priorities for the remaining two year period so that officers can bring back an updated corporate

plan for review to give clarity on delivery objectives over the remaining life of this corporate plan.

Appendices

Appendix A - Corporate Plan 2020-24 ([hyperlinked](#))

Appendix B - The Corporate Plan Gap Analysis

Appendix C - Business Transformation and Improvement Activity – Corporate Plan 2020-2024

Appendix A – Corporate Plan 2020-24

[Corporate Plan 2020-2024](#)

Appendix B - Corporate Plan Gap Analysis

Corporate Plan 2020-2024 Aims with limited data available or without progress/mitigation tracking via KPIs (SPAR)

Portfolio	Aim	Deliverable in next 2 years?		Comments/updates/mitigation
		YES	NO	
Climate Change	1 Facilitate networking across volunteer and community groups to spread knowledge, expertise and awareness on climate issues	✓		Actively engaging with groups and individuals on work ranging from the Sustainable Mid Devon website (events, resource map, etc), to tree planting at the Tiverton Community Orchard, to public art ideas. The 2022 State of the District Debate. Groups and networks e.g. Exeter Community Energy, CAG Devon, Blackdown Hills Transition, Sustainable Bradninch, Sustainable Crediton, Sustainable Tiverton, Uffculme Green Team.
	2 Promote sustainable farming practices in partnership with local farmers, District and County Councils; including research into best practice re better soil management and animal husbandry	✓		Research begun - calls and correspondence with local farmers, growers, land owners / managers, advisors. Initial report due soon to Environment PDG, work expected to expand; albeit the MDDC role is likely best promotional of good practices and facilitative of existing networks and services rather than to develop and implement.
	3 Use new development as opportunities to help communities to become increasingly sustainable and self-sustaining at neighbourhood level (district heating, energy use, recycling/re-use systems etc)	✓		Strategic partnership opportunities to be identified. Neighbourhood Plans being developed in many areas; presents some opportunities. A Sustainability Strategy is being developed for the Culm Garden Village. MDDC housing being retrofitted with insulation and low-carbon tech to improve sustainability and affordability of energy consumption. MDDC new housing projects seek to achieve and set high standards, e.g. modular homes with Net Zero annual energy performance; looking into designs such as Passivhaus. Private development is harder to influence, but action through the LPA and other council services/communications can make people aware of opportunities and encourage a shift towards more sustainable living.
	4 Enable communities to deliver their own projects to reduce carbon emissions	✓		Climate and Biodiversity fund is a priority in the Climate Strategy. Proposal included in the Budget Options for Climate Investment report to Environment PDG 11 Jan 2022.
Environment	5 Consider promoting the designation of the Exe Valley as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)		✓	Preliminary research project could be devised to understand the scope and scale of the challenge, albeit early estimates suggested a timeframe of many years and a cost in excess of £250k. No budget or resource has been identified for this work and it is not currently being progressed.
Homes	6 Lobby to see the abolition of the 'Right-to-Buy' or the devolvement of discounting powers to individual local housing authorities	✓		Opportunities are being taken to lobby government for positive change via operational/technical routes (service-led) and through strategic influencing routes such as MPs and the emerging county deal conversation. However, as a flagship government policy it is unlikely that radical change is on the cards; we are probably realistically aiming for greater local influence on parameters and variables rather than the policy concept itself.
Economy	7 Use car park pricing mechanism to effectively balance the needs of vehicular access with those of reducing car use.		✓	Cross-cutting between economy, community, climate change - so this work needs to be coordinated with the other travel / transport / sustainable community aims. Until travel patterns (re)stabilise in the wake of the pandemic, it is unclear how much pricing policy levers are needed to influence a change / reduction in car use.
	8 Work with developers and DCC to deliver strategic cycle routes between settlements and key destinations		✓	This is a transport authority function, but opportunities will be taken to try and influence transport policy and planning priorities where possible in order to encourage active travel and healthier travel options.
	9 Promote the development of the farming economy and local food production	✓		The Economic Development team has been working on a 'Taste Mid Devon' initiative to promote the farming economic and local food production. Opportunity exists to develop this initiative further – once the team returns to full strength in light of other community priorities.
	Working in partnership with farmers to develop		✓	No budget or resource has been identified for this work and it is not currently being progressed.

Portfolio	Aim	Deliverable in next 2 years?		Comments/updates/mitigation
10	and grow markets on the principle of reducing carbon emissions and sustainability			
11	Facilitate the creation of exciting new commercial opportunities within strategic developments at Culm Garden Village and Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension	✓		Work is underway to consider how commercial development could come forwards in conjunction with the development of the new garden village at Culm and how development can also support the existing town centre in Cullompton. Discussions are also underway in relation to Tiverton EUE in terms of both community assets and employment opportunities.
12	Promote zero carbon exemplar sites within commercial settings	✓		The Council continues to support carbon exemplar sites within the commercial settings.
13	Work with local stakeholders to initiate delivery of the new garden village at Culm	✓		Culm Garden Village has a comprehensive governance arrangements which facilitates the involvement of key stakeholders – allowing them to participate in shaping the future community and support delivery.
Planning 14	Work with developers to secure our ambitious plans for J27 'Devon Gateway' development site	✓		Work is underway to engage landowners in relation to development at Junction 27. It will be necessary to reflect on plans for the development in light of the effects of covid-19 – but this work will be undertaken in the coming months.
Community 15	Work with education providers to secure appropriate post-16 provision within the district to minimise the need to commute out for A/T level studies	✓		Work is underway to consider skills provision within the district and what interventions could be supported or promoted to support improvement or retention within the district. Early conversations around localised skills development funding is taking place as part of the devolution conversation i.e. devolving decision making a funding on skills development.
16	Work with the NHS and other health bodies to promote use of our leisure centres	✓		Leisure has been working with local GP surgeries in order to identify Covid safe systems for the provision of elements of NHS referrals during the pandemic. This conversation has also been taking place at a regional level through the Active Devon group, supported by Sport England, to ensure a consistent approach to this important although non-statutory element of the Leisure provision. Our efforts to increase the number of Referrals is on-going.
17	Lobby DCC and others to introduce 20 mph speed limits where children play, and take opportunities to pilot car-free days/routes	✓		Would need agreement from members on specific locations to target for 20mph zones or decisions on days for traffic to be restricted. No work is yet taking place on this.
18	Promote new approaches to Rural Transport in partnership with Town and Parish Councils through the deployment of emerging technologies	✓		There may be some locations where MDDC can do more by facilitating opportunities for transport hubs in larger settlements (Tiverton, Crediton and Cullompton) by considering what interventions could be delivered as we develop and deliver against masterplans for these towns. However, rural transport provision remains the responsibility of the transport authority.
19	Work with County, Town and Parish Councils to identify safer walking journeys to school	✓		We will participate as part of the consultation on safer routes to schools projects and programmes (or their equivalents) as appropriate.
20	Work with Parish and Town councils to promote the development and retention of parks and play areas across the district	✓		Work on this continues and talks with Town and Parish Councils are on-going.
Corporate 21	Produce business plans for the creation of a commercial Economic Development function perhaps in partnership with other agencies		✓	This concept has not been revisited since it was last considered (2018/19?) and with priorities in the economic development team this is unlikely to be taken forward in the near future.

Appendix C

Business Transformation and Improvement Activity – Corporate Plan 2020-2024 Mid Point Assessment

Revenues

- Provision of Citizen Access portal enabling 24/7 access to account information and ability for customers to self-serve such as, apply for discounts, moves in and out of district, apply for Council Tax Reduction, set-up Direct Debits
- Pilot of Revenues Information Service role with a view to improving customer resolution at first point of contact “there and then” service
- Service restructure and cross-training of staff to improve resilience and responsiveness
- Creation of Customer Welfare Officer

Planning

- Management changes to address perceived failures and service review in progress (planning performance now among the best in the south west for delegated decisions)
- Increased enforcement resources to address outstanding issues
- S106 - relocation of resource and responsibility to revenues - improving recovery and oversight

HR

- Improved quality and return rate of Appraisal/Personal Development Review through online portal.
- Successful introduction of Evolve project, commencing with revised staff competency measure that were recorded in online portal.
- Mobile/hybrid contract clause negotiated and agreed with Union in new staff contract to allow it to become a permanent fixture.
- Independent and online external staff survey instigated which gave comparative sector results on leadership, communication, development and wellbeing.
- New HR structure brought in including the introduction of an HR Service Desk that can provide instant advice and information to customers and employees.
- New Union Recognition agreed with the Union to prioritise meaningful consultation on all relevant employment issues.

ICT

- Restructure completed
- Skills and resource analysis - resulting in additional training and resources procured
- Review of ageing network infrastructure and replacement project underway
- Improved and improving system/data backups for resilience
- Support of hybrid working and mobilisation of workforce
- Identification of additional communication tools and work programme devised
- Provision of accessible websites and content, including Climate and infrastructure projects

Customer Services

- Increased scanning at post opening
- Removal of waste calendars with online (and downloadable/printable) alternatives
- Increased outsourcing of correspondence printing

- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Enabling working from home
- Implementation of appointment based visits
- Facilitating changing/identified business needs with staff secondments and flexing resources e.g. Customer Welfare, Revenues Information Officer and various Grant work during pandemic.

Waste/Street Scene

- Pilot of 3 weekly waste collections gauged through online feedback portal to assess resident views.
- Recycling rates assessed and reported using national Waste data flow tool. This is then available for viewing to the general public.
- Online transport portal used to collect key documents from drivers including car insurance and other information.
- Update current software in relation to vehicle tracking to improve efficiencies in relation to performance and environment targets.
- Review of some enforcement practice arising from different cases undertaken e.g. abandoned vehicles and future practice to be strengthened led by the Environment and Enforcement Manager.
- Review of Transport practice e.g. future use of electric vehicles to be led on by new Transport Manager working with Environment Officer.

Property

- Multi-Storey Car Park refurbishment
- Migration of play areas to parishes
- CCTV Policy and procedures
- Capital asset/S106 spend improvements by regular stakeholder engagement (Capital Strategy Asset Group meetings)
- Revised Capital Strategy Asset Management Plan 2021-2025
- Recruitment of a Climate & Sustainability Specialist with Policy and Action Plan been costed
- Securing circa £3.1 Million from the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) fund
- Merging front of house duties to the property services caretaker function for improved value for money
- Support Housing Revenue Accounts on the provision of additional homes via construction and the purchase of ex Right To Buy properties
- Providing draft plans and options for moving to mobile, agile/hybrid ways of working
- Corporate Health and Safety work on Corporate risk assessments for different ways of working during the pandemic

Housing

- Review of business against new Social Housing White Paper (SHWP) and regulatory framework
- Creation of a single Mid Devon Housing service and combined tenant support team across tenancy and building functions
- Restructure and amalgamation of teams improving knowledge and resilience, new roles in response to SHWP especially regarding decarbonisation, safety, tenant engagement, policy resource and complaints management

- On-going revision and streamlining of policy framework to align with Regulator of Social Housing core standards and emerging new Tenant Satisfaction Measures
- E-lettings
- Revision and significant update to Housing Strategy – working across Planning, Public Health, Sustainability and Asset Management functions
- Innovative, zero-carbon modular social-housing solutions including new St Andrews scheme and 5-year development programme

Public Health

- New 'Report it' and 'Noise' apps for complainants regarding nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour activity
- Restructure and relocation of Housing Needs into the team
- Developing joint Private Sector Housing and Homelessness working at strategy and delivery level
- The Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard project - must not renew existing tenancies or grant new tenancies if the building has less than the minimum energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of E unless the landlord registers an exemption. For Districts, this applies to private sector residential rental properties and our regulation of housing standards in that sector.
- Covid response lead role externally including new ways of working with businesses, guidance and support via Better Business for All/HotSW working
- Contain Outbreak Management Fund: funding utilisation to support Covid outbreak mgt and enforcement including project and dedicated officer resource
- Review and restructure of technical business support into dedicated areas with improved service request triage and case management

Leisure

- Business adaptation to the on-going changes with the pandemic
- Top level management restructure to create Operations Manager post
- Wider restructure underway for the whole service

Finance and Procurement

- Supported the payments of Covid-19 Support Grants to businesses
- One of the first Councils in the country to publish draft accounts
- Unqualified Accounts
- Balanced the budget – no reductions in service levels
- Successfully implemented software update
- Joined the Devon Procurement Partnership
- Worked fully remotely for 2 years
- Successfully claimed over £2m from Governments Income Compensation Scheme for 2020/21
- Cross training of Exchequer staff
- Team members passed various professional exams

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CABINET 5TH APRIL 2022

JUNCTION 27 AND 28 REPORT

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Richard Chesterton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration
Responsible Officer: Richard Marsh, Director of Place.

Reason for Report and Recommendations: At the January 2022 Economy PDG meeting, a request was made for an update on work being undertaken to progress opportunities for business growth by development at the motorway junctions in Mid Devon. This report therefore seeks to present an update in relation to work underway in relation to Junctions 27 and 28, and opportunities that exist therein.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CABINET:

To note the current position in relation to Junctions 27 and 28, and the work planned to be undertaken.

Financial Implications:

No financial implications arise from this report.

Budget and Policy Framework:

The Mid Devon Local Plan (2013-2033) establishes planning policy for development within the district. It sets out clear expectations in terms of the type and scale of development anticipated at Junctions 27 and 28:

Junction 27: approximately 71 hectares of land adjoining the southbound carriageway of the M5 is identified within the Local Plan for the provision of a major high quality regional tourism, leisure and retail attraction. It is expected that this will be supported by ancillary roadside services and associated supporting infrastructure. The Local Plan sets out clear expectations in relation to the progression of the site and notably that the site “should be brought forward in accordance with the terms of a detailed development brief, comprehensive masterplanning, including at least two stages of public consultation and adoption of the Masterplan as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) before any planning application for any part of the site is determined”.

Junction 28: the Local Plan establishes Cullompton as the principal focus of development within the district, in accordance with the development strategy as set out in Policy S11. As such, the Local Plan contains various policies relating to Cullompton, and several of these have a relationship with Junction 28. Most notable are Policies CU7 to CU12. Development around Junction 28 is supported and promoted through the Local Plan – such as early phases of development at Culm Garden Village and the development of further commercial floorspace – but the Plan also makes reference to the need to ensure capacity improvements to the Junction

in order to support the continued development of the town in the manner foreseen through the Local Plan.

Further to the Local Plan, 'Culm garden village' has also formally been recognised as a 'garden village' project. Further work is now underway to progress plans for the garden village – which is also pertinent to Junction 28.

The Local Plan also establishes policy relating to employment provision, and this is contained within policy S6 of the Local Plan. The plan seeks to support the delivery of approximately 140,000 sq metres of commercial floorspace during the plan period.

Finally, the new Local Plan, 'Plan Mid Devon', is also now under development and early consultation is now underway in relation to the preparation of this plan through the formal 'regulation 18' consultation. Plan Mid Devon will, when complete, update and/or replace the planning policy contained within the current Local Plan.

Legal Implications:

No legal implications are identified as arising from this report.

Risk Assessment:

The report is focused on providing an update in relation to development of/at Junction 27 and 28. At this stage, 'risks' associated with the projects are relatively limited – but risks do exist at a strategic and corporate level. These risks principally pertain to development not occurring in the manner, or at the speed, envisaged by and through the Local Plan. For example; the Local Plan is predicated on development occurring at, or linked to, Junctions 27 and 28. Should development therefore fail to occur at these junctions, the Council may find that it is unable to unlock strategic growth within the district in the manner foreseen – be that housing delivery, commercial development, or any other form of development. It is therefore important that the Council takes proactive action to seek to ensure that development does occur in these locations in order to ensure that development occurs as expected and forecast through the Local Plan. In this context of this report, that is especially relevant from the perspective of commercial development.

Alternatively, should the form of development envisaged appear unlikely, owing to structural or market changes accruing to covid-19 or other issues, the Council should take action to consider how development might otherwise occur, reflecting this within the new Local Plan, Plan Mid Devon, as appropriate.

Equality Impact Assessment:

No equality issues are deemed to arise from this report.

Relationship to Corporate Plan:

Progression of projects relating to Junctions 27 and 28 have a direct relationship to, and impact on, all strands of the Corporate Plan: economy, homes, community and environment. Progression of these projects is therefore very important.

Impact on Climate Change:

Progression of the Junction 27 and 28 proposals offer scope for both negative and positive impacts on climate change: on the one hand, expanded capacity and increased traffic flows at motorway junctions have the scope for increased vehicle movements and therefore the scope for further pollution. On the other hand, development also has the potential to mitigate the impact of future development by encouraging modal shift to more sustainable modes of transport and by reducing the need to out-commute for employment opportunities. The type of development proposed also has scope to proactively contribute towards our understanding of climate change, and facilitate action to mitigate climate change.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council has a stated ambition to see development around Junctions 27 and 28 of the M5. As set out above, the principles of development are contained within the district's Local Plan and supported by other planning policy documents.
- 1.2 Since the adoption of the Local Plan, varying levels of activity have taken place in relation to development in and around Junctions 27 and 28 and, in recent months, there has been a renewed interest in what development activity is occurring, or planned to occur, in these locations.
- 1.3 At the Economy PDG meeting in January 2022, a request was made for a report to be brought to the March PDG to update on "work being undertaken to progress opportunities for business growth by development at the motorway junctions." This report therefore seeks to provide Members with the requested update.

Junction 27:

- 1.4 Expectations for the form and scale of development at Junction 27 are clearly articulated within the Local Plan – along with the anticipated steps required to progress development through the planning process.
- 1.5 Since the adoption of the Local Plan, progress on the scheme has been slower than anticipated. Undoubtedly, this progress has been heavily influenced by the ongoing covid-19 pandemic and by the uncertainties and market changes that have been driven by it. As such, no plans have progressed for the site and landowners/interested parties have not progressed a masterplan or plans which would facilitate delivery of the previously envisaged scheme.
- 1.6 Discussions with some of the landowners and interested parties suggest that interest in development at Junction 27 remains, but that market changes mean that it is necessary to consider and understand whether interest still exists in delivering the scheme as originally envisaged, or whether changes are required to some elements of the scheme in order to support delivery.

- 1.7 Importantly, interest in the scheme does remain from Eden for the 'Eden Grounds' project and £255,000 of funding was recently received by Eden as a result of their successful bid through the UK Community Renewal Fund for the project. This funding will allow Eden to begin to develop proposals for the site. This work has recently begun and is expected to be completed later in 2022. Importantly, owing to wording of the planning policy for the site, any masterplan must cover the whole of the site and be adopted as an SPD prior to the determination of any planning application. It will therefore be necessary for Eden to work with MDDC and landowners in order to develop proposals for the site.
- 1.8 As part of the development of their work, Eden are also expecting to undertake elements of economic analysis related to their proposed development, as well as undertaking their own community engagement work strands.
- 1.9 Discussions with Eden and some of the landowners, and the fact that Eden is now progressing consideration of their plans for the site, have demonstrated that it would now be timely to bring together key parties (all landowners, especially those not yet engaged, and any prospective occupiers) to discuss plans and ambitions for the site with the aim of confirming the deliverability of the currently proposed scheme, and/or any changes or evolution which might be required to the scheme to aid in delivery.
- 1.10 If discussions and any subsequent work demonstrate that changes or amendments to the proposed scheme are required, it will be necessary to consider what these might be, how it might affect the overall concept or vision for the site, how acceptable such change could be, how delivery might be affected in light of these changes and how this is impacted by the existing planning policy relating to the site.
- 1.11 Whilst MDDC does not itself have any direct interest in the land at Junction 27, the strategic importance of the site does clearly mean that it is important that MDDC is involved in discussions about the site both from a planning perspective, but also from a 'Place' perspective, ensuring that a high-quality regional attraction is delivered which will meet the needs and expectations of the district.
- 1.12 With this in mind, officers are currently considering options for MDDC to take on a proactive facilitation role in enabling discussions with and between landowners and prospective occupiers. The intention for such discussions will be, as set out above, to get further clarity on current landowner expectations for the site and consider what action, joint and independent, is necessary by key stakeholders to progress work in relation to the site. It is expected that such discussions will also involve opportunities for member engagement.
- 1.13 The intention is to progress this engagement in the coming weeks and for all parties to then be clearer in relation to future development of the Junction 27 allocation. The outcome of such discussions will clearly be

important and will allow all parties to better understand the timescale of any development.

- 1.14 Clearly, whilst planning policy already exists for the site, there is also a strong relationship between the matters discussed within the report and 'Plan Mid Devon', the new Local Plan. In fact, the current 'regulation 18' consultation exercise (underway now) is actively seeking opinions in relation to development at Junction 27.
- 1.15 Officers will therefore be mindful of discussions underway with landowners and prospective occupiers in the context of existing planning policy, but also mindful of the work of the new Local Plan. Clearly, there is likely to be a relationship between the two which Officers will monitor with the key aspects between the current and new Local Plan likely to focus on the overall form of development and the timetable for delivery.

Junction 28:

- 1.16 In terms of Junction 28, development interest clearly exists within the vicinity of the junction, and some key projects are progressing – such as the Cullompton railway station project. However, for the purpose of this report, a focus will be maintained on opportunities for business growth within the vicinity of the junction.
- 1.17 Junction 28 clearly already performs an important economic function for the district, and is home to several major employers/businesses including Gregory distribution, BAKO and ABN. Further allocated and identified employment sites exist within the vicinity of Junction 28, although development of these sites has, for a variety of reasons, not progressed more recently. However, strong occupier demand exists for accommodation within the district, and within the wider Devon geography. At the same time, commercial accommodation is currently also in short supply – meaning that many businesses are struggling to find the type, size and/or quality of accommodation which they aspire to. This therefore presents a challenge to the district, and to the Council, as without the development of further quality accommodation in the right locations, businesses are likely to be forced to look elsewhere to satisfy their accommodation requirements. Officers are however also aware that other Devon districts are also experiencing high demand for commercial accommodation, and that supply is currently limited. This therefore presents a challenge at a wider County level, as well as at a more local level.
- 1.18 Opportunity does therefore exist for further commercial development to progress – driving economic growth and job creation within the district, especially where it aligns to key growth sectors.
- 1.19 The Council has recently, as part of the Culm Garden Village project, instructed an employment and skills study to consider how the Culm Garden village can support and contribute to further employment

growth and development in and around junction 28 – in a manner which supports the delivery of the garden village, and in adherence to garden village principals (i.e. reduce car ownership and out-commuting.)

- 1.20 Provisional outputs from this work are expected soon (during March), after which the garden village team, and the Council, will be able to consider next steps to continue to support employment provision and growth within the vicinity of junction 28.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

- 2.1 To note the current position in relation to Junctions 27 and 28, and the work planned to be undertaken.

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Circulation of the Report: Cllr Richard Chesterton, Leadership Team

Background Papers – n/a.

CABINET 5 APRIL 2022

Devolution and the County Deal

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Bob Deed, Leader

Responsible Officer: Stephen Walford, Chief Executive

Reason for Report: To update cabinet on the status and progress of the county deal discussions for Devon.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Cabinet note the report.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: The purpose of entering into discussions with government about devolving greater influence and control is to achieve our corporate plan ambitions faster and more effectively. This is intrinsically linked to the government's levelling up agenda that seeks to reduce the gaps in attainment or quality of life outcomes for people across the country. A number of the areas of focus within our themes of Homes, Community, Economy and Environment, will be specifically addressed as part of the initial negotiations with government.

Financial Implications: At this point there are no financial implications beyond those of the officer time spent collaborating with partners to try and achieve a positive outcome for Devon. A future decision will be required on any action resulting in financial impact to the council.

Budget and Policy Framework: As per the above, once the government's position in these negotiations is understood, there will likely be a future decision for cabinet (and council) as to whether to progress with any deal or not.

Legal Implications: None at present.

Risk Assessment: The levelling up agenda is the government's flagship policy approach to reducing regional inequality of opportunity and outcome. The recent white paper made it clear that all areas of the country should have access to a devolution deal with a 'simplified, long-term funding settlement', should they want one. By being in the first grouping of pilot areas we get the opportunity to assess whether there is any significant advantage to doing so. At this point it is not clear how much centrally-prescribed decision making or control the government is going to be prepared to relinquish.

Equality Impact Assessment: Any future policy decision on a county deal would be subject to a full impact assessment.

Impact on Climate Change: Our ambitions around climate change and carbon reduction are explicitly set out as one of the emerging themes within the discussions in order to try and maximise progress in this area.

1.0 Context

- 1.1 Through the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper on the 2 February 2022, local authority partners within Devon, Plymouth and Torbay have been offered an opportunity to negotiate a new style of devolution deal ('County Deal') for the area.
- 1.2 A County Deal is a new devolution option for England, which offers areas with mixed governance (county/district/unitary) a pathway to securing additional powers and flexibilities without the need for a mayoral approach or other governance reforms. It attempts to answer the question of what devolution could look like in shire England where the existing city or metro-mayor model of governance doesn't feel 'right' to elected members or their communities. Importantly, it differs from previous devolution models in three critical ways:
- **Does not require a mayor** – Devolution through a County Deal does not require a mayor or other governance change to be agreed. Instead, Government seeks a formal partnership arrangement to work with more akin to a cabinet approach, with upper tier authorities representing their respective areas.
 - **Operates in concert with the structure of multi-tier areas** – Unlike previous models, which were conditional on a single governance structure sitting above existing local government, County Deals structures sit alongside and integrate with existing unitary, county and district governance approaches. Governance is drawn from existing authorities, any new joint body does not replace existing functions (unless agreed between partners), and
 - **Requires a joint delivery body, but only for additional devolved activity** – County Deals will require a body to take forward any devolved activity from Government. Unlike previous devolution models however, it is for local partners to determine the roles and scope of this local delivery mechanisms, which will be governed by local authority partners working together.
- 1.3 To enable this new model of working, Government intends to bring forward new legislation in the summer / autumn 2022 to enable the creation of a new type of 'County Deal Combined Authority'. This will allow local government partners in two tier and other areas additional opportunities to jointly deliver devolved activity, without having to agree to onerous governance reforms.
- 1.4 Within Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, this new model now offers local authority partners an opportunity to enter into negotiations with Government around the devolution of significant powers and funding without any commitment to future governance reshaping. Instead, the White Paper sets out a three-tier approach to devolution, offering a broader menu of options for local authorities who are willing to work together, with or without a directly elected mayor, to deliver devolved activity.

2.0 History of Devolution in Devon

- 2.1 The offer to begin negotiations with Government follows on from a decade of joint working across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay to secure further devolution

of housing, transport, economic development and skills power for the area. Working together, local authorities have approached Government multiple times to progress negotiations since 2010, including the production of a formal prospectus for devolution in 2015 and the establishment of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee, and area wide agreement by Local Authority Leaders to explore a combined authority with Government in 2017.

- 2.2 However, progress around devolution for the area has traditionally stalled due to the Government's insistence on the need for an elected mayor for conversations to progress. Within the Devon, Plymouth and Torbay area, this has never felt to be either appropriate or practical given its varied geographical, political and governance make up. The area has been keen to stress that any deal must retain the strong working between its unitary, county and district authorities, with the imposition of a Mayor or other governance approach unlikely to achieve this.
- 2.3 Following the change of Government in 2020 however, Ministers indicated that they were keen to revitalise progress on devolution across England as part of their wider Levelling Up policy. This included a shift away from the insistence of mayoral approaches / reviewed governance towards working with existing County Areas. The Prime Minister formalised this approach in July 2021, with the announcement of 'County Deals'.
- 2.4 The Levelling Up White Paper outlines the Government's proposed approach to enacting this shift in policy, putting in place a new menu of devolution options which cover the whole of England. Whilst Mayors are retained as the strongest option for devolution of powers, the new menu offers a graduated approach for all areas, including the provision of new non-mayoral 'County Deals' as a middle option.

3.0 Current Status

- 3.1 Government has indicated through its initial discussions with partner authorities that it is seeking to take forward negotiations on County Deals over the next 6 months, with the intention to have the first group of pilot deals agreed by Winter 2022. This may include shadow arrangements around governance and delivery whilst new legislation travels through parliament.
- 3.2 Local authority partners within Devon, Plymouth and Torbay have welcomed their inclusion in the list of County Deal pilot areas to date, though with an emphasis on a deal only being done once it is done. This includes reaching an agreement around appropriately flexible and representative governance that works for the Devon, Plymouth and Torbay area, as well as a suitable menu of devolved powers being on offer to make progression meaningful.
- 3.3 To facilitate discussions, local authority partners within Devon, Torbay and Plymouth have identified a number of initial thematic areas on which they now wish to focus:

- **Housing**, increasing the supply of affordable housing for key workers and local families, as well as using housing to drive economic growth in cities and towns.
- **Skills, Employment and Education**, better supporting young people and adults to learn, and providing the skills that the economy needs.
- **Transport and Infrastructure**, seeking to addressing the gaps in our public transport offer, and our broader transport, energy and digital infrastructure needs, supporting the area to thrive
- **Economic Development, Business Support and Innovation**, working with the business community to ensure that we can offer the support our economy needs.
- **Health and Care**, working together to better align national funding to support the health and care needs of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay's residents.
- **Climate Change**, working together and aligning national funding and activity to accelerate our progress towards net zero
- **Regeneration and Place**, securing the funding and flexibilities we need to accelerate levelling up, and ensuring that every place in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay can meet its potential.
- **Governance**, securing a governance approach for the County Deal that meets Government's requirements, but also builds upon our existing strong approach to collaboration and partnership working.

3.4 The area now intends to take forward the process through a joint negotiation team, led by Councillor John Hart (DCC leader), but bringing together the leaders of Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council and Mid Devon Council (in its rotating role as lead of the Devon District Forum). Partners within Devon are also seeking to work collaboratively through existing Team Devon arrangements to support the County's negotiation team through the process.

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Background Reading: Levelling Up White Paper, February 2022:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom>

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MID DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor Richard Chesterton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration

Responsible Officer: Richard Marsh, Director of Place

Reason for Report: To approve the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

RECOMMENDATION:

To Cabinet that:

1. The Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy (Appendix 1 to this report) is approved.
2. The status of the Strategy as a technical document and the recommendations therein (including the setting up of a Strategy Delivery Group) be noted.

Financial Implications: There are no direct financial implications arising from endorsing the Playing Pitch Strategy. The Strategy includes recommendations and actions which may involve the Council as a provider of Leisure Centres and public car parks, but does not place a requirement for Council to undertake these recommendations and actions.

Legal Implications: None. The Playing Pitch Strategy will not have any formal status as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) albeit it will fall within the confines of a material planning consideration.

Risk Assessment: The Playing Pitch Strategy will provide robust evidence that can be used to inform the preparation of development plans, masterplans, planning guidance, and other plans, programmes and strategies. It will be capable of being a material consideration for guiding planning applications submitted to the Council for determination and the decisions made on these.

Budget and Policy Framework: The Playing Pitch Strategy has been funded through the Forward Planning budget for evidence and technical studies. The Playing Pitch Strategy will be a technical document and can be used to help inform the Council's policy framework, including for decision-making purposes on land use planning matters (including Section 106 planning deeds) and in considering requests for S106 funds or other financial support for playing pitch facilities.

Equality Impact Assessment: An up to date Playing Pitch Strategy can be used to help guide and inform decisions taken for the provision of sports pitches across the district that can be used by the whole community. It will not in itself lead to any

impacts on the equality strands protected under the Equality Act 2010 (the 'protected characteristics').

Relationship to Corporate Plan: Preparation of the Playing Pitch Strategy will help the Council's Priority 3: Community, since it can be used to help support the development of sports facilities that will benefit the district, and which can promote physical activity, health and well-being.

Impact on Climate Change: The Playing Pitch Strategy will not have any direct impact on climate change.

1.0 Introduction/Background

National planning policy and Sport England Guidance

- 1.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (July 2021, paragraph 98) makes clear that relevant planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.
- 1.2 A new 'Playing Pitch Strategy' (PPS) is needed for Mid Devon to meet the national planning policy framework requirement. It will also need to be consistent with Sport England's guidance (2013) for preparing playing pitch strategies. Sport England will need to be satisfied that the PPS has been prepared in accordance with their requirements and is therefore 'fit for purpose'.

PPS status and its use

- 1.3 The PPS will be a technical document that can be used by the Council:
 - To help inform the preparation of development plans, masterplans, planning guidance and other programmes and strategies.
 - As a material consideration where relevant to help inform decisions made on planning applications submitted to the Council for determination.
 - To help inform the consideration of requests for S106 funds or other financial support for playing pitch facilities.
 - To help guide the Council's management of its playing pitch assets for which it is responsible.
- 1.4 The PPS can also be used by:
 - Applicants for planning permission, where relevant, to help inform their development proposals submitted to the Council for determination.
 - Private and third sector providers of playing pitches, and support local sports clubs and organisations, in making bids for funding from a variety of sources to maintain and improve provision.

Mid Devon PPS

- 1.5 A 'Playing Fields Strategy' for Mid Devon was published in 2010, originally as a requirement for the (now defunct) Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. An Open Space and Play Area Strategy was published in 2014, in part to support the evidence base for the planning policies contained within the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan. The scope of this study encompassed playing pitches but also looked more widely at the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space in general, including parks, play areas and other public open space. There is now a need for updated evidence and information specifically on the supply of and demand for playing pitches across Mid Devon district. This will help ensure that there is a good supply of high quality playing pitch facilities across the district to meet the sporting needs of local communities.
- 1.6 Cabinet approval for officers to commission a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) was given on 19th September 2019 (minute 52).
- 1.7 Officers commissioned a suitable consultant, Bennett Leisure and Planning to undertake the PPS following a procurement process. This consultant has significant experience in such work across the South West.
- 1.8 A draft PPS was completed in July 2021. This has taken longer, in part due to restrictions on movement placed through the covid-19 pandemic and the inability to visit some playing pitch facilities.

2.0 Process

- 2.1 The preparation of the Playing Pitch Strategy has followed the stages set out in Sport England's guidance (2013):
 - Stage A (Prepare and tailor approach)
 - Stage B (Gather supply and demand data)
 - Stage C (Assess supply and demand data)
 - Stage D (Develop the strategy)
 - Stage E (Deliver the strategy)
- 2.2 The PPS has focused on the following pitch sports: football, cricket, rugby, hockey, tennis and bowls. The PPS has investigated further the need for 3G FTPs (Third Generation Football Turf Pitches) in Mid Devon, which has already been identified in the Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon that has been prepared by the Football Association and Sport England. 3G FTP pitches are a high quality and indispensable part of modern football facilities and include artificial surfaces that replicate a good standard natural turf pitch. They can be heavily used all year round with no decline in quality. There is currently no 3G FTP provision in Mid Devon.

- 2.3 The PPS has involved a partnership approach, with a project Steering Group set up to oversee its production and for approval at the key stages. The project Steering Group has comprised of an elected Member and relevant officers from the Council, Devon County Council, representatives in the South West from national-governing bodies for the main pitch sports, and Sport England.
- 2.4 The PPS's technical work has included:
- An analysis of population forecasts to 2026 and 2033. This is based on available demographic data and estimate of new housing through growth planned in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan and with allowance for some additional growth at the three main towns and the proposed Culm Garden Village in this period following the expected adoption of a new Local Plan in mid-2025.
 - Prediction of the numbers of teams which will be in operation and patterns of play.
 - Quantitative and qualitative assessment of the existing supply of playing pitch facilities across Mid Devon and issues arising.
 - Assessment of current shortfalls in provision and future requirements to 2033.

3.0 Stakeholder engagement and wider public consultation

- 3.1 The findings of the PPS have been informed through engagement with pitch sports clubs, sports National-Governing Bodies and providers of playing pitch facilities in Mid Devon. This has included contacting town and parish councils and has involved meetings with the main schools and community colleges at Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton. This has followed Sport England's guidance (2013). The purpose of this stakeholder engagement has been to gather information about the supply of and demand for playing pitches in Mid Devon across the pitch sports subject to the PPS.
- 3.2 On 28th September 2021 the Cabinet approved the publication of a draft Playing Pitch Strategy for public consultation (minute 75). This followed clarification from Sport England that public consultation would be needed as set out in its guidance for the preparation of such strategies.
- 3.3 The draft Playing Pitch Strategy was subject to a 6 week period of public consultation which closed on 22nd November 2021. Comments were received from 32 individuals and organisations. These are detailed in a report in **Appendix 2**, which includes an analysis and responses to these, and are also summarised in **Appendix 3**. All comments received have been carefully considered and the draft Playing Pitch Strategy has been updated through three amendments to the Site Actions Plans, including:
- A correction about the ownership of Willand Tennis Court (see Appendix 1 Site Action Plans page 16, site reference MDCM.87 Willand Lawn Tennis Club)

- Noting the aspirations of Bradninch Football Club (see Appendix 1 Site Action Plans page 13, site reference MDCM.29 Kensham Football Field)
 - And, an update in relation to information provided by the Moorchard Bishop Playing Fields Association (see Appendix 1 Site Action Plans page 18, site reference MDCR.39 Morchard Bishop Sports Club)
- 3.4 Several respondents have made comments in relation to the population forecasts and the housing numbers that have been used to inform the Playing Pitch Strategy. The population figures are derived from 2011 Census and Office for National Statistics population estimates and are therefore robust. These have been adjusted to take account of forecast house completions in the district taken from the trajectory included in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan and with an allowance for some further planned house completions from 2026 that might arise through a new Local Plan.
- 3.5 The figures included in the draft version of the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy have been looked at in detail and have been amended where it was found necessary so as to be consistent with the annual forecast house completions in the housing trajectory included in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan. The amended figures are included in an expanded explanation of the method used for calculating population estimates at pages 49 – 51 of the final version of the Playing Pitch Strategy (**Appendix 1** to this report).
- 3.6 These amendments have not affected the substantive findings of the Playing Pitch Strategy. The recommendations for playing pitch provision are rooted in an assessment of future demand from engagement with sports clubs in the district, and the population forecasts have been used by the consultant to provide a context for this.
- 4.0 Sign off from the Steering Group**
- 4.1 The updated Playing Pitch Strategy has been provided to the project Steering Group for the purpose of it being signed off. Confirmation of sign off has been received from representatives of the sports National-Governing Bodies for football, rugby, cricket, hockey and the Lawn Tennis Association. Sport England has also confirmed that it supports the finalisation of the work.
- 5.0 Key findings and recommendations**
- 5.1 The PPS included in **Appendix 1** to this report includes a vision:
- “To help guide the provision of playing pitch facilities in Mid Devon in relation to current and future needs to 2033, irrespective of ownership and operation, and to support the retention and enhancement of facilities that are appropriate, of high quality and which are sustainable. Provision should promote inclusivity, encourage sporting excellence and community development and cohesion and help to enhance physical and mental wellbeing.’

5.2 This vision is supported by 6 key objectives that are derived from Sport England's 12 planning for sport principles, and the PPS includes 8 overarching themes as follows:

- T1 Protecting, maintaining and enhancing playing fields
- T2 Encouraging and supporting education establishments to embrace secure community use of their pitch sport facilities
- T3 Ensuring that facilities are viable and sustainable
- T4 Ensuring the pitch sports and their facilities are fully inclusive
- T5 Supporting the voluntary sector
- T6 Promoting the benefits of playing pitch sports to health and well-being
- T7 Promoting increased participation and realising club development aspirations
- T8 Facilitate delivery

5.3 The PPS includes a section for each main pitch sport and each section sets out findings for the district split into the following sub-areas: Tiverton sub-area; Cullompton sub-area; Crediton sub-area. The PPS summarises the current and future pitch situation and sets out:

- current shortfalls in provision and how these might be addressed.
- future requirements (in addition to current shortfalls).

5.4 The PPS findings are detailed and lengthy and are not repeated in full in this report. However, the PPS has concluded that in terms of 3G FTPs, there is evidenced need for the equivalent of a full size 3G FTP in each of the main towns – Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton.

5.5 Attention is drawn to the fact that the PPS includes an Appendix 4: Masterplanning – East Cullompton (Culm Garden Village) and Appendix 5: Masterplanning – Eastern Urban Extension (Tiverton). A summary of the recommendations from these Appendices is as follows:

Appendix 4: Masterplanning – East Cullompton (Culm Garden Village)

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS / TO MEET DEMAND GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST CULLOMPTON/CULM GARDEN VILLAGE TO 2033	
Sport	Recommendations
Football	To plan for an area of 4 hectares (capable of accommodating a minimum of three adult and four youth/mini (11v11, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5) football pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site. Consideration to be given to the 'Community Hub' site being taken on by a club/organisation if the appropriate ancillary facilities are provided and a possible commuted sum made available to help with the early years establishment of the site as it grows to maturity.
Football – 3G FTP	The development will also generate the need for 0.2 of a 3G football turf pitch; the wider PPS identifies the need for a 3G

provision	<p>FTP to serve existing needs within the Cullompton area. Possible sites for 3G FTP provision to be further investigated – either within the hub, or on a new school site or on a more established site with a current community offer. (Area of land required for full size 3G FTP = 0.74 hectares).</p> <p>Further feasibility work and consultation with relevant stakeholders is required re: the benefits/potential of 3G FTP and sand based artificial grass pitch provision to serve the wider Cullompton area whether within the town itself (at Cullompton Community College) or in the new Garden Village (see Hockey below).</p>
Cricket	<p>One pitch (8 wickets) needed to meet demand generated by East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village to 2033. The inclusion of a non turf wicket would increase the capacity and flexibility of the ground.</p> <p>(This is in addition to a replacement pitch for the Cullompton Cricket Club, with additional wickets which could help to meet demand from new housing elsewhere in the Cullompton Sub Area, plus expansion within the club). (Area of land required for a cricket pitch = c1.3 hectares.)</p>
Rugby	<p>Cullompton Rugby Club have long standing plans to relocate from Stafford Park and is considering sites within East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village. Replacement provision of four full size pitches and three mini/midi pitches is supported by the Strategy, to include an element to meet growth in demand from the wider Cullompton Sub Area to 2033 and from East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village, as new demand is likely to grow from the existing club. (Area of land required for adult rugby pitch with run offs = 1.2 hectares; thus total area required c.7 hectares).</p>
Hockey	<p>Contribution to the upgrade of the sand based Culm Valley Leisure Centre Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) within the next two to five years, which could include the provision of clubhouse facilities. Another possibility is the relocation of this AGP to a site within East Cullompton (to be provided before the Culm Valley Leisure Centre pitch is decommissioned). Further feasibility work and consultation with relevant stakeholders is required.</p>
Tennis	<p>A minimum of two floodlit tennis courts. Installation of SMART Gate Access Technology¹ would be required when new courts are built.</p>
Bowls	<p>No requirement identified although populations of this size do have bowling greens.</p>
Post 2033	<p>It is predicted that growth in demand post 2033 in East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village (based on an additional 2550 homes) may result in an approximate doubling of the pitch requirement set out above i.e. up to one additional cricket pitch, one additional rugby pitch, six football pitches (2 senior, 2 youth and 2 mini), two tennis courts and contributions towards 3G FTP</p>

¹ the installation of remote access systems which remove the requirement for on-site management and promote wide community use at new and existing courts

	and sand based AGP provision.
	<p>The need to maintain a balanced distribution of sports facilities across Cullompton as the East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village site develops is very important to the wellbeing of the town. Various options presented, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult football pitch through S106 in NW Cullompton – site already identified • The development, improvement and consolidation of facilities at Cullompton Community College, • Upgrading of facilities at CCA Fields

Appendix 5: Masterplanning – Eastern Urban Extension (Tiverton)

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS / TO MEET DEMAND GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN URBAN EXTENSION TIVERTON TO 2033	
Sport	Recommendations
Football	To plan for an area of 3 hectares (capable of accommodating a minimum of two adult and four youth/mini (11v11, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5) pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site
Football – 3G FTP	Contribution to off-site provision of a 3G FTP at other sites identified within the town. (The development itself will generate demand for 0.1 of a 3G FTP).
Cricket	Possible site for one new cricket pitch (part of the need for which (0.6 of a pitch – 5 wickets) arises from the development itself but which could be made larger to address the shortfall in the town). If not feasible within the EUE, off-site contribution to the provision of a new pitch elsewhere in the town. (Area of land required for a cricket pitch = c1.3 hectares.)
Rugby	The development is expected to generate demand for one rugby pitch. Contribution to off-site provision is recommended elsewhere, since one rugby pitch is not a sustainable level of provision and a minimum of three rugby pitches are required for a sustainable site. (Tiverton RFC requires an additional pitch to meet expected growth from within the club and demand generated elsewhere in the Tiverton Sub Area). (Area of land required for adult rugby pitch with run offs = 1.2 hectares).
Hockey	Contribution to improvements in maintenance and access to changing and toilets at Exe Valley Leisure Centre artificial grass pitch and resurfacing of AGP in next two to five years with a sand dressed surface.
Tennis	Three floodlit tennis courts. Installation of SMART Gate Access Technology would be required when new courts are built.

- 5.6 It should be noted that it is important to understand shortfalls in pitch provision, particularly in relation to the determination of planning proposals for the loss of playing pitches. Additionally, the PPS makes clear that access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision being required (i.e. the allocation of land for new pitches in a Local Plan). The PPS

identifies opportunities in each sub-area where there are opportunities that could address deficiencies. This could include securing community use of school playing pitches, or where there is room for accommodating additional pitches on an existing site.

- 5.7 The PPS includes a section with 'Site Action Plans' (see **Appendix 1** to this report). This includes recommended actions for the Tiverton sub-area; the Cullompton sub-area; and the Crediton sub-area. Each Action Plan sets out: options and recommended actions in relation to existing playing pitch facilities in each sub-area; identifies partners to deliver the action; a timescale (short term 1-3 years, medium term 3 – 8 years, longer term over 8 years); and a cost band (low – less than £50k, medium £50k – 250k, high £250k +).
- 5.8 The PPS recommends that a 'Delivery Group' is established to oversee the implementation of the strategy and to monitor progress towards the identified action points that it has recommended. This Delivery Group could be led by the Council and be based on the membership of the project Steering Group referred to in paragraph 2.3 of this report. There will be a need to consider how the Council can resource a Delivery Group in terms of the capacity of relevant officers, and what actions recommended in the Playing Pitch Strategy should be prioritised.
- 5.9 Officers are waiting for the consultant to provide the completed Stage B database (of supply and demand data) and finalised Stage C assessment of that supply and demand data.

6.0 Planning Policy Advisory Group

- 6.1 The Planning Policy Advisory Group (PPAG) was consulted on the final version of the Playing Pitch Strategy at its meeting on the 14th March 2022 and has endorsed the recommendations to the Cabinet. The PPAG reminds the Cabinet of its resolution made on the 28th September 2021 (minute 75) that officers investigate the need for a built sports facilities study and the merits for a Sports Supplementary Planning Document. While feasibility work is ongoing for a built sports facility study (e.g. swimming pools, athletics facilities, sports halls etc) it is understood this work could take up to 18 months to complete using a suitable consultant and subject to the capacity of the Forward Planning team to lead it. The work could help inform the preparation of Plan Mid Devon at its draft policies and site options stage and the subsequent draft plan. Officers intend to review SPD needs in connection with the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan at a future meeting of the PPAG so that prioritisation, resources and timing may be considered.

7.0 Next steps

- 7.1 Subject to Cabinet approval the updated Playing Pitch Strategy (**Appendix 1**) will be published on the Council's website, together with the Report of Consultation Responses and Analysis (**Appendix 2**) and Summary of Consultation Responses (**Appendix 3**).
- 7.2 Sport England's guidance outlines the Stage E delivery / implementation of the Playing Pitch Strategy. One of the PPS's recommendations is "establish a

Playing Pitch Strategy Delivery Group with membership of the current Steering Group and other key stakeholders, including main Secondary Schools and Blundell School representatives. To meet on a six monthly basis and progress, monitor and review the Priority Projects and Actions Plans.” Officers will investigate how this recommendation can be taken forward. This matter can be considered at a future meeting of the Council’s Development Delivery Advisory Group (DDAG).

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List of Background Papers and Links:

Appendix 1 Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy Main Strategy Document (January 2022) and Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plans (January 2022)

Appendix 2 Consultation Responses and Analysis February 2022

Appendix 3 Summary of Consultation Responses February 2022

Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance:

[pps-guidance-october-2013-updated.pdf](https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/pps-guidance-october-2013-updated.pdf) (sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com)

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-for-sport-guidance/>

Mid Devon Local Football Facilities Plan

<https://localplans.footballfoundation.org.uk/local-authorities-index/mid-devon/mid-devon-local-football-facility-plan/>

National Planning Policy Framework (July 2021)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf

Mid Devon District Playing Pitch Strategy

MAIN STRATEGY DOCUMENT

See Also: [SITE ACTION PLANS](#)

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 There is now a need for updated evidence and information specifically on the supply of and demand for playing pitches across the Mid Devon District area. Previous studies, including a 'Playing Fields Strategy for Mid Devon' (2010) and an 'Open Space and Play Area Strategy' (OSPAS) (2014) are now either out of date and/or do not align with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Guidance, produced in 2013.

1.2 This Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) will have a multi-functional role, being used across Council service areas and supporting the work of external organisations with an interest in playing pitch provision within Mid Devon. In particular it will:

- Become part of an evidence base which will be used to help inform future strategic plan-making for the district (including emerging masterplans for the Garden Village development to the east of Cullompton and the Eastern Urban Extension in Tiverton) (See Appendices 4 and 5).
- Provide evidence that can be used in the decision making process for the Council's determination of planning proposals.
- Be used by the Council to help inform the management of playing pitch assets for which it has responsibility.
- Be used by private and third sector providers of playing pitches, and support local sports clubs and organisations, in making bids for funding from a variety of sources to maintain and improve provision.

1.3 This PPS covers the sports of football, cricket, rugby and hockey and potentially other pitch sports such as lacrosse, stoolball and American football (no evidence of these has been found within Mid Devon). Consideration is given to the provision of all facilities that allow these sports to be played, such as artificial grass pitches (AGPs). This report also considers tennis and bowls.

1.4 The PPS has been informed through analysis of population forecasts to 2026 and to 2033, based on available demographic data and estimates of new housing through growth planned in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan. An additional allowance for accelerated growth beyond 2026 in the strategic development areas is introduced to "future-proof" pitch planning for the period to 2033 which may follow later local plan revisions.

1.5 The extent of the study area is the boundaries of Mid Devon District Council, an area of 353 square miles (914 km²), a largely rural area in the heart of Devon with a population of 81,700 (ONS midterm population estimates, 2018). It lies between Dartmoor, Exmoor and the Blackdown Hills and is one of the most sparsely populated local authorities in England and Wales. There are three main market towns within the district: Tiverton, the largest settlement at the centre of the district, Cullompton in the east of the district and Crediton to the west. While a high proportion of residents live outside these three main towns, each of these towns act as hubs for their individual sub-areas by providing a range of community sports facilities for the town and wider area.

1.6 The three sub-areas are based on those established by the 2010 Playing Pitch Strategy and reflect the catchment areas of the district's three main market towns. Some minor cross-boundary movements in terms of participants travelling from outside the district to use playing pitch facilities within Mid Devon have been identified, but these are not significant enough to require the study area to extend beyond the boundary of Mid Devon.

1.7 Sport England's PPS Guidance comprises five distinct stages. Stage A is the set-up phase and Stage B, the supply and demand information gathering phase. Stage C is the assessment and analysis of needs. Two documents from Stages B and C underpin the Strategy; they are:

Stage B: Mid Devon PPS Stage B Database

Stage C: Mid Devon PPS Stage C Needs Assessment Report
(supply, demand and analysis information on a sport by sport basis)

1.8 This stage - Stage D - brings together the key findings and issues from the three sub areas and comprise two documents: the Main Strategy (this document) and the Site Action Plans. Stage E will be focused on implementation, delivery and monitoring.

1.9 The Strategy looks forward to the facilities required over the next 12 years, to 2033. Because there have been great changes in the numbers of teams and pattern of play (particularly in football) since the last Playing Pitch Strategy produced in 2010, it seemed pragmatic to initially predict the number of teams which will be in operation up to 2026 as an interim date. The Needs Assessment documents set out in detail how the increase in team numbers has been derived. The Strategy will require continual monitoring once adopted (Stage E) to ensure it remains current and will require formal updating within three years (i.e. by 2024).

1.10 The Steering Group for the Strategy comprised officers (Forward Plans Lead, Senior Planning Officers) from, and the Leader of, Mid Devon District Council and representatives from Mid Devon Leisure, Devon County Council, Sport England, England RFU, the LTA, England Hockey, the Devon FA, the Football Foundation, Active Devon, the England & Wales Cricket Board and Devon Cricket.

1.11 The consultants would like to express their sincere thanks to the Steering Group and the many clubs, leagues and facility operators and managers who contributed to the study, particularly through the Covid-19 pandemic. We are particularly grateful to the many volunteers who run local pitch sport clubs and have given up their time to provide us with information and comment. In addition, consultation with the four Secondary Schools and Blundell's School in the district has identified a number of aspirations and proposals which are closely linked to the PPS and have been incorporated.

2 STRATEGY VISION AND THEMES

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (revised July 2021) requires that planning policy making and decision taking should consider the role of health and wellbeing in planning and has stringent policies around the protection of playing fields, the disposal of which can only be considered if robust evidence can be provided to support alternative, equal and replacement provision. Particularly since local authorities took on new public health responsibilities in 2013, an increasing range of statutory, corporate and planning documents, including DCMS, Sport England and National Governing Body (NGB) strategies reiterate the importance of creating healthy environments which can support and benefit people's wellbeing - not just physical but mental as well.

2.2 A variety of national policy documents set the scene for the Strategy in this report. These include: 'Sporting Future - A New Strategy for an Active Nation' (DCMS; 2015) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance (2018). Sport England's 'Planning for Sport Guidance' (2019) sets out 12 guiding principles under the three objectives of 'Protect, Enhance and Provide'. Its new 10 Year Strategy: 'Uniting the Movement' has five key themes including 'Positive experiences for children and young people'; 'Connecting with health and wellbeing' and 'Active Environments'. The various National Governing Body Strategies have many common themes around the sustainability of pitch sport provision and focusing on participation by women and girls and young people.

2.3 The Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plans will contribute to the Mid Devon Local Plan Review. They will also be aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2034 which focuses on sustainability across the four areas of Homes, Community, Environment and Economy.

Vision, Objectives and Themes

2.4 Within this framework, the Strategy is committed to an inclusive approach; ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background or situation, has the chance to be active and/or play sport in the way that is right for them.

2.5 The Vision for the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy is:

"To help guide the provision of playing pitch facilities in Mid Devon in relation to current and future needs to 2033, irrespective of ownership and operation, and to support the retention and enhancement of facilities that are appropriate, of high quality and which are sustainable. Provision should promote inclusivity, encourage sporting excellence and community development and cohesion and help to enhance physical and mental wellbeing."

2.6 Planned housing developments can help to deliver new and/or improved pitches through developer contributions such as S106 planning obligations, which the Needs Assessment supporting the Strategy will underpin. It is important that the Strategy is future-proofed and plans for all elements of growth and demand. Meeting demand through to 2033 will depend upon new and/or improved facilities being in the right place and designed appropriately and flexibly in order to be able to respond to changing patterns of participation.

2.7 The six key Objectives derive from Sport England’s 12 Planning for Sport Principles, as follows:

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| <i>Objective 1</i> | To proactively plan for and provide sufficient and appropriate high quality facilities and opportunities (enhanced and new) to meet demand to 2033, wherever possible making the best use of facilities already available. |
| <i>Objective 2</i> | To protect existing provision and plan, manage and promote playing field sites to ensure they remain viable and sustainable and at the heart of community development. |
| <i>Objective 3</i> | To recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being. |
| <i>Objective 4</i> | To manage and maintain facilities in such a way as to ensure retention of players and attraction of new participants, particularly those still underrepresented in the pitch sports such as women, girls and people with disabilities. |
| <i>Objective 5</i> | To encourage and support education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities by engaging directly with them and creating a forum for discussion. |
| <i>Objective 6</i> | To create an ongoing management and delivery framework for people and organisations to work together to share skills, expertise, resources and facilities in implementing the Strategy. |

2.8 Developed from the above, there are a number of overarching themes (T1 – T8) which run across all sports and which are presented here, together with some cross-cutting, general action points. Further generic action points are presented in the accompanying document, Final Draft Site Action Plans (Section D).

T1 Protecting, maintaining and enhancing playing fields

A playing field is defined (in planning terms) as “the whole of a site which encompasses at least one playing pitch”. A playing pitch may have either a natural or artificial grass surface and is defined as “a delineated area which, together with any run-off area, is of 0.2 hectares or more, and which is used for association football, American football, rugby, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo.”

The current level of playing field provision, whether in public, private or educational ownership, should be protected where the strategy shows a clear need now or in the future.

In areas where there is sufficient playing field provision to meet future demand and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport, proposals for development should be considered in line with local planning policies and the National Planning Policy

Framework (NPPF) (para. 99; July 2021) and with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance (March, 2018).

Policy DM24 in the current Local Plan ('Protection of Local Green Space and recreational land/buildings') aims to protect open space, sport and recreational land or buildings from redevelopment and embodies the principles set out in the above guidance.

Any playing field site or sport facility that is not included in this PPS is purely an accidental omission. The lack of inclusion should not be indicative of the sports facility being surplus to requirements and any planning application that would result in the loss or prejudice the use of an omitted site would still be considered against paragraph 99 of the NPPF (July 2021) and relevant local planning policy.

General Action:

- To incorporate relevant policies within the Local Plan to protect pitches from redevelopment for alternative uses, unless it can be proven that the site(s) in question is/are 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 benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of current or former use (in line with the NPPF (para. 99; July 2021) and Sport England's Playing Field Policy and Guidance (March 2018; expected to be updated in 2021)).

T2 Encouraging and supporting education establishments to embrace secure community use of their pitch sport facilities

In Mid Devon, secondary schools hold a major part of the stock of playing field land. They are essential for the maintenance of football and hockey in particular and frequently provide essential overflow and back up facilities. There are aspirations for improvements and new provision at all four secondary schools and Blundell's School, and these facilities need to be at the heart of the evolving network of outdoor sports provision. In each of the main towns, the proximity/relationship of school sites to local authority provision can lead to a more integrated approach between indoor and outdoor facilities and schools, sports clubs and the Council, if planned and progressed in partnership.

Active Devon is actively involved with schools through such initiatives as the Active Schools Network in Mid Devon and is currently rolling out a number of initiatives to promote sport within schools following Covid-19. Various NGBs are also focusing on raising participation in schools, notably the FA through the 'Girls' Football School Partnerships' and the ECB's initiative to deliver a girls' secondary school programme.

It is accepted that there are difficulties regarding the security of and access to educational sites and that that schools often do not have the budgets to pay for appropriate upkeep and maintenance of pitches to maintain sufficient capacity for both school and community use. Sport England can provide advice on this (see www.sportengland.org/campaigns-and-our-work/use-our-school)

It is also essential that secure community use agreements are in place at all schools whose facilities are used by outside organisations and that these agreements are regularly monitored and updated.

General Action

- To review and clarify with Devon County Council policies for community use of school facilities and how secure community use agreements can be negotiated and adopted.
- To explore opportunities for additional access to school pitches which do not currently have community use, in order to increase participation and promote school to club links and alleviate any lack of spare capacity.
- To support investment in facilities to enhance capacity and enable community use on school sites (for example, through improvements to access and ancillary provision such as toilets and changing facilities).
- To ensure that secure community use agreements are in place at all schools with facilities that are currently in community use, providing security of tenure and appropriate pricing and access where possible for at least ten years to facilities on school sites. Existing agreements should be monitored on a regular basis.

T3 Ensuring that facilities are viable and sustainable

Maintaining viable playing fields, and thus protecting them, involves ensuring they are well used. Wherever possible, sites and ancillary facilities should be multi use with a range of activities – both winter and summer - on site (both formal sport and other activities) to enable all year-round use. Football sites should have sufficient area and flexibility to include a range of pitch sizes to accommodate growth in youth football. NGBs acknowledge the potential for the joint provision of community sports buildings which cater not only for more than one sport but for other uses as well (with, for example, more flexible changing accommodation, club/community rooms and kitchen/café facilities). Opportunities for the multi use of buildings should be explored wherever possible. There may also be opportunities for the co-location of facilities such as artificial grass pitches and tennis courts.

Maintaining viable sites, across all ownership and management arrangements, involves ensuring that facilities are well maintained and can be enhanced and upgraded when required. Pitches on public open space require careful management to avoid problems caused by public use such as litter, issues with dogs and damage to pitches.

T1 above, as well as including the protection of grass pitches, refers to 3G FTP and sand based artificial grass pitches which cater for mainly for football and hockey respectively. Adequate and appropriate consideration should be given to the long term viability of each type of facility if an alternative surface is provided which may impact on its use.

This Strategy also acknowledges the potential impact of installing different surfaces and maintenance regimes on climate change and environmental sustainability.

General Action:

- To explore the potential for the joint provision and dual use of multi pitch sports facilities wherever possible.
- To ensure that all new facilities are subject to full community use and appropriate business, management and usage plans, to include provision for maintenance and a robust sinking fund for future refurbishment and/or replacement.
- To actively explore new and innovative models to secure the viable long-term management of playing field facilities e.g. opportunities for multi-use of changing rooms and pavilions (such as workshops, small offices or playgroups).
- To recognise issues around shared grounds (i.e. cricket/rugby and cricket/football) and encourage liaison between clubs.
- At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).

T4 Ensuring the pitch sports and their facilities are fully inclusive

Playing pitch facilities should be an equitable resource – available and accessible to all, whatever their age, gender, level of ability or disability, level of inactivity or activity, or income. Football, cricket and rugby are still predominantly male sports, with less than 5% of teams in the Mid Devon area being registered as female. Hockey is more gender equitable with generally equal numbers of participants and teams.

Other under-represented groups include people from lower socio-economic groups, disabled people, people from particular ethnic groups and those with long-term health conditions. There is evidence that costs and programming can disproportionately hinder use by under-represented groups.

Better quality, dedicated changing, shower and pavilion facilities and measures to enhance the safety and attractiveness of playing field sites – proper paths, good quality grass, adequate lighting, windbreaks, shelters, seats – are all measures that will enhance their inclusivity. There also need to be age-appropriate sized facilities across the sports (notably in football).

General Action:

- To support the NGB's strategies and sports developments initiatives targeted at lower participant groups as set out in this Strategy.
- To ensure facilities are well designed and able to attract and accommodate all members of the community, with diverse needs and abilities.

T5 Supporting the voluntary sector

For the most part, the continuation of viable and sustainable community pitch sport sites will depend on the voluntary sector. Many club personnel stated that it is time consuming to administer clubs and teams and this is a contributory factor to the volunteer base contracting. It also costs a considerable amount at the start of each

season to set teams up and funds for this are dwindling, with sponsorship, not just for clubs, but for the leagues too, increasingly hard to find. Recruiting sufficient coaches and managers and umpires, particularly for youth teams is challenging. Moreover, a declining pool of volunteers is making it harder to maintain grounds to an acceptable standard.

Many grounds in the rural areas and smaller towns rely heavily on income from their club facilities to support their pitch based activities (e.g. end of season renovation works), and to help pay for their maintenance and the purchase of appropriate equipment.

How the voluntary sports sector and the income streams for clubs will be impacted in the long term by the Covid-19 pandemic is largely unknown. Research within the Strategy suggested that enthusiasm, commitment and demand is still strongly in evidence for the restarting of activities and the full effects may not become apparent until later seasons.

General Action:

- To provide support and encouragement where possible to the pitch sport voluntary sector e.g. through providing guidance information and financial support.
- To maintain liaison with and support parish councils over maintenance and protection of vulnerable and/or poorly maintained sites.
- To support clubs with management responsibilities to improve the pitches under their control by, for example, engaging with the Grounds Management Association Regional Pitch Advisor Programmes.

T6 Promoting the benefits of playing pitch sports to health and wellbeing

There is now widespread appreciation of the problems of obesity and poor health and mental well-being through a lack of exercise, and how the provision and use of sports pitches and associated facilities may link into wider health and community development agendas.

Playing fields are undoubtedly 'healthy places', operating at the interface between open space, recreational activity and sport. Their importance has been highlighted through the Covid-19 pandemic when so many regular sporting activities have been severely curtailed and on return to a more 'normal' situation, it will be important to ensure that they provide facilities for as many people within the community as possible and reflect the interests and aspirations of the areas in which they are located.

We need to consider playing pitch facilities in the round and their impact on biodiversity and climate change too. Although artificial grass pitches may provide a more viable, all year round surface, they may contribute to biodiversity loss and require compensatory planting. Outdoor activity spaces are often windswept and uninviting; however soft planting and trees (also acting as windbreaks and shelters) can make them more welcoming for all the community, whilst enhancing biodiversity.

General Action:

- To promote opportunities for people to engage in pitch sports through targeted events, activities and promotions.

- To ensure links between the Playing Pitch Strategy and any Health and Wellbeing Strategies are highlighted and further developed.
- To ensure planning policy promotes fit for purpose and well-designed provision which integrates with wider opportunities for people to lead active lifestyles.

T7 Promoting increased participation and realising club development aspirations

The overall aim of the actions proposed through this Playing Pitch Strategy are to increase active participation in the pitch sports and improve the standard of play. To this end, Mid Devon District Council will work closely with the NGBs, Sport England and other members of the Steering Group on a range of initiatives, in line with their national strategies.

Initiatives specific to different sports are dealt with under the relevant sport sections below. However, there are a number of actions which cover all sports. The first priority is to support clubs as we come out of the pandemic and to assist with the effective recovery of club structures and return to play, to ensure a sustainable delivery model for local sport.

General Action:

- To encourage clubs to attain Club Mark accreditation awards or similarly recognised NGB accreditation e.g. FA Charter Standard.
- To support clubs with funding from relevant external sources such as Sport England, the Football Foundation, etc. or to identify and allocate other sources including S106 funding.
- To support structured coach education programmes to develop volunteer skills and expertise to develop club structures, regulate activity and increase active participation.
- To support Active Devon and NGBs with the development of local sport, by establishing formal school / club links and engaging in with local community coaches.

T8 Facilitating Delivery

Section 9 sets out the process for creating an ongoing management and delivery framework for people and organisations to work together to share skills, expertise, resources and facilities in implementing the Strategy. It will be particularly important to ensure annual monitoring deals with the uncertainties associated with coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic and reflects key trends and changes.

One of the main outputs from this strategy will be to bring together key partners in the delivery of playing fields and to ensure that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and effectively aligned to maximise the value of assets to the community.

General Action:

- To set up a Strategy Delivery Group, based on the membership of the PPS Steering Group, with other key stakeholders as and when required. If possible, it should meet at a minimum of six monthly intervals after the Strategy is adopted to monitor progress and continue to implement schemes.

3 SPORT SPECIFIC PRIORITIES: FOOTBALL

3.1 Although population growth will influence demand, longer term trends in participation will have the most significant impact on demand for football pitches. Demand from both mini soccer and youth football appears buoyant and more girls are recorded as playing. Despite Covid-19, the main Saturday adult league in Mid Devon - the Devon and Exeter League - reports that in net terms their league expanded by six teams during 2020/21. However, there does appear to be a longer term trend of decline in the number of male adult 11v11 players generally and several clubs in Mid Devon referred to a drop off in the older teenage age groups.

3.2 The FA is focusing on:

- creating more female adult and youth teams, disability teams and youth male teams. This has implications for the provision of accessible, safe and gender appropriate changing and toilet facilities.
- creating more sustainable environments for football and more diverse playing opportunities. This may see support for the development of co-funding and joint location of facilities with other sports and activities.
- promoting formats which require less commitment and organisation, less people and/or less physical exertion, such as Walking Football, futsal etc.

3.3 If the growth in youth and mini football continues, the existing stock of 5v5, 7v7 and 9v9 pitches will need to be retained and wherever possible be located on secure sites which have the capacity to accommodate changes in pitch sizes and/or alignments. Some rest and recovery should be built into the pitch stock to give time for management and husbandry of the resource.

3.4 When allocating providing land pitches in the future, the preference is for allocating an area which can accommodate a range of pitch sizes rather than stipulating whether pitches should be adult, youth or mini size. Precise requirements, especially for youth pitches which vary in size from 0.4 to 0.7 hectares, will change over time as children move up through the age ranges (See Appendix 6 for Pitch Dimensions). An area of land is better suited to future proofing by providing flexibility for pitch provision and giving the opportunity for additional sports to be incorporated.

TIVERTON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

3.5 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

FOOTBALL/TIVERTON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 61 teams in total in the sub area. The premier clubs are Tiverton Town FC & Elmore AFC. Due to shortage of multi pitch sites several clubs play across more than one site e.g. in Tiverton: Twyford Spartans YFC: 13 teams (three sites); Moors Youth: 16 teams (three sites); Elmore AFC (three sites). Six youth & two adult teams from Tiverton play outside the town. Amory Park is an important football site within the town. Growth in youth football is restricted due to lack of pitches. Peak time for play is Saturday (youth – am), (adult – pm). School pitches make a critical contribution: 50% of youth & mini teams from Tiverton play on pitches at Tiverton High School (one adult pitch, two youth and three mini pitches). There are secure community use agreements in place. Outside Tiverton there is very little spare capacity; main sites at Sampford Peverell and Uffculme (Magelake Meadows) are approaching overuse. The majority of pitches are rated as standard/poor, with some pitch quality issues concerning pitch maintenance and drainage at a number of rural grounds. 	
CURRENT SHORTFALL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accommodate all Tiverton based teams within the town would require a minimum of an additional one adult and two youth (one 11v11, one 9v9) pitches. Although the six (one adult, two youth and three mini) pitches at Tiverton High School have community use agreements, redevelopment of the school campus will require replacement facilities (both in the short and longer term). Youth football clubs such as Culm and Sampford Utd ideally need one flexible site allowing a range of pitch sizes. Outside Tiverton, two youth 11v11 pitches are required in the Sampford Peverell/Uffculme area to meet the needs of Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC (involves two sub areas). 	
FUTURE REQUIREMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is estimated that up to 18 new teams could form – five adult, eight youth and five mini (making 79 teams in total). These would require access to two adult, three youth and two mini pitches across the sub area in addition to that required to overcome existing shortfalls. <u>Within this</u>, the Eastern Urban Extension in Tiverton will generate demand for two adult pitches, two youth pitches (one 11v11 and one 9v9) and two mini pitches (one 7v7 and one 5v5). An additional youth 11v11 and two mini 7v7 pitches may be required across the remainder of the Sub Area (i.e. outside Tiverton itself). 	

Addressing the shortfall

3.6 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing the deficiencies and issues identified include:

TIVERTON TOWN: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Grounds where football pitches previously existed, could be reinstated or put in.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional youth or adult pitch could be marked out at Amory Park if current pitches were realigned. There is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the College campus on Bolham Road. It is no longer marked out as playing

TIVERTON TOWN: OPPORTUNITIES	
	<p>pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. This site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches.</p>
Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a youth pitch at Heathcoat Primary School where community use may be possible. Provision of new pitches as part of Tiverton High School redevelopment. (If like-for-like replacement this would involve one adult, two youth and three mini pitches but there may be scope for additional pitches). Securing access to winter sports pitches at Blundell's School. The school is currently considering reorganization of pitches and undertaking improvements. The School has expressed a desire to develop greater community use of its facilities and the potential of its pitches to meet existing and future shortfalls in Tiverton should be further explored.
Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moorhayes Community Centre: two mini pitches here which are of poor quality; improvements may bring these back into use for mini soccer (they have been used in the past by Moors Youth FC).
Accommodating matchplay on 3G FTPs. (See 3G FTP Provision below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In replacement terms, a 3G FTP is equivalent to one grass pitch. The technical specification of a 3G FTP means that it can accommodate year-round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and/or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.
Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No spare capacity at present within Tiverton town itself.
Changes to supply through new housing development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Urban Extension: The population from this housing growth area is expected to generate demand for two adult, two youth (11v11 and 9v9) and two mini (7v7 and 5v5) pitches, as a potential football hub site (see Appendix 5). In order to provide a flexible, sustainable site which could accommodate a variety of pitch sizes and sports, a site of 3 hectares is recommended, which includes provision of a clubhouse/changing facilities.
Other Opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation of Elmore AFC: There is currently a proposal for the adult pitch at Horsdon Park to be redeveloped and club to be relocated to 14 acre site adjacent to the north side of the A361. Potential for three adult, four mini and a youth 9v9 pitch.
Forthcoming changes to supply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary loss of six football pitches as part of Tiverton High School redevelopment. Important to maintain continuity of play both for students and for community use teams.
REST OF TIVERTON SUB AREA: OPPORTUNITIES	
Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is predicted that future demand for adult teams (four) in the rest of the sub area could mostly be accommodated on existing pitches (at Happy Meadow, Bickleigh; Silverton Recreation Ground, Thorverton Recreation Ground and Uplowman Recreation Ground).
New provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two additional youth 11v11 pitches required for Culm and Sampford Utd YFC; no sites identified (either here or in Cullompton Sub Area).

CULLOMPTON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

3.7 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

FOOTBALL/CULLOMPTON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 35 teams in total in sub area. The premier clubs are Willand Rovers FC (one pitch at Silver Street) and Cullompton AFC (with the use of four pitches at CCA Fields). The other main pitch site is at Magelake Meadows, Uffculme, where there are two adult pitches (and a sand based MUGA). There is very little spare capacity within Cullompton town itself: the pitches at CCA Fields have a little outside peak time. The pitch at Cullompton Community College is overused due to its poor capacity. A similar low spare capacity exists across the Sub Area – possibly one adult and one youth team could be accommodated at peak time in the sub area (at Longmead Field, Hemyock and possibly Keynsham Football Field, Bradninch) There are very few youth pitches – only two within Cullompton itself (both on education land), three in Uffculme (on education land) and one in Bradninch. As in the Tiverton Sub Area, there are pitch quality issues at many rural sites. 	
CURRENT SHORTFALL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional pitch is required within Cullompton Town to accommodate youth football (youth 11v11). Youth football clubs such as Culm and Sampford Utd ideally need one flexible site allowing a range of pitch sizes. Outside Tiverton, two youth 11v11 pitches are required in the Sampford Peverell/Uffculme area to meet the needs of Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC (involves two sub areas). 	
FUTURE REQUIREMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is estimated that up to 22 new teams could form – six adult, nine youth & six mini (making 47 teams in total). These would require access to at least three adult, four youth and two to three mini pitches across the sub area. Within this, Culm Garden Village would generate demand for three adult, two youth (11v11 and 9v9) and two (7v7 and 5v5) mini pitches as a minimum requirement. This leaves one adult, two youth 11v11 and one mini pitch required to serve Cullompton and the remainder of the sub area. Willand Rovers FC has expressed the need for a youth pitch (11v11) to enable it to field youth teams in the future (could be met within above). 	

Addressing the shortfall

3.8 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified include:

CULLOMPTON TOWN: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Grounds where football pitches previously existed, could be reinstated or put in.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None identified.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be pitch/es as part of the new primary school in North West Cullompton. Community use agreement to be

	<p>sought. This will help meet need for additional youth provision in Cullompton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willowbank Primary off-site playing field already used by youth football club – no additional capacity. Cullompton Community College (see below) .
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of the pitch at Meadow Lane (Cullompton Community College) will improve playing experience all year round but not provide further peak time slots.
<i>Accommodating matchplay on 3G FTPs. (See 3G FTP Provision below)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In replacement terms, a 3G FTP is equivalent to one grass pitch. The technical specification of a 3G FTP means that it can accommodate year round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and/or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.
<i>Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No sites identified.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North West Cullompton: an adult pitch is being provided through Section 106. (This will lie adjacent to the primary school, which will have its own pitch provision). This will meet need for additional adult pitch in Cullompton and its Sub Area.
<i>Other Requirements.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More pitches required for growth in Culm Valley Youth FC (possibly at new primary school in North West Cullompton). Willand FC pitch at Silver Street is overplayed - access to an additional pitch(es) required to develop youth and ladies teams and for training.
<i>Other Opportunities.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The upgrading of the pitches at CCA Fields (as a result of the Relief Road) may result in increased capacity for youth teams but may affect availability for adult play. It is understood that the two adult pitches on CCA Fields land are being replaced by two large youth pitches. It is recommended that the situation be reappraised once these pitches are provided, and patterns of play established.
REST OF CULLOMPTON SUB AREA: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare capacity at Longmead, Hemyock (for one adult and one youth team) and room for another youth pitch.
<i>New provision.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC ideally require one site. 12 teams split for matchplay between Sampford Peverell Recreation Ground (in the Tiverton Sub Area) and Magelake Meadows (in the Cullompton Sub Area). At least another two youth pitches are required in addition to those already used.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of the pitches at Magelake Meadow to create better conditions. Floodlighting of one pitch would give scope for midweek play. However, whilst this might add additional capacity it would need to be self funded and have a strong business plan.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be some primary schools where usage of a small number of youth and mini pitches could be obtained, but none with enough space to accommodate a range of sizes/age groups.

<p><i>Changes to supply through new housing development.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culm Garden Village: The population from the East Cullompton housing growth area to 2033 is expected to generate demand for three adult, two youth and two mini pitches as a minimum, which should be accommodated within a community hub pitch site (see Appendix 5). • In order to provide a flexible, sustainable site which could accommodate a variety of pitch sizes and sports, a site of four hectares is recommended, which includes provision of a clubhouse/changing facilities. • Additional demand will be generated for pitches to serve the Garden Village beyond 2033.
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CREDITON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

3.9 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

FOOTBALL/CREDITON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 36 teams in total in sub area. The main club is Crediton AFC, playing on its own stadia pitch at Lord's Meadow. • There are a further one adult, two youth and two mini pitches operated by Mid Devon Leisure at Lord's Meadow, making in the main football site in the Sub Area. Crediton Utd Youth FC run 16 teams here. • Crediton AFC's pitch and the youth/mini pitches at Lord's Meadow are poorly drained and matches are subject to many postponements. There is a lack of ancillary facilities for youth teams here. • The pitches at Lord's Meadow are overused. There is no spare capacity to accommodate growth in Ladies, youth and U18 teams. • Outside the town, there are seven rural grounds, of varying quality. Copplestone Youth FC play seven teams across four sites in adjacent villages; its main site in Copplestone is of poor quality and lacks changing facilities and toilets. • There is little spare capacity to absorb growth across the wider sub area.
CURRENT SHORTFALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch are required within Crediton to meet the existing needs of Crediton AFC (the adult pitch is required to support formation of an U18 team)
FUTURE REQUIREMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is estimated that up to 12 new teams could form – four adult, five youth & three mini (making 48 in total). These would require access to at least two adult, three youth and two mini pitches across the sub area. • At least one adult and one youth pitch is required in Crediton (in addition to those required to meet current shortfalls, making two adult and two youth pitches required in the town in total). • A further one adult, two youth (11v11 and 9v9) and two mini (7v7 and 5v5) pitches are likely to be required across the remainder of the sub area. The two youth pitches will be required to meet growth from Copplestone Utd Youth FC.

Addressing the shortfall

3.10 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified include:

CREDITON TOWN: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Grounds where football pitches previously existed, could be reinstated or put in.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crediton Utd Youth FC are developing the bottom unused part of the pitches at Lords Meadow playing fields to provide additional pitches (2 youth/1 adult?).
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen Elizabeth's School proposals may be relevant here.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of the pitches at Lords Meadow. Sorting out the issue of access to toilets and changing for youth players at Lord's Meadow/Crediton AFC. Not cost effective for additional building; possible extension to existing building?
<i>Accommodating matchplay on 3G FTPs. (See 3G FTP Provision below)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In replacement terms, a 3G FTP is equivalent to one grass pitch. The technical specification of a 3G FTP means that it can accommodate year round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and/or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.
<i>Encouraging teams to play where spare capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pitches identified.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedlerspool development includes provision for rugby pitches (see below) but no other pitches identified.
REST OF CREDITON SUB AREA: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Grounds where football pitches previously existed, could be reinstated or put in.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space for another adult pitch at Burston Meadow Bow if required; other requirements will depend on growth in individual clubs.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving quality at David Pullen Field, Copplestone plus changing facilities/clubhouse here to form base for youth football club (plays here and at Morchard Bishop, Burston Meadow Bow & Yeoford.) Another two pitches required. Other ground quality improvements e.g. at Yeoford Rec Ground.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be some primary schools where usage of a small number of youth and mini pitches could be obtained, but none with enough space to accommodate a range of sizes/age groups.

3G FOOTBALL TURF PITCHES

Current and future pitch situation

3.11 There is no full size floodlit 3G FTP in the district and the lack of such provision has been highlighted for many years. For training, football teams currently use one of the following:

- full size floodlit sand based AGPs at Exe Valley Leisure Centre, Tiverton and Culm Valley Leisure Centre, Cullompton (both of which are dual use facilities run by Mid Devon Leisure Centre)
- two x full size floodlit sand based AGPs at Blundell's School in Tiverton.
- the two thirds size sand based floodlit surface at Lord's Meadow.

- smaller tarmac and sand based surfaces e.g. Longmead Recreation Ground, Hemyock & Sampford Peverell Playing Field.

3.12 The lack of 3G FTP provision in Mid Devon has been highlighted for many years. Analysis of current usage of sand based AGPs for training by football teams, aspirations of teams to use 3G FTPs for training and matchplay (cost dependent) and future growth in the number of teams broadly supports the FA's own methodology for assessing demand and the findings of the Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon (Nov. 2020).

3.13 Technology for improving/replacing existing natural turf pitches with hybrid grass pitches is constantly evolving but has only been implemented at professional clubs so far. Moreover, research suggests that the shortfall in provision for both training and matchplay is such that many grass pitches would have to be improved in this way for a significant increase in capacity. Therefore the Strategy does not suggest any site where hybrid grass pitches could be trialled but it is recommended that a watching brief be kept on the technology as it evolves.

Addressing the shortfall

Assessing Demand for 3G FTPs

3.14 There are many factors to bear in mind when assessing demand for 3G FTPs. These include:

- The provision of new smaller artificial grass surfaces (and sports halls) provided in the surrounding areas impacts on the usage of full-size facilities (e.g. at Zeal Monachorum and Hemyock as above).
- The transfer of football teams from sand based AGPs to new 3G FTPs may be expected to affect the usage and viability of the former. However, the extent of this is very difficult to predict and negative or positive outcomes for both football and hockey are hard to influence and/or manage. The strategy highlights the needs for safeguards to protect existing provision for specific sports.
- The pattern of bookings for football training is showing an increase in casual bookings.
- Further sports development initiatives or alternative forms of football (e.g. small sided games and walking football) is expected to increase demand for 3G FTPs.

3.15 As a starting point, the FA recommends a ratio of 38 football teams per pitch for training purposes and on this basis, the equivalent of 3.5 3G FTPs are required across the Mid Devon area to meet current demand. (The Mid Devon LFFP identified the need for three 3G FTPs for training in Mid Devon).

3.16 The analysis carried out for the Strategy has used this as a basis with further assessment carried around current training patterns, access to facilities and cost. Providing prices are reasonable and competitive, football clubs currently training either on their pitches or on the above sand based AGPs may move to 3G FTPs. Currently, it appears that around 80 teams are using the full size sand based AGPs in the area and a further 10 are using smaller MUGAs or indoor halls for training. This is out of 132 teams overall. This leaves around 40 teams which appear not to training anywhere other than their pitch – how many of these would use new 3G FTPs is also open to question. The large majority of clubs

have expressed a desire for access to 3G FTPs to satisfy at least some of their training needs; relevant considerations include the availability of convenient time slots, pricing and location.

3.17 In assessing priorities for 3G FTPs for training the following is noted (number of teams currently per area): 61 teams in Tiverton; 35 teams in Cullompton and 36 teams in the Crediton sub areas.

3.18 The following is noted:

- There are several potential/proposed sites for 3G FTPs in Tiverton including Amory Park, Tiverton High School and Blundell's School.
- The options for a 3G FTP in Cullompton are primarily at Cullompton Community College or within East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village. At Cullompton Community College, there are two possible locations: either Meadow Lane Playing Field (replacement of grass pitches) or replacement of the sand based AGP on the College campus, subject to a replacement sand based AGP being provided, probably within East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village. Alternatively, the sand based AGP at Cullompton Community College to remain, and a 3G FTP be provided within East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village.
- Within Crediton, a number of potential sites exist, including Crediton AFC's ground (replacement for grass pitch there) or the Lord's Meadow artificial grass surface (replacement for two/three full size sand based surface and four tennis courts). Queen Elizabeth's School also has proposals for sand based and 3G FTP provision under its rationalization plans.

3.19 The Strategy can only help with the assessment by identifying possible sites (see individual Site Action Plans). Further guidance from the LA on potential sites is required before priorities can be identified as any project will need funding support. The main drivers for the provision of such facilities when need has been identified will be the business case and partnership funding, such as through s106 or CIL. For example, there are both positives and negatives regarding locating such facilities on school sites - school sites have daytime usage but there will be other considerations. Existing sites with ancillary facilities already in place may also have advantages.

3.20 It is estimated that around a minimum of an additional 40 or so teams would form across the District to 2033 requiring the addition of another full size 3G FTP i.e. the equivalent of 4.5 in total throughout the Mid Devon area. The SE Playing Pitch Calculator estimates the equivalent of 4.6 3G FTPs would be required i.e. one additional pitch. However, as the pattern of play is likely to change so much after the first 3G FTPs are installed, the situation should be reviewed after that time.

3.21 As referred to elsewhere in the Strategy, hockey and football require different artificial grass surfaces (sand based and 3G FTPs respectively). When a sand based [and water based] surface of existing AGPs is converted to a 3G FTP surface, this can be of detriment to existing hockey users of an AGP as a 3G surface is not suitable for competitive

club hockey. Planning permission is not required to change the carpet. (Likewise, although of rarer occurrence, changing a 3G FTP to a sand based carpet, will mean that football match play can no longer take place.) Moreover, the provision of a new 3G FTP in close proximity to a sand based AGP can affect the viability of the latter if football clubs currently training on the sand based AGP transfer to the new 3G FTP facility.

3.22 The strategy proposes a number of safeguards to protect existing surfaces and to ensure that the viability and sustainability of all types of surface is maintained.

Table 3.1: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOTBALL PITCHES

	CURRENT SHORTFALL	FUTURE REQUIREMENTS to 2033 (IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SHORTFALL)	NOTES
Tiverton Sub Area			
Tiverton Town	One adult and two youth (11v11 & 9v9) pitches *	As per EUE below	*Providing pitches at Tiverton High School remain in secure community use.
Eastern Urban Extension		Site of three hectares capable of accommodating a minimum of two adult and four youth/mini (11v11, 9v9, 7v7 & 5v5) pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site	
Remainder of Tiverton Sub Area	Two youth (11v11) pitches in Sampford Peverell area	One youth (11v11) and two mini (7v7) pitches	
Cullompton Sub Area			
Cullompton Town	One youth pitch	One adult*	*Could be met by new pitch in NW Cullompton
East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village		Site of four hectares capable of accommodating a minimum of three adult and four youth/mini (11v11, 9v9, 7v7 & 5v5) pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site	
Remainder of Cullompton Sub Area		Two youth (11v11) and one mini (9v9) pitch	
Crediton Sub Area			
Crediton Town	One adult & one youth pitch*	One adult & one youth (11v11) pitch	*To meet existing needs of Crediton Youth FC
Remainder of Crediton Sub Area		One adult, two youth (11v11 & 9v9) and two mini (7v7 and 5v5) pitches	

	CURRENT SHORTFALL	FUTURE REQUIREMENTS to 2033 (IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SHORTFALL)	NOTES
3G FTP Provision			
Tiverton	Equivalent of 1 x floodlit 3G FTP	1 x 3G FTP within the District, depending on provision to meet current shortfall.	Location to be further assessed. Priority is for shortfall in Tiverton to be addressed.
Cullompton	Equivalent of 1 x floodlit 3G FTP		
Crediton	Equivalent of 1 x floodlit 3G FTP		

PRIORITIES FOR FOOTBALL

3.23 The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plans:

Table 3.2: PRIORITIES FOR FOOTBALL

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Tiverton Sub Area		
Tiverton	Provision of full size floodlit 3G FTP in Tiverton.	Further feasibility work required regarding; planning, management, maintenance, access, floodplain, partnership funding, delivery timetable. Potential sites include: Tiverton High School (THS), Amory Park, site within the Eastern Urban Extension and Blundell's School.
Eastern Urban Extension, Tiverton	Football provision as part of pitch sport hub site .	Bringing forward a grass pitch hub site of three hectares to accommodate a range of pitch sizes.
Amory Park, Tiverton	Enhancement of Amory Park.	Priority site for football in Tiverton. Recent improvements to grass pitches and proposed enhancement of changing pavilion/kitchen facilities. Review potential for clubs entering management agreement with MDDC over use and maintenance of pitches. Potential site for 3G FTP.
Tiverton	Investment in existing sites to increase capacity.	Sites include: Amory Park (pitches realigned to create new pitch) and Moorhayes (improvements to maintenance regime for mini pitches).
Cullompton Sub Area		
CCA Fields, Cullompton	Fulfilment of specifications for replacement pitch provision.	Ensuring that replacement adult and youth pitches being provided at CCA Fields as part of the relief road development are of specified good quality (to recognised Grounds Maintenance Standards), with access to changing facilities as required and appropriately managed.
Meadow Lane Playing Field, Cullompton Community College	Investment into pitch quality and new changing (opportunities for multi sport funding / partnership?)	Range of options to support development of hub site for football, rugby and/or cricket. Provision of changing/pavilion facilities which could meet potentially meet need for clubhouse for hockey? Potential location for 3G FTP in longer term. Further bespoke feasibility work required.

LOCATION	PROJECT	NOTES
Culm Garden Village	Football provision as part of pitch sport hub site.	Bringing forward a grass pitch hub site of four hectares to accommodate a range of pitch sizes. Potential location for 3G FTP in longer term, once football activity established (possible sites include the either the community hub site or a new school site).
North West Cullompton	New grass football pitch.	Being provided through S106. Desire for integration with adjacent Primary School pitches and changing facilities in nearby proposed new community centre.
Various	Improvement of pitches/greater capacity/new pitches.	Various sites identified including Magelake Meadows, Uffculme (to help Culm & Sampford Utd Youth).
Crediton Sub Area		
Lords Meadow	Changing provision for Crediton Youth FC.	Recommend improved access to Crediton AFC's facilities at Lords Meadow for use by Crediton Youth AFC. Extension/upgrade if required.
Various	Proposed rationalization of Queen Elizabeth School campus.	Proposals for rationalisation of QES campus and facilities and disposal of playing pitch land, with replacement provision planned (including AGPs). Ensure that policies to protect pitches are in place to ensure all pitches are replaced on equivalent or improved basis (one pitch lost equals one pitch replaced).
Crediton	3G FTP provision.	Keep watching brief on possibilities for 3G FTP provision.
David Pullen Recreation Field, Copplestone.	Changing facilities.	No facilities on site. Provision of changing facilities/small clubhouse as base for Copplestone Youth FC.
General		
Multi pitch sport sites.	In new sites, to develop flexible multi pitch and multi sport layouts with opportunities for joint provision and shared use of ancillary facilities. When allocating providing land pitches in the future, the preference is for allocating an area which can accommodate a range of pitch sizes rather than stipulating whether pitches should be adult, youth or mini size. This approach is better suited to future proofing by providing flexibility for pitch provision and giving the opportunity for additional sports to be incorporated.	
Improving pitch quality.	Supporting improvements to pitch quality (through improved maintenance and/or drainage).	

4 SPORT SPECIFIC PRIORITIES: CRICKET

4.1 The main characteristics of future demand for cricket in Mid Devon are likely to be a buoyant youth sector, and stable adult teams. There are some very strong, well established and managed clubs with very good quality grounds, which need to be maintained and supported to ensure the current level of activity continues. There is also vibrant midweek activity associated with several grounds e.g. Newton St Cyres and Cheriton Fitzpaine. However, there is very little spare capacity to accommodate growth, particularly at those clubs serving the main towns.

4.2 ‘Inspiring Generations’ is the game-wide five-year strategic plan to grow cricket in England and Wales from 2020-24. This focuses on engaging children and young people through All Stars and Dynamos, on transforming women’s and girls’ cricket, principally through investing in participation and facilities, and in making the game more accessible through installing non turf wickets.

4.3 The Guidance prepared by the ECB for the Playing Pitch Strategy states: ‘The supply assessment for cricket is fundamentally different from the other natural grass pitch sports in that it focuses on wickets in addition to pitches. For example, it is common for one cricket pitch to accommodate up to 15 wickets (or strips), which may include a non-turf wicket (NTW). Different wickets will be used to accommodate different matches. Therefore, along with the total number of pitches on a site the total number of wickets per pitch needs to be recorded.’ The Sport England Pitch Facilities Calculator which has been used in the assessments equates one cricket pitch to eight wickets.

TIVERTON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

4.4 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

CRICKET/TIVERTON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY

- There are six clubs in the Sub Area fielding 20 adult and 14 youth teams. The last three years have seen an increase in youth teams, with numbers of adult teams staying stable.
- Across the sub area there are eight sites with 54 wickets in total. In addition two cricket pitches are recorded which are no longer in use (Bickleigh & Upplowman). There is one non turf wicket – at Morebath cricket ground.
- There are also six cricket pitches at Blundell’s School in Tiverton which do not have regular community use (but sometimes used for development work).
- Poor quality changing facilities were recorded at Thorverton & Cheriton Fitzpaine CCs.
- Match Equivalent (ME) sessions played exceed theoretical capacity across the sub area. Cheriton Fitzpaine and Heathcoat Cricket Ground are both assessed as being overplayed. Sampford Peverell & Tiverton CC and Thorverton CC are both considered to be operating at a sustainable level.
- There is no spare capacity for growth in Saturday cricket in the sub area and little room for expansion. Spare capacity only exists at the more rural grounds (Stoodleigh and Morebath cricket grounds).

CURRENT SHORTFALL

- To the extent that Sampford Peverell and Heathcoat cricket grounds are technically overplayed, demand that is not catered for is equivalent to c8 wickets (one pitch).

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

- It is estimated that up to eight new cricket teams will form, requiring a minimum of 1.2 pitches (10 wickets) predominantly to meet existing demand and growth within Tiverton itself.
- Within this 0.6 of a pitch (five wickets) will be required to meet demand generated by Eastern Urban extension/Blundell's in Tiverton).
- Due to the extent of overplay in Tiverton itself and the lack of opportunity to address this through expanding capacity at any existing, accessible grounds it is recommended that the minimum requirement for Tiverton going forward is access to an additional cricket pitch within the town. An additional pitch may be required in the future in the sub area.

Addressing the shortfall

4.5 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified include:

TIVERTON TOWN: OPPORTUNITIES

<i>Grounds where cricket pitches have existed before & could be reinstated.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the College campus on Bolham Road. It is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. This site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. • Reinstatement of cricket ground at Happy Meadow, Bickleigh, (but not ideally convenient for Tiverton).
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The six high quality cricket grounds at Blundell's School have not been included in the assessment, as they do not have regular secure community use. Blundell's is redeveloping/reorganizing its campus and there is potential for greater community use of at least one of its pitches.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	No sites identified.
<i>Provision of Non Turf Wickets.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A NTW within the reconfigured Tiverton High School Site. However access to and maintenance of cricket facilities on school sites presents challenges for regular community use.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand for 0.6 of a pitch – five wickets - will arise from the EUE development and a larger pitch could also address the shortfall in the town. If not feasible within the EUE, off-site contribution to the provision of a new pitch elsewhere in the town.
<i>Other opportunities/changes to supply.</i>	None identified.

REST OF TIVERTON SUB AREA: OPPORTUNITIES

<i>Encouraging new teams to play on pitches where there is currently spare capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a little spare capacity at some grounds in the wider sub area (e.g. at Stoodleigh, Morebath and Butterleigh) but these grounds will not be able to address any growth in the clubs/demand from Tiverton, Sampford Peverell and Thorverton.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement/enlargement of changing facilities e.g. Thorverton CC but will not influence capacity for matchplay.
<i>Increasing capacity of existing grounds by providing more wickets.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of increasing numbers of wickets at some rural grounds.

CULLOMPTON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

4.6 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

CRICKET/CULLOMPTON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are five clubs in the Sub Area, fielding 16 adult and 14 youth teams. Across the Sub Area there are five grounds with 34 wickets in total. Three of the grounds have artificial wickets. There is also a non turf wicket at Uffculme Academy and a disused poor quality artificial strip at Cullompton Community College (Meadow Lane). Match equivalent sessions exceed theoretical capacity across the sub area by about 20 matches. Cullompton CC's ground has nine wickets and is slightly overplayed; there is no spare capacity for Saturday cricket and no room to enlarge the square. There is no spare capacity at any grounds in the wider sub area: Culmstock, Bradninch and Kentisbeare are operating at a sustainable level. Although Hemyock CC only runs one team, the pitch is poor and is therefore classified as overplayed.
CURRENT SITUATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent of overplay suggests that an additional four wickets are required to meet current demand, principally to meet shortfall for Cullompton CC.
FUTURE REQUIREMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is estimated that between ten and 12 new cricket teams could form across sub area – requiring a minimum of 1.7 pitches (approx. 14 wickets) (up to two new pitches) Within this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One pitch (eight wickets) required to meet the demand generated by the East Cullompton housing growth area to 2033. Additional demand will be generated for cricket facilities to serve the Garden Village beyond 2033. Two wickets required to meet future demand from growth in Cullompton itself Four wickets required to meet demand across the wider sub area

Addressing the shortfall

4.7 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified include:

CULLOMPTON TOWN: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Grounds where cricket pitches have existed before & could be reinstated.</i>	None identified.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	Cullompton Community College (see below).
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	None identified.
<i>Provision of Non Turf Wickets (NTWs).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of a NTW at Cullompton CC's new site (to replace the NTW at the old ground) will also provide additional capacity. The NTW at Meadow Lane (Cullompton Community College) also requires replacement. (The College will not be able to use Cullompton CC's facilities once the club moves). This could meet additional demand from housing growth in Cullompton (two wickets).

<i>Improvements to changing facilities.</i>	None identified.
<i>Other opportunities.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions from sites outside the local authority area: Cullompton CC intends to run its 3rd XI at Plymtree which lies in East Devon. Improving this pitch and providing on site facilities will help to meet wider shortfalls in the short term.
<i>Forthcoming changes to supply.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cullompton CC has nine wickets at present and is slightly overplayed. Adding on additional wickets (to total a minimum of 12 wickets) at its replacement ground may help to address this shortfall and accommodate short term sports development growth from within the club.
REST OF CULLOMPTON SUB AREA: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Increasing capacity of existing grounds by providing more wickets.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased demand is likely to be focused on existing clubs. A minimum of half a pitch (four wickets) is predicted as being required in the wider area. Capacity at existing grounds could be addressed by putting in NTWs on suitable sites or increasing the size of existing squares by one or two wickets (i.e. making the best use of existing provision rather than new provision) (e.g. at Culmstock). Issues in accommodating growth through club development/expansion at Kentisbeare CC and Bradninch CC may be harder to address.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements/extension to pavilion at Kentisbeare.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One pitch (eight wickets minimum) will be required to meet demand generated by East Cullompton to 2033.
<i>Other Considerations.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for the co-ordination of development of facilities for Cullompton CC at new site at Horn Lane with Kentisbeare CC to ensure sustainability of both sites and clubs.

CREDITON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

4.8 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

CRICKET/CREDITON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY

- There are two cricket clubs in the Crediton Sub area, fielding ten adult (including one ladies) and ten youth teams (U9-U18 years) – 20 teams in total. Sandford CC fields adult and youth sides.
- There are also a small number of midweek teams playing, principally on the non turf wicket at Newton St Cyres.
- Three grounds – one with NTW only (Newton St Cyres) Shobrooke CC and Sandford CC grounds both rated as good. (Sandford also has NTW).
- There are 22 wickets capable of accommodating 110 ME sessions; 110 played.
- Very little room for expansion on grass (Shobrooke only – 5 matches spare)
- 20 teams plus c5 teams midweek at Newton St Cyres, plus Sandford 3rd XI.

CURRENT SHORTFALL

- No shortfall is identified.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

- It is estimated that up to seven new cricket teams could form across sub area, requiring an additional 0.8 pitches (approx. seven wickets) . Very limited scope to increase number of wickets.
- There is some capacity at Newton St Cyres but NTW only (which could accommodate an increase in youth play). No scope to put in a grass square
- It is recommended that an additional cricket pitch is provided.

Addressing the shortfall

4.9 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified include:

CREDITON TOWN: OPPORTUNITIES

<i>Grounds where cricket pitches have existed before & could be reinstated.</i>	None identified.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	A NTW within the reconfigured Queen Elizabeth's School site at Barnfield Campus. However access to and maintenance of cricket facilities on school sites presents challenges for regular community use.
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	None identified.
<i>Provision of Non Turf Wickets.</i>	Increasing usage of the NTW at Newton St Cyres (although this may not be appropriate for all teams).
<i>Improvements to changing facilities.</i>	None identified.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing development.</i>	None identified.

REST OF CREDITON SUB AREA: OPPORTUNITIES

<i>Other opportunities.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of more wickets at Sandford CC (a new pitch on adjoining land). • Provision of a new ground elsewhere but no sites identified.
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Table 4.1: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CRICKET PITCHES

	CURRENT SHORTFALL	FUTURE REQUIREMENTS to 2033 (IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SHORTFALL)	NOTES
Tiverton Sub Area			
Tiverton	Equivalent to eight wickets (one pitch)		
Eastern Urban Extension		Five wickets (0.6 pitch)	
Rest of Tiverton Town & sub area combined		Five wickets (0.6 pitch)	
Cullompton Sub Area			
Cullompton	Four wickets (0.5 pitch) (in addition to	Two wickets*	*Demand mainly from housing growth in

	CURRENT SHORTFALL	FUTURE REQUIREMENTS to 2033 (IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SHORTFALL)	NOTES
	replacement of Cullompton CC's pitch)		North West Cullompton.
East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village		Eight wickets (one pitch)	
Across wider Sub Area		Four wickets (half pitch)	
Crediton Sub Area			
Crediton area		Seven wickets (one pitch)	

PRIORITIES FOR CRICKET

4.10 The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan.

Table 4.2: PRIORITIES FOR CRICKET

LOCATION	PRIORITY	NOTES
Tiverton Sub Area		
Tiverton	Provision of new cricket pitch.	Potential sites are as follows. Additional feasibility work required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Urban Extension • Feasibility of secure community access to cricket pitch at Blundell's. • Petroc College playing field • Other sites
Cullompton Sub Area		
Cullompton area	Replacement ground for Cullompton CC.	Cullompton CC being relocated due to Relief Road (to Horn Lane). Support for minimum of 12 wicket facility to address current shortfalls and to help meet future growth in demand. Further consideration to be given to scale of ancillary facilities, management structure and funding. Co-ordination of development of facilities at the new site with Kentisbeare CC (at Rectory Park) to ensure sustainability of both sites and clubs.
East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village	Provision for cricket as part of pitch sport hub site (one pitch).	Demand generated from predicted population growth. Potential site, size of ground and ancillary facilities, management structure and funding sources to be further discussed/agreed.
Cullompton Community College	Provision of new Non Turf Wicket.	To protect provision of cricket facilities within Cullompton Town. Could be met by reinstatement of redundant NTW at Meadow Lane Playing Fields, Cullompton Community College. (See proposals in Action Plans).
Crediton Sub Area		
Crediton area	Provision of additional cricket pitch.	To meet growth in demand to 2033. Sandford CC would appear most appropriate site. No other sites identified.

LOCATION	PRIORITY	NOTES
General		
Provision of non turf wickets.		Consideration to be given to the provision of a non turf wicket as well as fine turf wickets at all new sites to increase capacity of the site and improve opportunities for recreational and youth play.
To improve and upgrade changing/pavilion facilities where identified.		To support club development and help to attract youth and women players in line with the ECB's Creating 'welcoming environments' resource (self help guide for cricket clubs to broaden appeal within the community) e.g. at Thorverton Cricket Club.
Addressing shortfall in cricket training facilities.		To review provision of indoor cricket training nets, as a shortage has been highlighted.
Further provision of non turf wickets (NTWs).		To consider provision/replacement of (poor quality) NTWs on school sites, for example Tiverton High School, QES Crediton and Cullompton Community College, to support development of youth cricket.

5 SPORT SPECIFIC PRIORITIES: RUGBY

5.1 The main characteristics of future demand for rugby in Mid Devon are a buoyant youth sector, and strong clubs with ambitions to increase their range of teams and constantly improve their facilities. This includes finding appropriate off site training facilities to protect pitches for matchplay. All three clubs face challenges in accommodating current requirements for training and matchplay and future growth.

5.2 Whilst adult men's play remains broadly static, the clubs are seeing an increase in juniors and Cullompton and Crediton RFCs are building female/girls sections. All three clubs run the full range of age group teams from minis to senior teams and now struggle to accommodate activity on their existing pitches. There is also a focus by the RFU on attracting more women and girls into rugby.

TIVERTON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

5.3 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

RUGBY/TIVERTON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiverton RFC owns two pitches (both floodlit) at its main club site and also uses a pitch at Tiverton High School pitch (over the road). There are issues with drainage on its two club pitches which the club has invested in heavily in order to resolve. Tiverton RFC run 13 teams in total: three adult men's teams, one Colts team and one team in each age range from U8 to U16. They mention that the number of teams they run has stayed the same over the previous three years. The two main club pitches are overplayed by 1.2 ME (match equivalent) sessions; the school pitch is overplayed by 0.9 ME. Pressure on the pitches would be eased by the club being able to access additional training facilities (uses Blundell's sand based AGP at present). 	
CURRENT SHORTFALL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for access to more training facilities off-pitch (AGP provision). The club relies on the school pitch and would require an additional pitch to meet current demand if that becomes unavailable. 	
FUTURE REQUIREMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is estimated that up to eight new teams could form, which will require 1.8 (up to two) additional pitches. This includes three teams generated by the Eastern Urban Extension (requiring one pitch). 	

Addressing the shortfall

5.4 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified include:

TIVERTON RFC: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	Consideration to be given to improving the maintenance and drainage of the two Tiverton RFC pitches to increase their capacity. Any replacement of the Tiverton High School pitches to be of high quality.

<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	Blundell's has a range of rugby pitches and some pre-season training takes place there already. It may be possible to secure access to more pitches here as part of the School's ongoing aspirations to increase community use.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing provision.</i>	The Eastern Urban Extension will generate demand for one rugby pitch, which is not a sustainable level of provision; there should be contributions to off-site provision.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities.</i>	None identified.
<i>Opportunities for new provision.</i>	Possible through redevelopment of Tiverton High School (although one pitch required as replacement pitch in any event, possibility of additional pitch/es being provided).
<i>Facilities for training.</i>	Currently using sand based AGPs at Blundell's. Club would welcome suitable facilities for rugby training (i.e. with provision of shock pads and surface appropriate for rugby).
<i>Forthcoming changes to supply.</i>	Temporary loss of rugby pitch as part of Tiverton High School redevelopment.

CULLOMPTON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

5.5 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

RUGBY/CULLOMPTON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cullompton RFC is based at Stafford Park where there are two adult, one youth and four mini pitches at its site at Stafford Park (one mini pitch on the other side of the road), the club owns the main pitch only. One pitch is floodlit. The club runs 17 teams: three adult, including Ladies, one Colts and three girls and boys teams from U7 to U16. The club has the freehold and therefore secured use of the stand and adult pitch on the current site but the other adult pitch and five junior pitches it uses are rented privately and may be subject to development proposals in the future. The club has been looking for an alternative site within the area with long term security and which can accommodate enough pitches and appropriate ancillary facilities to cater for growth for some time. Little spare capacity: the adult pitches are overplayed by 2.8 Match Equivalent (ME) sessions per week and there is no capacity at peak time Junior pitches have a carrying capacity equivalent to 10 ME sessions a week. Matches and training sessions are equivalent to 7.8 ME sessions so there is a little spare capacity if weather conditions allow Rugby pitches are overplayed due to training demands. The development of ladies and girls' rugby has increased usage of the pitches. When wet and the pitches are out of use, there is nowhere local to train.
CURRENT SHORTFALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club can manage with existing facilities and occasional use of school pitches. However some pitches are vulnerable to housing development and the current footprint is not viable for long-term sustainability.
FUTURE REQUIREMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At a new site, Cullompton RFC would propose three/four full size pitches + two/three midi/mini pitches. This is a minimum level of provision to accommodate the club, plus the PPS identifies the need for one additional pitch to meet extra growth in demand within the sub area.

- In addition, five rugby teams (one adult, two youth and two minis teams), requiring a minimum of one rugby pitch, are predicted to be generated through planned housing at East Cullompton to 2033. Growth is most likely to come through existing club and therefore it would be preferable if this pitch was provided as part of the relocation of Cullompton RFC.
- (Additional rugby pitch provision may be required based on housing planned beyond 2033 as part of the Garden Village).
- A need for access to artificial grass training facilities is identified.

Addressing the shortfall

5.6 Access to additional playing pitches does not always involve new provision. Options for addressing deficiencies and issues identified include:

CULLOMPTON RFC: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	No options at current site.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	Improvements to rugby pitch at Cullompton Community College would assist, but only one pitch.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing provision.</i>	Culm Garden Village will create demand for one rugby pitch – not viable as single pitch site but could be provided as part of larger scale hub site or relocation of Cullompton RFC.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities.</i>	None identified.
<i>Opportunities for other new provision.</i>	Club currently investigating relocating to area adjacent to Cullompton CC's new site in the Garden Village. The club has investigated other sites to the south of town in the past.
<i>Facilities for training.</i>	No specific need identified.
<i>Forthcoming changes to supply.</i>	Existing rugby pitches at Stafford Park used by Cullompton RFC on private land may be released for development.

CREDITON SUB AREA

Current and future pitch situation

5.7 Summary of current and future pitch situation as follows:

RUGBY/CREDITON SUB AREA: CURRENT SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crediton RFC: Owns two adult pitches + training area (at main club site and Creedy Bridge). Its main pitch is very good quality; other pitches experience poor drainage. • The club also leases four pitches (two adult and two youth) at Exhibition Fields, owned by Queen Elizabeth's Education Foundation. • There are also two rugby pitches at Queen Elizabeth's School, occasionally used for overflow by the rugby club. • The club runs 17 teams: three men's, one ladies, one vets, one colts, three girls and the range of boys teams from U9 – U16s • Main club pitch & adult pitches at Exhibition Fields operating at sustainable level; training pitch & Creedy Bridge adult pitch overplayed by two ME sessions/week in total. Exhibition Fields youth pitches have a little spare capacity. • The only floodlit areas for training are near the main pitch and at Creedy Bridge (but no electric or toilet/shower facilities here). Club uses four portable floodlights for training.

- Shortage of training facilities.
- Exhibition Fields identified for housing in Mid Devon Local Plan and currently subject to planning application for supermarket on part of site. For some years, the club has wanted to develop an integrated site and proposed development of Exhibition Fields necessitates move to new site.

CURRENT SHORTFALL

- Need for access to more training facilities off-pitch.
- No existing shortfall identified for matchplay; as long as weather and ground conditions allow, there is sufficient provision to meet current demand.

FUTURE REQUIREMENT

- Estimated that up to seven new teams may form, requiring access to up to two pitches. Any increase in teams will need to be matched with access to additional pitch space.

Addressing the shortfall

5.8 CREDITON Rugby Club currently has pitches on three sites and has been searching for a secure, integrated site for some years. Two of the sites used by Crediton RFC (Exhibition Fields and their main club site) are identified as sites for residential development within the Adopted Mid Devon Local Plan (Policy CRE6). Outline planning permission was granted in April 2021 for a site for the rugby club at Pedlarspool, Exhibition Road, as part of the mixed use allocation under Policy CRE5 of the Local Plan on the outskirts of the town. The land is safeguarded for the rugby club for the next ten years from the commencement of development on the site.

5.9 Discussions between the LPA, the applicant and the rugby club are ongoing in respect of the relocation of the rugby club. Proposals for two rugby pitches (one floodlit) and a clubhouse outside the floodplain at Pedlarspool, for a further four pitches on land within the floodplain and to include the existing pitch Creedy Bridge within the new club footprint have been discussed at various times. There are many issues still to be resolved as to the suitability of the site. Sport England has objected to a current proposal to develop playing pitch land at Exhibition Fields because there is no appropriate, suitable replacement provision of equivalent quality in place.

5.10 The current proposals for Pedlarspool are for four adult pitches plus a training area, with the club exploring the possibility of one of these pitches being 3G FTP. The club will retain the floodlit adult pitch at Creedy Bridge, making five adult pitches and a training area in total. Critically one of the new pitches would be floodlit, crucial to addressing the severe midweek overplay of the current supply.

5.11 The drainage and pitch maintenance for the proposed pitches at Pedlarspool should be carefully considered to ensure these pitches can accommodate expected growth in the numbers of teams over the life of the strategy.

5.12 The PPS recommends:

- Protecting the existing level of pitch supply for the club (four adult pitches and two youth pitches plus training area), ensuring that any provision that is developed is replaced in line with Sport England Playing Field Policy and Guidance; Policy E4.
- That all proposed replacement pitches should be equivalent or better quality provision to those lost and in a sustainable and suitable location. Land proposed for rugby pitches within the Pedlarspool allocation should be fully assessed by an

agronomist and verified as to its suitability and whether it is fit for purpose (critically that the pitches will not be subject to flooding) and the report made public. For this to take place, access is required as soon as possible to the Pedlerspool site.

- The Clubhouse requires segregated changing to accommodate the recent growth in women and girls' rugby. Such accommodation should be incorporated into the ancillary facilities at the new site.
- Access to training facilities off-site, such as 3G FTP provision with appropriate shock pads, to be kept under review.

Table 5.1: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR RUGBY PITCHES

	CURRENT SHORTFALL	FUTURE REQUIREMENTS to 2033 (IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SHORTFALL)	NOTES
Tiverton Town	Access to training facilities off-pitch (AGP provision). One pitch if school pitch unavailable	One pitch	Focused on Tiverton RFC
Eastern Urban Extension		One pitch	
East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village		One pitch	Could be incorporated within new ground for Cullompton RFC
Cullompton Sub Area		One pitch	As above
Crediton	None identified; club looking to relocate to Pedlerspool.	Five adult pitches and training area of appropriate quality as set out above. Access to training facilities off-pitch if possible (AGP provision).	Focused on Crediton RFC

PRIORITIES FOR RUGBY

5.13 The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan.

Table 5.2: PRIORITIES FOR RUGBY

PROJECT	NOTES
Securing additional provision in Tiverton to meet growth in demand.	Future demand predicts the need for an additional pitch – this may be able to be met through improvements to the drainage and maintenance on the existing three pitches, however if an AGP is developed in the sub area the club should be included throughout the scoping discussions.
Relocation of Cullompton Rugby Club.	The club owns its stand and the main pitch but the other pitches it uses are rented privately and may be subject to development proposals in the future. The club has been looking for an alternative site with long term

	security and which can accommodate enough pitches to cater for growth for some time and is considering sites within EC/CGV. Replacement provision of four full size pitches and three mini/midi pitches is supported by the Strategy, to include an element to meet growth in demand from the wider Cullompton Sub Area to 2033 and from East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village, as new demand is likely to grow from the existing club.
Relocation of Crediton Rugby Club.	<p>The current proposals for Pedlarspool are for four adult pitches plus a training area, with the club exploring the possibility of one of these pitches being 3G FTP. The club will retain the floodlit adult pitch at Creedy Bridge, making five adult pitches and a training area in total. Critically one of the new pitches would be floodlit, crucial to addressing the severe midweek overlap of the current supply.</p> <p>The drainage and pitch maintenance for the proposed pitches at Pedlarspool should be carefully considered to ensure these pitches can accommodate expected growth in the numbers of teams over the life of the strategy.</p> <p>All proposed replacement pitches should be equivalent or better quality provision to those lost and in a sustainable and suitable location (in line with Sport England Playing Field Policy and Guidance; Policy E4). Land proposed for rugby pitches within the Pedlarspool allocation should be fully assessed by an agronomist and verified as to its suitability and whether it is fit for purpose (critically that the pitches will not be subject to flooding) and the report made public. For this to take place, access is required as soon as possible to the Pedlarspool site.</p>
Protecting provision at secondary schools.	Work to secure community use agreements for rugby pitches at secondary schools in the district to support schools rugby and provide important overflow facilities for local clubs (school:club links).
To consider the provision of artificial grass pitches for training.	There is a wide need for access to suitable floodlit training provision, particularly for rugby union and football. Any new 3G pitches in future should consider opportunities to incorporate these sports within both the programme of use and the specification, for example shock pads for contact rugby activity. Given the competing demands from many sports for access to floodlit provision, there is a need for 3G pitches to be multi-sport facilities where possible and to be maximised to meet the challenges of broad and significant sporting demand and limitations on available space across the study area. However, where there is a high demand for both sports, programming becomes a challenge as both sports may like the same peak times for weekday training and matchplay and funding of ancillary facilities such as shock pads may affect the business planning model.
Portable floodlights.	Support for the provision of portable floodlights where this can support additional floodlit training for rugby clubs/teams, subject to planning considerations. This must be carefully considered as a solution on existing natural turf pitches which are already close to capacity.

6 SPORT SPECIFIC PRIORITIES: HOCKEY

6.1 There are four full size floodlit sand based AGPs in Mid Devon suitable for hockey: two at Blundell's School in Tiverton (an independent school with no community use agreements), one at Culm Valley Leisure Centre (dual use facility managed by Mid Devon Leisure) and one at Exe Valley Leisure Centre (on land leased by MDDC from Tiverton High School and managed by Mid Devon Leisure). The pitch at Lords Meadow Crediton – although sand based - is two thirds the size of the above pitches and not currently used for any hockey activity; it too is managed by Mid Devon Leisure.

6.2 Hockey is experiencing considerable growth nationally, promoted through increasing media profile and international success and the popularity of a range of initiatives to get people playing the sport. Growth in youth activity and play is being experienced by all three clubs in Mid Devon.

6.3 Future demand for hockey needs to be assessed on the basis of club members rather than league teams, to reflect the amount of informal and casual play and coaching and training. Projections on the basis of increases in population and aspirations show an increase of two senior men; two senior women and two-three youth teams within the district, but aspirations of England Hockey to double club members by 2028 will also increase demand for training and matchplay. According to the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator, there is not enough spare capacity to meet the requirement for additional training at present.

6.4 In respect of the two clubs based in Tiverton, the salient points are:

TIVERTON TEAMS (TIVERTON WHITE EAGLES AND TIVERTON MEN'S)

Current and future pitch situation

HOCKEY IN TIVERTON: CURRENT SUMMARY

- Tiverton White Eagles (Ladies) and Tiverton Men's Hockey Club have 13 teams between them; they jointly run a youth section.
- Both clubs play matches at Exe Valley LC. TWE trains there also; Tiverton Men's train at Blundell's.
- Both clubs rate the Exe Valley LC pitch as poor; and comment that it is difficult to gain access to facilities within the Leisure Centre from the pitch.
- Clubs use Tiverton Rugby Club's facilities for after match social events as there are no clubhouse facilities at the Leisure Centre.
- There is no room for any mid-week coaching expansion at Exe Valley Leisure Centre; football is dominant. This constrains the opportunities for growth for youth play and for the informal offer.
- There is insufficient capacity for all Tiverton teams to train at the same site.
- There is spare capacity for matchplay at the Exe Valley Leisure Centre site at weekends.

CURRENT SHORTFALL

- Insufficient pitch space midweek for training & other formats for both clubs to enable them to expand their coaching opportunities, meet demand from club members for more opportunities and cater for expected increase in new teams and members. An additional three hours per week is required.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

- Access to additional pitch space required. Predicted population growth will generate demand for 0.2 of a sand based facility.

Addressing the shortfall

6.5 To meet the expected growth in demand for hockey in the Tiverton Sub Area the following should be considered:

HOCKEY IN TIVERTON: OPPORTUNITIES	
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	Improved maintenance at Exe Valley Leisure Centre – cleaning of pitch, removal of litter and attention to security of site.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	Although Tiverton Men's train at Blundell's there is no capacity for regular matchplay slots due to needs of the school.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing provision.</i>	New housing growth will generate some increase in demand for hockey facilities, to be met through off-site contributions.
<i>Improvements to changing facilities.</i>	Direct access to toilets within the Leisure Centre is required.
<i>Opportunities for new provision.</i>	Uffculme School has planning permission for a new AGP with floodlights and is currently fundraising. The school has good links with both Tiverton Hockey Clubs. This pitch would add to capacity for hockey by providing time for training and coaching, especially for youths. England Hockey has supported the proposal in principle as a facility for community use, particularly as a satellite centre for Tiverton White Eagles and Tiverton Men's Hockey Clubs' youth players.
<i>Other Opportunities.</i>	<p>More pitch time for training and informal hockey activity could potentially be provided by extending the opening times of the Leisure Centres (post-lockdown) to accommodate more Saturday matchplay.</p> <p>The provision of a 3G FTP in Tiverton, by attracting some football usage away from the Exe Valley Leisure Centre, may create more space for more midweek coaching. However, the viability of the existing sand based pitch must be taken into account if any potential new provision is discussed (see below).</p>

CULLOMPTON TEAMS – EXETER AND CULM VALLEY HOCKEY CLUB

Current and future pitch situation

6.6 In respect of the club based in Cullompton, the salient points are:

HOCKEY IN CULLOMPTON: CURRENT SUMMARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exeter & Culm Valley Hornets HC runs 11 teams. Its men's teams have recently been playing in Exeter, but women's and youth coaching and matchplay takes place at Culm Valley LC. The club rates the Culm Valley Leisure Centre pitch as poor. There are also issues with access to changing facilities and toilets within the Leisure Centre. 40% of usage on weekday evenings is by hockey and 60% by football. There are no 'whole pitch slots' available on weekday evenings and the club struggles to find time for coaching, particularly since recent growth in demand from youth players. There is capacity for additional matchplay at weekends, although the club would like additional access on Sundays for any rescheduled matches (2 hours).
CURRENT SHORTFALL

- Insufficient pitch space midweek for training & other formats to enable the club to expand its coaching opportunities, meet demand from club members for more opportunities and cater for expected increase in new teams and members. A minimum of an additional two hours midweek is required.

FUTURE REQUIREMENT

- Access to additional pitch space required. Predicted population growth will generate demand for 0.2 of a sand based facility (0.1 of these will be generated by East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village).
- Club wishes to have access to clubhouse/social facilities and be able to run all teams from one site.

Addressing the shortfall

6.7 To meet the expected growth in demand for hockey in the Cullompton Sub Area the following should be considered:

HOCKEY IN CULLOMPTON: OPPORTUNITY	
<i>Improving the quality of key pitches to increase their capacity.</i>	The pitch at CVLC should be resurfaced in the next 2-5 years Improved maintenance a Culm Valley at Leisure Centre is required to improve the quality of the playing surface and playing experience.
<i>Securing (greater) community use of pitches on school sites.</i>	No opportunities.
<i>Changes to supply through new housing provision.</i>	New housing growth at Culm Garden Village will generate some increase in demand for hockey facilities but not sufficient to support one whole pitch. However, there is not enough current or predicted future demand to support two artificial grass pitches for hockey in close proximity i.e. in both Cullompton and the Garden Village. (A pitch at Uffculme School will be more aligned with hockey activity in Tiverton, to which it could function as a satellite youth hub).
<i>Improvements to changing facilities.</i>	Provision of social facilities at Cullompton Community College could be achieved at Meadow Lane Playing Fields, as a dual use changing/classroom/clubhouse facility with the College. If on-site clubhouse facilities cannot be provided, other options with existing or new clubs in the area (including East Cullompton/Garden Village) could be explored.
<i>Other Opportunities.</i>	At present, there is still some spare capacity at Culm Valley Leisure Centre to accommodate short term growth in hockey, providing (some) football training is relocated (through the provision of a 3G FTP to free up weekday evening training time for hockey) and there is sufficient time on Saturdays (and Sundays) to accommodate the growth in matchplay. Opening times at the Leisure Centre could be extended (post-lockdown) to accommodate more Saturday matchplay. However, the ongoing viability of the sand based AGP must be assured if additional 3G FTP facility is provided (see below).

HOCKEY IN CREDITON

6.8 There is no hockey club within the Crediton sub area. The sand based AGP at Lords Meadow is 2/3rds full size and does not accommodate any hockey activity.

6.9 Queen Elizabeth's School may consider the provision of a multi-sport/hockey AGP, as part of its reorganization of its campuses, which would help the development of hockey. The School is also considering installing a 3G FTP. The potential impact of these two facilities on the Lords Meadow facility will need to be assessed.

Table 6.1: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR HOCKEY PITCHES

	CURRENT SHORTFALL	FUTURE REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SHORTFALL
Tiverton		0.2 of a pitch (0.1 from the EUE) Additional three hours whole pitch training and coaching time on weekday evenings
Cullompton	Insufficient pitch space on weekday evenings to accommodate training and coaching – an additional two hours required, plus additional two hours on Sundays if matches rescheduled (whole pitch).	0.2 of a pitch (0.1 from the Culm Garden Village)

PRIORITIES FOR HOCKEY

5.13 The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan.

Table 6.2: PRIORITIES FOR HOCKEY

PROJECT	ACTION POINTS
To enable Exeter and Culm Vale Hockey Club to have a home pitch for all their teams in the Cullompton area – preferably at Culm Valley Leisure Centre.	<p>To focus on improvements at Culm Valley Leisure Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement carpet/upgrade of pitch within next two – five years . • Improvements to changing room and toilet facilities. • Provision of post-match clubhouse facilities on site. Feasibility of developing changing room/clubhouse facilities (in partnership with other sports) on Meadow Lane Playing Field to be considered. • The Strategy finds there is insufficient demand to support two sand based artificial grass pitches in the Cullompton Town/East Cullompton area. The priority at present is for the existing pitch at Culm Valley Leisure Centre to be safeguarded, upgraded and a clubhouse to be provided. (No consideration to be given to a change of surface at Culm Valley Leisure Centre until appropriate replacement provision has been provided at another site.)
To meet growth in demand for coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving maintenance of the AGP at Exe Valley Leisure Centre. • Replacement carpet/upgrade of pitch within next two – five years . • Supporting the provision of a floodlit sand based pitch at Uffculme School as a satellite hub site for youth development with Tiverton hockey clubs.

and matchplay facilities in Tiverton.	
To protect the stock of and viability of sand based AGPs capable of accommodating hockey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All artificial grass pitches should be protected with appropriate secure community use agreements negotiated wherever possible, which should be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis. • If any existing sand based AGPs are being considered for possible future 'conversion', (including non-sand based resurfacing), no decision should be taken in isolation without consulting the relevant NGBs and other key stakeholders, particularly if/where planning permission is required for such works. • While it is ultimately at the discretion of the local planning authority, consideration to be given to an appropriately worded condition (or similar legal agreement) be attached to any granting of planning permission for a new sand based or 3G FTP to safeguard the original surface.
Maintaining high quality artificial grass pitch provision .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All artificial grass pitches (both sand based and 3G FTPs) should have the following in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient funding for ongoing maintenance and upgrades e.g. to maintain appropriate levels of floodlighting. • Adequate sinking funds for replacement and upgrade of facilities when required, whatever the ownership and management arrangements.

7 SPORT SPECIFIC PRIORITIES: TENNIS

7.1 The key findings and issues in respect of tennis are as follows.

TIVERTON SUB AREA

CURRENT SUMMARY

- 21 tennis courts recorded (11 floodlit) and two clubs – Tiverton LTC based at Exe Valley Leisure Centre (EVLC) (three courts) & Sampford Peverell LTC (two courts). Some spare capacity still within Tiverton.
- Tiverton LTC has 77 members and books three weekly sessions two-three hours each, all courts. Considerable spare capacity, although casual tennis is popular at EVLC, booked on an 'as and when' basis by customers.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

- There are opportunities for increasing capacity and quality of the experience through, for example:
 - Redevelopment of Tiverton High School when courts may be refurbished (although close to Exe Valley Leisure Centre).
 - Securing greater community access to Blundell School's refurbished courts.
 - Refurbishing some village courts, including the provision of floodlights, subject to planning considerations.
 - Improving online booking for Exe Valley Leisure Centre.
 - The LTA assesses the need for 3 floodlit courts to serve Eastern Urban Extension, using a ClubSpark/remote access system.

CULLOMPTON SUB AREA

CURRENT SUMMARY

- 18 courts are recorded (nine of which are floodlit). The three clubs based at them with varying degrees of public access at Bradninch, Hemyock and Willand. Uffculme has floodlit courts at the school.
- The only courts in Cullompton are at the Community College within the campus - five courts, three of which are floodlit. One is being built on and a replacement MUGA is being provided on Meadow Lane.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

- Existing demand for tennis is not currently being met within Cullompton Town itself. A floodlit MUGA comprising two floodlit netball/tennis courts has been granted planning permission at Meadow Lane adjacent to the College. Note: these are not dedicated tennis courts.
- There will be additional demand from East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village to 2033, which is estimated to be for a minimum of two dedicated floodlit tennis courts. There may be additional demand from planned growth post-2033.

CREDITON SUB AREA

CURRENT SUMMARY

- 15 courts recorded (six floodlit). Crediton Tennis Club use four tennis courts at Lords Meadow which have recently been resurfaced. Low membership of club (<20) and considerable spare capacity of courts.
- Tennis courts also at Queen Elizabeth's School.
- Other facilities at Newton St Cyres, Sandford, Morchard Bishop, of varying quality.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

- Future predicted demand can be met but there are opportunities for increasing capacity and quality of the experience through, for example:
- Wider use of all member only courts through a ClubSpark/remote access system.
- Improvements to village courts and floodlighting as required, subject to planning considerations.

7.2 The following priorities are identified and are reflected in the Action Plan.

Table 7.1: PRIORITIES FOR TENNIS

PROJECT	ACTION POINTS
To increase public usage of Mid Devon Leisure courts.	Support discussions between the LTA and MDL regarding increasing public usage and club membership at Exe Valley Leisure Centre and Lords Meadow Leisure Centre tennis courts.
Developing use of new public courts in Cullompton.	Clarify the management of the new tennis and netball multi use games area adjacent to Cullompton Community College and investment in other courts at the College. The site is potentially a base for a new club within Cullompton and should be available for community and club use on a secure basis throughout the week and at weekends without limitations. However, these are not dedicated tennis courts and the LTA supports the provision of an additional two floodlit tennis courts within the town.
East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village.	A minimum of two floodlit, tennis courts. Installation of SMART Gate Access Technology would be required when new courts are built.
Eastern Urban Extension, Tiverton.	Three courts with Smart Access Technology, with ideally at least two of the three courts floodlit.
Maintaining provision at schools.	Ensure school tennis courts are protected and improvements (such as floodlighting) supported where sustainable, feasible and appropriate in planning terms. Keep provision at Blundell's School and other schools under review for community use.
General promotion of SMART Access Technology and Pay and Play opportunities.	Support the installation of ClubSpark/remote access systems which remove the requirement for on-site management and promote wider community use at new and existing courts including all member only courts. Ideally all new courts to be floodlit.
Conformity of data collection.	Aim to develop consistent methods of gathering data on court usage across providers, including MDDC, Parish Councils, clubs etc. (Measurements such as annual user visits and/or hours per court usage are often used but standardization would be beneficial for capacity analysis and benchmarking).
To improve the sustainability of playing field sites.	Consideration should be given to how the usage of tennis courts, bowling greens and their ancillary facilities can be linked in and expanded through collaborations with other clubs/users operating on the same site, e.g. joint club membership and potentially shared usage of clubhouses/pavilions with other playing pitch sports.

8 SPORT SPECIFIC PRIORITIES: BOWLS

8.1 Tiverton Borough, Cullompton, Culm Vale and Hemyock Bowling Clubs own their facilities; the other clubs (Tiverton, Tiverton West End, Bradninch, Crediton, Morchard Bishop & Uffculme Bowling Clubs hire/rent their facilities from town and parish councils. The quality of greens is generally very good.

8.2 In the Mid Devon clubs, membership varies between 42 and 95 members (the largest is Crediton Bowling Club). Six of the ten bowling clubs have 50 or fewer members, including two out of the three clubs in Tiverton. There are 554 members in total. A reasonable capacity figure for an outdoor green would be 85-100 members per green, although up to 120 can be accommodated on a 6 rink green (if the ancillary facilities support this).

8.3 Taking an aspirational figure of 90 bowlers per green means that the ten greens in Mid Devon could accommodate up to around 900 bowlers. Therefore, although there is an ageing population in Mid Devon and there may be additional bowlers generated through new housing and population growth, it is concluded that new members will still be able to be accommodated in existing clubs on existing greens. Even though some greens operate a busy programme, the flexibility of fixtures means that there is scope to accommodate more teams on existing greens. Most clubs are looking to boost membership and maintain their team of volunteers. Aspirations centre around improving facilities at clubhouses to create better access and greater capacity for social and community events.

8.4 The quality of the bowling greens in Mid Devon (maintained by the clubs) is good and has not emerged from the research as an area for the focus of resources. There are a range of issues (ranging from easier/free parking to general upkeep/upgrading of clubhouse facilities) which might be addressed on a phased basis. People's expectations around the quality of ancillary facilities are rising and general refurbishments/extensions are required or planned to improve accessibility and assist in attracting new members.

8.5 The principal objective is to support the provision of facilities which will increase the usage (and hence revenue) of bowling clubs, improve their viability and enable them to continue as active, sustainable clubs. However, given the slowly declining membership of some bowling clubs, they will have to consider merging with other clubs nearby to sustain membership. This issue is most highlighted within Tiverton.

8.6 The relocation of Cullompton Bowling Club, following its displacement by the new Relief Road, to be successfully completed to the standards specified.

8.7 Research has highlighted that bowling greens and tennis courts, are an important part outdoor sports facility provision in the area, particularly when they are part – as many are – of a multi sports site. Provision for them should be considered as part of a wider perspective on the potential benefits and use of playing fields for and by all sectors of the community. Consideration should be given to how the usage of the greens, courts and ancillary facilities can be linked in and expanded through collaborations with other clubs/users operating on the same site, e.g. joint club membership (and potentially shared usage of clubhouses/pavilions with other playing pitch sports).

9 DELIVERY OF THE STRATEGY

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9.1 Once the Strategy has been agreed by the Steering Group it will be endorsed by Mid Devon District Council as a technical study and its recommendations noted. The Strategy will form part of an evidence base that can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and other plans, programmes and strategies for the Mid Devon area.

9.2 The Strategy Steering Group could provide the basis for membership of a Mid Devon PPS Delivery Group, the purpose of which would be to oversee the implementation of the strategy and to monitor progress towards the identified Action Points that are recommended. Other organisations and individuals may be invited on to the Delivery Group as needed to oversee certain projects. It is recommended that membership should include representatives from the secondary schools in the District.

9.3 If there are other such Delivery Groups already operating to deliver other PPSs in the south of England, possibilities for merging or co-running these groups should be investigated, to make the process more efficient and save officer and stakeholder time. Delivery Group meetings could also be arranged to coincide with NGB meetings or Sport England led seminars.

9.4 It is recommended that Mid Devon District Council could consider other examples of good practice including the monitoring of PPPS Actions Plans and funding sources by South Hams District Council and Gloucester City Council.

9.5 The evolving context of participation in sport and active recreation means that monitoring and review of the strategy is as important as the initial preparation of the document to ensure it remains sufficiently robust. There are considerable time and cost implications of monitoring and progressing the Strategy and a way needs to be found to make it efficient and effective.

9.6 It is recommended that initial features of the group's terms of reference may include:

- The Delivery Group to meet initially (within three months of adoption) to agree which of the actions should be taken forward in the short term (one-two years); medium term (three-five years) and longer term (five-ten years), and also agree who the main partners should be in taking the relevant actions forward. Various criteria can be used to assess priorities from within the many projects proposed. Following this to meet at agreed intervals.
- The Delivery Group should meet periodically to inform and discuss the annual progress summary and agree next steps, and ideally provide a conduit to improve coordination with work on the agreed actions.
- Mid Devon District Council should maintain the PPS database underpinning the Strategy (Stage B database) and ensure data is kept up to date and communicated through the steering group to relevant bodies.

9.7 It is recommended the Delivery Group will be committed to advancing the strategy and keeping it up to date through:

- Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions and identifying any changes that are required to the priority afforded to each action.
- Recording changes to the pitch stock in the area and evaluating the impact of this on the supply and demand information.
- Assessing the impact of changes to participation, including changing trends and the development of new formats of the game as well as affiliation data for each of the National Governing Bodies of Sport.
- Assessing the impact of demographic changes and new population estimates/projected planned housing numbers.
- Analysis of funding sources and new funding opportunities for the provision/improvement of sports facilities.
- Reviewing growth of emerging sports, their participation rates, facilities available for them and likely facilities necessary for their support and development.

9.8 It is recommended that when undertaking sports-related site development or enhancement, the following issues should also be considered:

- Financial viability including delivery and ongoing maintenance costs.
- Security of tenure.
- Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.
- Adequacy of existing finances to maintain existing sites.
- A 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.
- Impact on all sports that use a site regardless of the sport that is the subject of enhancements.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

9.9 Funding of sport and recreation facilities is often difficult and the many demands on development obligations result in complex viability negotiations with the needs of e.g. affordable housing, balanced against the needs of social and community infrastructure. A key factor is the deliverability of the scheme – whether funding has been allocated and whether the structure is already in place to deliver it. Schemes need to be fluid and flexible

and able to adapt quickly to change. There will be some elements of schemes that have quick, easy 'wins' – enhancements for example.

9.10 Any Football Foundation investment will be targeted towards projects identified in the Local Football Facilities Plan and will concentrate on 3G FTP facilities and sites with three or more adult pitches (or equivalent). (LFFP identified projects are identified in the Action Plan).

9.11 Mid Devon District Council has recently withdrawn its CIL draft charging schedule from its examination and will no longer progress bringing a CIL regime into place. The Council will instead continue the use of S106 planning obligations and will await the outcome of the Government's future reforms to the planning system and potential introduction of a national infrastructure levy. Mid Devon District Council will be a key partner in facilitating, with other organisations, the recommendations within the Action Plans.

9.12 Maintenance payments through developer contributions are unlikely to cover full costs for maintenance and operational funds have to come from other budgets. Further work needs to be done about best practice elsewhere. Projects involving education sites might also be funded through separate national capital funds. Other potential funding sources may include those listed below.

9.13 Considerable investment is now being made into health which may be a way forward in securing funding for pitch improvements. There may be opportunities in new developments to deliver community sport and wellbeing hubs which have an active sports component and link to nearby sports facilities.

9.14 Capital funds from Sport England and National Governing Bodies (NGBs) can make a major contribution to key local capital projects and the identification of projects through the playing pitch strategy process should help increase prospects for the funding of some key projects. NGBs will work together to increase opportunities for joint funding, management and use of facilities and to avoid duplication and make the best use of what we already have.

9.15 Innovative ways to link existing community assets/groups into the development of new identified projects will need to be developed to ensure they are sustainable and embedded within their local communities. There are other ways, not just financial, in which people can work together to improve the viability of pitch sport sites. For example, there may be scope for local clubs, teams and leagues to work together to review and reschedule football kick-off times, particularly if 3G FTPs are used so that two adult matches can be played consecutively to help address peak-time issues.

9.16 Support for the voluntary sector in relation to the management and maintenance of facilities and membership activity – perhaps through subsidised training sessions – would help to ensure a thriving club sector and good quality facilities. It may be that schemes will be given priority if clubs have Clubmark or other indications of their quality standard.

9.17 Other than the recommendations in the Action Plans, it will be very important for the Mid Devon District Council, through the preparation of a new Local Plan and any supplementary planning document with guidance relevant to playing pitch provision, to:

- Include policies and proposals in the Local Plan which are consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and relevant national planning practice guidance and, in particular, and have regard to the recommendations contained in this Strategy. Strategic policies included in the Local Plan should set out expected requirements and formulae for the provision of playing pitch facilities and specify where sums for offsite delivery may be required.
- Where strategic development sites or new communities are being considered there should be early identification of suitably sized level areas which can be safeguarded for provision of playing pitches.
- Include proposals that cover the relevant recommendations contained in the Action Plans where the location and/or site of new or improved provision is determined.
- In assessing all options, the potential for developing/improving bone fide community facilities on existing and new school sites should be considered.

9.18 Finally, it will be helpful for the Local Plan to include the principle of maintaining and enhancing the provision of playing pitches where these are needed across Mid Devon, to ensure that where planning proposals are made to develop and use facilities contrary to the recommendations of this assessment and any subsequent strategy and action plan, they should only be approved where:

- an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the facilities 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 of the current or former use.'

APPENDIX 1: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PITCH SPORT PLANNING

Population Estimate Method

- 1 For the purposes of modelling future sports provision, projections of population are required as input. For the Mid Devon Playing Pitch strategy it was agreed that the assessment of new demand would a) be calculated on a sub-area basis and b) calculated for both the pitch assessment period (to 2026) and the Local Plan period (to 2033).
- 2 **ONS Population Estimates** are available for small areas and cover the period up to 2019/20. However, these estimates are based on a demographic model and an element of change from internal migration data (i.e. people moving from one district/locality to another based on changes to GP registers and other administrative data). These estimates do not fully account for recent major housing completions. Similarly, the **ONS Population Projections** going forward beyond 2033 are based on demographic models with an element of projecting forward past/current migration. These do not account for new housing development and in particular strategic developments.
- 3 To create sub-area population scenarios for 2026 and 2033 for planning sports provision, we start with ONS modelled estimates and projections and adjust the demographic model by applying estimates of new housing. For the **current population** estimate we create sub-area based parish populations by aggregating the OA/LSOA census population estimate data to parish based sub area. This involves proportionally splitting allocating a few census area populations to two parishes.
- 4 We then apply the housing growth set out in the Adopted Local Plan and include completions from monitoring reports. We then translate these new homes into population by applying the sub-area average household density to create a population base scenario for the sports pitch study.
- 5 It is known that many new homes will go to newly-forming households already in the area, and there is an element of migration brought forward into the current population estimates. So there may be minor over-estimation. But given that new build estates tend to attract a younger demographic than surrounding populations and additional inward migration, for the purposes of planning for sports teams and participation no corrections are applied as it is felt these balance out. For the purposes of planning for sports pitch provision, these estimates provide a robust basis, but these should not be used as a basis for spatial planning or planning for other infrastructure.

A Population

- 6 The Subnational ONS Population estimates (2018 Basis) for LSOAs were aggregated up to study subarea and used for the 2019/20 population base. Projection data is the 2018 Demographic-basis Population projections. These data are only available at the Local Authority Level, so for the population base at 2026 & 2033 we have applied a proportional population split by subarea.

(Note: ONS data are given for calendar years, whilst Local plan data is for accounting year. The 2020 date aligns with 2019/20 in the housing trajectory; 2026 aligns with 2025/26 and 2033 aligns with 2032/33).

Table Appx 1.1: SUMMARY OF ONS POPULATION BY SUB-AREA

	2011 Census	2011 Pop Estimate	ONS Population Projections (modelled, 2018 basis)			<i>2011 District Pop Proportion split by sub- area</i>
			2019/20	2025/26	2032/33	
Tiverton Sub Area	35,776	36,113	38,259	40,665	42,379	46%
Cullompton Sub Area	21,473	21,646	24,122	24,753	25,796	28%
Crediton Sub Area	20,501	20,177	21,152	22,985	23,954	26%

B New Homes

7 To estimate new homes over the coming period we have taken the homes from the trajectory in the adopted local plan, along with 2011/12 and 12/13 completions from monitoring reports. For a robust estimate to 2033 (the plan period) we have added in some additional 2027-2033 completions which will likely arise following the required local plan review update sometime after 2026.

8 Some of these are continued build out of strategic allocations in the current plan. We have also added a few developments toward the end of the period based on evidence reported in the GESP studies, particularly in Crediton where only limited growth is provided in the current local plan.

*Table Appx 1.2: SUMMARY OF NEW HOMES BY SUB-AREA
Published trajectories with post-2027 LP review assumptions*

	New homes 2011 - 2020	New homes 2021 - 2026	New homes 2026/27 - 2033	<i>average pop per dwelling (sub-area basis, 2011 census)</i>
Tiverton Sub Area	1284	1210	1722	2.27
Cullompton Sub Area	1333	1439	2738	2.34
Crediton Sub Area	794	823	1100	2.27

C Applying new homes to population estimates

9 The projected population is then adjusted for the new homes planned in the area and these populations are fed into the Sports Facility Calculate to generate the future number of teams which enables us to suggest the provision required. It must be stressed that these are robust estimates.

*Table Appx 1.3: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PITCH SPORT PLANNING
(By applying new homes to population estimates)
Figures may not add due to rounding*

	Current pop estimate (adjusted for new homes 2012/2020)	Population Increase 2020 to 2026 (housing growth pitch scenario)	Population Increase 2027 to 2033 (housing growth pitch scenario)	2033 Population scenario	Total Population growth to 2033	New homes 2020 to 2026	New homes 2027 to 2033
Tiverton Sub Area	41,170	2,750	3,910	47,830	6,660	1,210	1,720
<i>of which.....</i>							
<i>Eastern Urban Extension</i>			3,240		3,240		1,420
<i>Blundell's</i>		450			450	200	
Cullompton Sub Area	27,230	3,360	6,390	36,990	9,940	1,440	2,740
<i>of which.....</i>							
<i>North West Cullompton</i>		1,690	1,460		3,160	730	630
<i>East Cullompton/Garden Village</i>		820	4,910		5,730	350	2,100
Crediton Sub Area	22,960	1,870	2,500	27,330	4,560	823	1,100
<i>of which.....</i>							
<i>Pedlerspool</i>		450			450	200	
<i>CRE-Crediton South (next LP Review)</i>			1,080		1,080		475
<i>CRE- Newton St Cyres (next LP Review)</i>			1,420		1,420		625
TOTAL DISTRICT	91,360	7,980	12,800	112,150	21,160	3,472	5,560

APPENDIX 2: ESTIMATED TEAMS AND PITCHES IN TIVERTON AND CULLOMPTON SUB AREAS AND HOUSING GROWTH AREAS TO 2033

Source: Strategy & Sport England Pitch Facilities Calculator

AREA	Cullompton Sub Area - Total		East Cullompton (Culm Garden Village)		Tiverton Sub Area - Total		Tiverton EUE (including Blundell's)	
	Teams	Pitches	Teams	Pitches	Teams	Pitches	Teams	Pitches
Football								
Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	4.8	2.3	2.8	1.4	3.3	1.6	1.8	0.9
Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	0.3		0.2		0.2		0.1	
Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	2.6	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	0.5
Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	0.6		0.4		0.4		0.2	
Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.3
Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	0.4		0.3		0.3		0.2	
Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	2.3	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.4
Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	1.6	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.3
Cricket								
Men (18-55yrs)	4.6	1.7	2.7	1.0	3.2	1.2	1.7	0.6
Women (18-55yrs)	0.3		0.2		0.2		0.1	
Boys (7-18yrs)	2.8		1.6		1.9		1.0	
Girls (7-18yrs)	0.2		0.1		0.2		0.1	
Rugby Union								
Men (19-45yrs)	1.0	1.7	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.4	0.6
Women (19-45yrs)	0.2		0.1		0.2		0.1	
Boys (13-18yrs)	1.3		0.7		1.0		0.5	
Girls (13-18yrs)	0.4		0.3		0.3		0.2	
Mixed (7-12yrs)	2.0		1.2		1.4		0.8	
Hockey								
Men (17-55yrs)	0.4		0.3		0.3		0.2	
Women (17-55yrs)	0.5		0.3		0.4		0.2	
Boys (14-16yrs)	0.1		0.1		0.1			
Girls (14-16yrs)	0.1		0.1		0.1			
Boys (11-13yrs)	0.6		0.4		0.4		0.2	
Girls (11-13yrs)	0.6		0.4		0.4		0.2	
3G FTPs		0.4		0.2		0.3		0.1
Sand based AGPs		0.2		0.1		0.2		0.1

APPENDIX 3: PROPOSALS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MID DEVON

Through the process of this Strategy's preparation, consultation was undertaken with all secondary schools (including Blundell's School). This Appendix summarised the issues raised of relevance to the PPS.

Project/Issue	Issue	Short term	Longer term
Management of redevelopment of Tiverton High School.	School site due to be redeveloped; playing pitches will be out of action.	Short term issue of where community use & school use will be met. Possibility for Amory Park and/or grass pitches at Blundell's if secure community use can be negotiated.	Longer term issue of playing field provision on site – replacement and/or increase in pitch provision plus possible location for 3G AGP?
Redevelopment of sports facilities at Blundell's School.	Major enhancements and new provision planned, including upgraded AGPs, new 3G FTP provision and relocation of sports facilities (some areas zoned for housing).	Opportunities to negotiate secure community use of cricket pitch and other pitches.	Impact of 3G FTP provision on pattern of play within Tiverton.
Cullompton Community College.	Outdoor facilities require upgrading & enhancement to provide greater capacity for College and the community.	Upgrade of sand AGP. Potential to improve & develop Meadow Lane playing fields as multi sports site with ancillary facilities to support football, rugby and hockey.	Developing role of College as focus for high quality sports provision in the town. Potential as site for 3G FTP facility (providing no loss of sand based AGP provision)
Uffculme School.	School has well developed community outreach work and community use of its facilities.	School has planning permission and is fund raising for a sand based AGP.	
Queen Elizabeth's School, CREDITON.	School spread over four campuses – ambitious plan for rationalisation & consolidation on one site.	Rationalisation may involve disposal of three sites with outdoor sports facilities.	Replacement pitch provision sought &/or planned, plus addition of potentially 1 x sand AGP & 1 x 3G FTP. Must be in line with Sport England Playing Field Policy and Guidance.

APPENDIX 4: MASTERPLANNING – EAST CULLOMPTON (CULM GARDEN VILLAGE)

CONTEXT

Through the adopted Local Plan Review (2013-2033), significant development is planned to the east of Cullompton; this development is expected to ultimately form part of the proposed Culm Garden Village, a new settlement of up to 5,000 new homes to which ‘Garden Village Status’ was awarded by the Government in January 2017. The ‘East Cullompton’ area is strategically located to the east of Cullompton, off Junction 28 of the M5. It is on a broadly southwest – north-east axis between Exeter and Taunton, which are both around 25 minutes away.

The adopted Local Plan allocates 1,750 homes at ‘East Cullompton’ in the period to 2033, and masterplanning for the Culm Garden Village is underway for around 5,000 homes. In undertaking the team generation modelling, a figure of around 2,450 was used to model pitches up to 2033 (the Local Plan allocation of 1,750 with additional dwellings for an accelerated delivery scenario). This was done to “future proof” the pitch estimations immediately beyond the PPS in the event of accelerated delivery and likely future development scenarios.

Around 17ha of formal open space and 23ha of informal open space (40ha in total) are provided throughout the East Cullompton allocation area with a significant proportion of this is to be delivered on playing pitches located at identified formal green infrastructure nodes [note: areas for formal and informal open space have not yet been identified]. The Local Plan also sets out broader infrastructure requirements and specifically makes provision for replacement of open space and sporting facilities due to the new link road. Planning for the Link Road is progressing and a planning application for the Relocation of Cullompton Cricket Club to Horn Road (20/01452-MOUT for land East of Horn Road, Kentisbeare September 2020) has recently been approved.

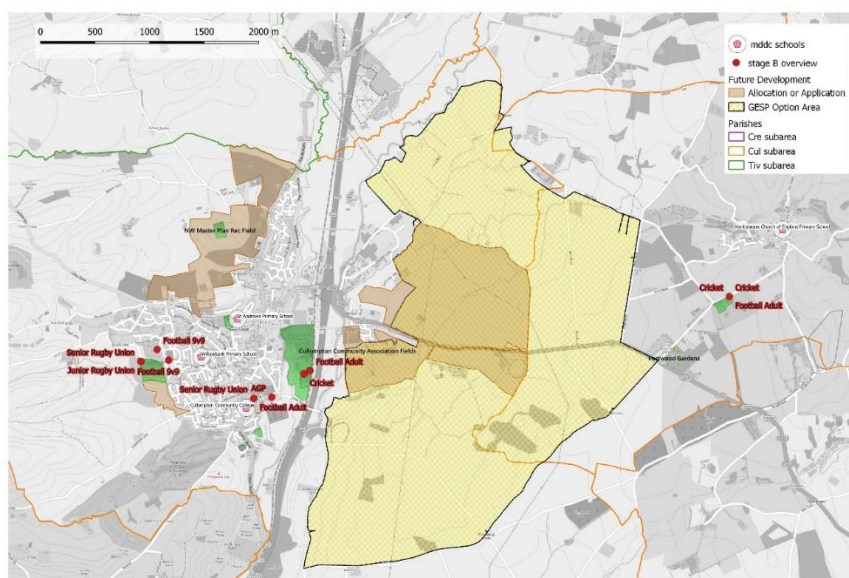


Figure 1 Strategic Growth around Cullompton

East Cullompton is the first phase of the Garden Village to be masterplanned in detail and will be the subject of a Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). A Stage 1 Issues & Opportunities document was published for consultation in January 2019 and a draft Masterplan will be developed during 2021/22. The remainder of the potential Garden Village land has yet to be formally identified. However, to ensure that the Garden Village is planned holistically, a Consultation Vision & Concept document for Culm Garden Village was also published in January 2019, and a Culm Garden Village Framework Masterplan will be developed alongside the East Cullompton Masterplan SPD.

The implications for accommodating the different sports are considered below. General considerations also include:

- Whether teams that form will gravitate towards existing clubs or set up their own clubs. Growth in the number of rugby teams for example, usually comes through an existing club if the location is suitable. On the other hand football teams tend to form organically and hire existing pitches and facilities.
- East Cullompton/Garden Village developments should not be viewed in isolation from the wider Cullompton sub area picture or Mid Devon as whole.
- We know that participants in sport choose teams for a number of reasons and team generation will need to be considered across the town and sub area. However, the distribution around the town's new developments should be kept in mind when planning new provision.

FOOTBALL

Predicted additional population to 2033 (based on 2,450 homes – accelerated growth scenario)	5,730 people
Football Predicted Teams	Ten football teams (Three to four adult, three to four youth and two to three mini)
Football Predicted Pitches	Six - seven football pitches (three adult, two youth (11v11 & 9v9) and two mini (7v7 & 5v5).
3G FTP provision	0.2 of a pitch
Longer term pitch requirement (post 2033)	The total number of houses predicted (c5000 i.e. an additional 2550 on the 2,450 homes anticipated to 2033) may result in an approximate doubling of the pitch requirement set out above.

Commentary

There is very little spare capacity for new teams to be absorbed on existing pitches in the Cullompton Sub Area, although some players will gravitate towards existing clubs. Cullompton town itself shows a shortfall of provision, which the new football pitch at North West Cullompton will help to address. Other considerations:

- Identified need to provide sufficient youth pitches at one site to accommodate a youth football club (such as Culm Valley Youth FC), with appropriate clubhouse facilities. The club currently plays its two-three youth teams at Meadow Lane (Cullompton Community College) but there is not room for additional pitches here.
- There will not be enough teams forming to support a full size 3G FTP facility. However, there are currently no 3G FTPs in the Cullompton Sub Area and demand for this has been identified. Such a facility would also ease pressure on both adult and youth grass pitches for matchplay. The provision of a 3G FTP to serve Cullompton is, if pricing is appropriate, likely to attract football teams currently using the sand based AGP at Cullompton Community College (in turn freeing up space for Exeter and Culm Vale Hornets Hockey Club for training and matchplay, although viability of the pitch may be affected).
- The Garden Village might be a possible location either:
 - in association with identified football pitches as a hub site
 - and/or in association with the school
- Alternatively, smaller size 3G FTPs could be provided, equivalent to one full size pitch.

Summary

- To plan for an area of four hectares (capable of accommodating a minimum of three adult and four youth/mini football pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site
- Possible sites for 3G FTP provision to be further investigated.

CRICKET

Predicted additional population to 2033 (based on 2,450 homes – accelerated growth scenario)	5,730 people
Cricket Estimated Teams	5 cricket teams (2-3 adult, 1-2 youth),
Cricket Estimated Pitches	1 cricket pitch (8 wickets)
Longer term pitch requirement (post 2033)	As per football, approximate doubling of requirement above.

Commentary

It is estimated that the Garden Village to 2033 will generate the demand for one cricket pitch (8 wickets).

The replacement of Cullompton Cricket Club is a separate consideration. The club's ground has nine wickets at present and is slightly overplayed. A site at Horn Road has now received planning permission for the club to relocate to (capable of accommodating two cricket grounds with associated changing and social facilities). Adding additional wickets to the club's replacement pitch will help to accommodate sports development growth from within the club and to meet demand from growth elsewhere in the Cullompton area (e.g. North

West Cullompton). The provision of a NTW at the new site (to replace the NTW at the old ground) will also provide additional capacity.

There are still various matters to resolve concerning the proposed size of the cricket ground, the scale of the ancillary facilities, its management and business model and its potential impact on nearby Kentisbeare Cricket Club. It is recommended that there should be co-ordination of the development of facilities at the new site with Kentisbeare CC (at Rectory Park) to ensure the sustainability of both sites and clubs.

Summary

- To aspire to one pitch (eight wickets) to meet demand generated by East Cullompton/Garden Village.
- A larger, replacement pitch for Cullompton CC could help to meet demand from new housing elsewhere in the Sub Area, plus expansion within the club.

Other considerations:

- A good quality pitch in an accessible location in the Cullompton Sub Area may be considered as a viable venue for representative matches and festivals and regional cup finals.
- The Horn Lane site is close to Kentisbeare CC (Distance Horn Road – Rectory Park = 1.5 miles (2.41km) by road or 1.05 miles (1.68km) as the crow flies). Kentisbeare attracts members from a wide area, including Willand, Plymtree and Cullompton itself. Its ground is size constrained and almost at capacity, although there is some spare capacity on its good quality non turf wicket.
- Contributions from sites outside the local authority area: Cullompton CC intends to run its 3rd XI at Plymtree which lies in East Devon. Improving this pitch and providing on site facilities will help to meet wider shortfalls in the short term.

RUGBY

Predicted additional population to 2033 (based on 2,450 homes – accelerated growth scenario)	5,730 people
Rugby Estimated Teams	Five rugby teams (One adult, one-two youth, two minis)
Rugby Estimated Pitches	One rugby pitch
Longer term pitch requirement (post 2033)	As per football, approximate doubling of requirement above.

Commentary

New rugby players are likely to join the existing Cullompton RFC, although it is possible a new club may form. One additional pitch is required to meet this demand, but this is not a sustainable level of provision.

In addition, across the wider sub area a further four-five teams are predicted, which also may align themselves with Cullompton RFC. This in total adds up to ten new teams needing a minimum of 2 pitches.

Cullompton RFC is currently based at Stafford Park and runs 17 teams. The club has the freehold and therefore secured use of the stand and adult pitch on the current site but the other adult pitch and five junior pitches it uses are rented privately and may be subject to development proposals in the future. The club has been looking for an alternative site within the area with long term security and which can accommodate enough pitches and appropriate ancillary facilities to cater for growth for some time.

In a relocation, Cullompton RFC would look for three-four full size pitches, which could accommodate youth pitches (opposite way) on a Sunday and then another two/three midi or youth pitches. On the basis of this PPS assessment this would be a viable amount of pitches for the club to be sustainable and could include the one or two additional pitches would be required to meet extra growth in demand within the sub area.

The club has previously considered sites in the proposed Garden Village. Now that the Cricket club site at Horn Road has planning permission, it is understood that the Rugby Club are considering land adjacent to this for their site. Each club would require access to its own clubhouse facilities and issues around how to locate the rugby club around the cricket club and raise the funds to buy the land remain.

Summary

- Requirement for one additional pitch to meet demand from the Garden Village.
- Possible site for relocation of Cullompton RFC – three-four full size pitches + two/three mini/midi to meet the club's existing needs plus another pitch to cater for additional demand across the sub area.
- Training facilities for rugby – consider provision of appropriate surface within any new 3G FTP for football

HOCKEY

Commentary

With some, but only a small number of additional hockey players and teams predicted to form (one-two adult, one-two youth), requiring 0.1 of a sand based AGP, it is most likely they will join the existing club (ECVH Hockey Club). At present, the club requires additional hours (two) for coaching and training in the week and opportunities to play any matches rescheduled on a Sunday (two hours). If some football training is relocated (through the provision of a 3G FTP to free up weekday evening training time for hockey) and there is sufficient time at weekends to accommodate the growth in matchplay, the current pitch could meet expected growth in demand for hockey facilities.

As detailed elsewhere, ECVH Club is keen to operate from a site which can accommodate all its requirements for matchplay and training for adults and youths and the necessary

ancillary facilities. With an upgrade to the surface in due course and the provision of social facilities Cullompton Community College could be the preferred site.

There is insufficient demand in the future to support two sand based AGPs within the immediate Cullompton area. If a new sand based AGP were to be provided within the Garden Village (and if ECVH were to relocate to there from the Culm Valley Leisure Centre site), the viability of the Culm Valley Leisure Centre pitch would be affected. Whilst this may afford the option to resurface Culm Valley Leisure Centre AGP to a 3G FTP (and this is not taking into account the needs of the College), the more sustainable option may be to use S106 monies from the Garden Village to help upgrade the existing facility at Culm Valley Leisure Centre.

Summary

- Off-site contributions towards upgrade of sand based AGP at Cullompton Community College and provision of clubhouse facilities.

TENNIS AND BOWLS

The Garden Village will create a demand for tennis courts. The LTA recommends that the minimum level of provision for tennis would be two floodlit courts.

The study does not identify the requirement for a bowling green to serve the development, although of course populations of this size do have bowling greens.

Appendix 4; Table 1: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS/TO MEET DEMAND GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST CULLOMPTON/CULM GARDEN VILLAGE TO 2033

SPORT	ACTION POINTS
Football	To plan for an area of 4 hectares (capable of accommodating a minimum of three adult and four youth/mini (11v11, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5) football pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site. Consideration to be given to the 'Community Hub' site being taken on by a club/organisation if the appropriate ancillary facilities are provided and a possible commuted sum made available to help with the early years establishment of the site as it grows to maturity.
Football – 3G FTP provision	The development will also generate the need for 0.2 of a 3G football turf pitch; the wider PPS identifies the need for a 3G FTP to serve existing needs within the Cullompton area. Possible sites for 3G FTP provision to be further investigated – either within the hub, or on a new school site or on a more established site with a current community offer. (Area of land required for full size 3G FTP = 0.74 hectares). Further feasibility work and consultation with relevant stakeholders is required re: the benefits/potential of 3G FTP and sand based artificial grass pitch provision to serve the wider Cullompton area whether within the town itself (at Cullompton Community College) or in the new Garden Village (see Hockey below).
Cricket	One pitch (8 wickets) needed to meet demand generated by East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village to 2033. The inclusion of a non turf wicket would increase the capacity and flexibility of the ground. (This is in addition to a replacement pitch for the Cullompton Cricket Club, with additional wickets which could help to meet demand from new housing elsewhere in the Cullompton Sub Area, plus expansion within the club). (Area of land required for a cricket pitch = c1.3 hectares.)

Rugby	Cullompton Rugby Club have long standing aspirations to relocate from Stafford Park and is considering sites within EC/CGV. Replacement provision of four full size pitches and three mini/midi pitches is supported by the Strategy, to include an element to meet growth in demand from the wider Cullompton Sub Area to 2033 and from East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village, as new demand is likely to grow from the existing club. (Area of land required for adult rugby pitch with run offs = 1.2 hectares; thus total area required c.7 hectares).
Hockey	Contribution to the upgrade of the sand based Culm Valley Leisure Centre Artificial Grass Pitch within the next two to five years, which could include the provision of clubhouse facilities. Another possibility is the relocation of this AGP to a site within East Cullompton (to be provided before the Culm Valley Leisure Centre pitch is decommissioned). Further feasibility work and consultation with relevant stakeholders is required.
Tennis	A minimum of two floodlit tennis courts. Installation of SMART Gate Access Technology would be required when new courts are built.
Bowls	No requirement identified although populations of this size do have bowling greens.
Post 2033	It is predicted that growth in demand post 2033 in East Cullompton/Culm Garden Village (based on an additional 2550 homes) may result in an approximate doubling of the pitch requirement set out above i.e. up to one additional cricket pitch, one additional rugby pitch, six football pitches (2 senior, 2 youth and 2 mini), two tennis courts and contributions towards 3G FTP and sand based AGP provision.
	<p>The need to maintain a balanced distribution of sports facilities across Cullompton as the East Cullompton/Garden Village site develops is very important to the wellbeing of the town. Various options presented, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult football pitch through S106 in NW Cullompton – site already identified • The development, improvement and consolidation of facilities at Cullompton Community College, • Upgrading of facilities at CCA Fields

The need to maintain a balanced distribution of sports facilities across Cullompton as the East Cullompton/Garden Village site develops is very important to the wellbeing of the town. This can be achieved through:

- Adult football pitch through S106 in NW Cullompton – site already identified. Ensuring that will relate well to adjoining primary school and community facilities (including changing facilities) to provide a multi pitch hub site.
- The development, improvement and consolidation of facilities at Cullompton Community College, which is already valuable hub for sports activity in the town, meeting needs for hockey, football, rugby, tennis and netball. On site: upgrade of sand based AGP. New floodlit MUGA on Meadow Lane for tennis and netball.
- Significant investment to improve Meadow Lane Playing Field – higher specification for grass football and rugby pitches; new non turf wicket, changing facilities and possible classroom/social facilities for hockey in new building.
- CCA Fields. The upgrade of the facilities here (including the second pitch at Cullompton Rangers FC) here through the Relief Road construction will be a major boost to football and recreation within the town as will the development of facilities for Cullompton Rangers AFC.
- The Rugby Club appears to be considering an area in the Garden Village for relocation from Stafford Park, but there may be other sites to the south (west) of Cullompton.

APPENDIX 5: MASTERPLANNING – EASTERN URBAN EXTENSION (TIVERTON)

CONTEXT

The Local plan Identifies a number of sites and targets for residential and commercial development in Tiverton. The focus for growth in the plan period is in the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension (Policy TIV1 to TIV4), allocated with ca 1,300 expected in initial plan period). The plan notes that the site capacity is c.2,000 dwellings, so it is expected delivery could continue beyond 2033.

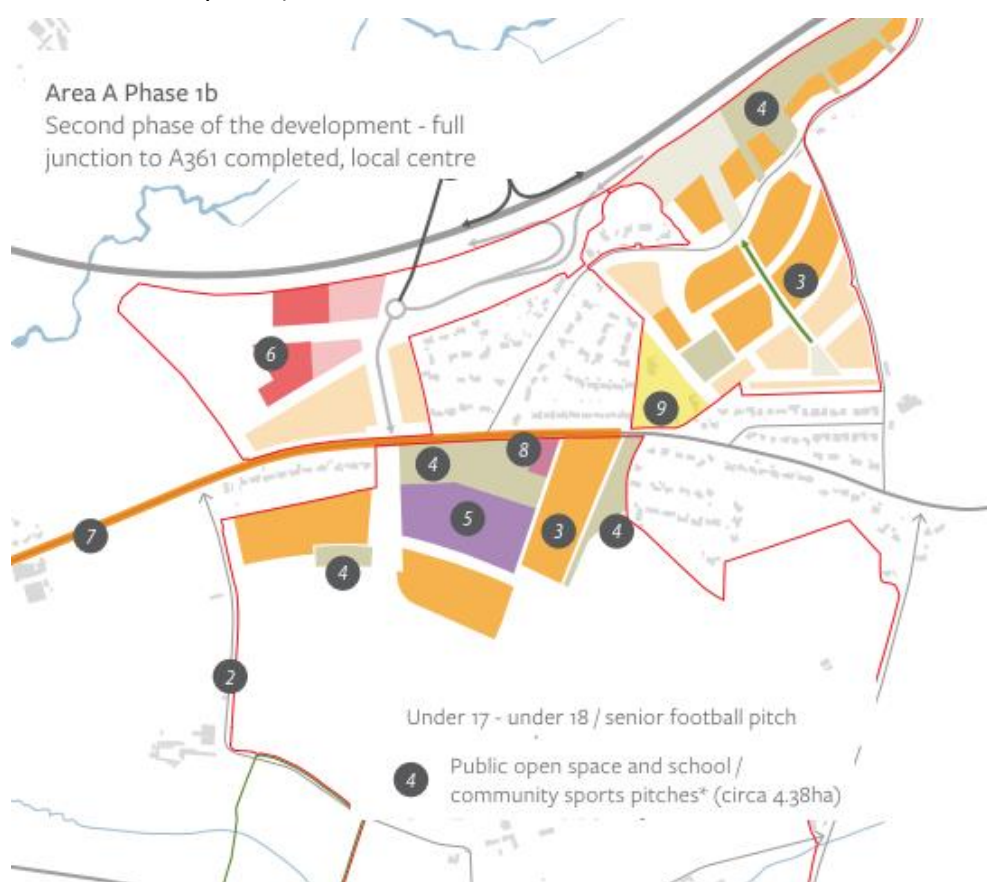
TIV3 sets out the green infrastructure provision which includes:

- Areas of equipped and laid out public open space, totalling two hectares of children's play, eight hectares of sports pitches and two hectares of allotments;

And TIV4 (eastern urban extension community facilities) requires:

- a 420-place primary school

The Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension Masterplan SPD (June 2018) shows a youth sports pitch delivered alongside the School site and further pitches in the SE of the allocation (to be delivered in a later phase).



The number of teams generated by the increase from new housing in the Eastern Urban Extension (1425 homes = 3235 people) and Blundell's development (200 homes = 454 people; 3689 people), together with pitch requirements is set out below. Whilst some of the pitch requirements will be met on-site, others sports may fare better by having S106 contributions towards improvements elsewhere. So we need to consider other opportunities within Tiverton itself. Opportunities should be sought for co-location and management of facilities wherever possible, to take advantages of facility and management infrastructure.

FOOTBALL

Predicted additional population to 2033 (based on 1,625 homes).	3,700 people
Football Predicted Teams.	Six football teams – one to two adult, two to three youth and one to two mini.
Football Predicted Pitches.	Two adult, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5.

Commentary

The priority within Tiverton is to address the shortfall in adult and youth pitches and providing sites with secure community use possibly away from schools.

- **Eastern Urban Extension** – proposed hub site. In order to provide a flexible, sustainable site which could accommodate a variety of pitch sizes and sports, a site of 3 hectares is recommended, which includes provision of a clubhouse/changing facilities.
- There will not be enough teams forming to support a full size 3G FTP facility. The need for one has been identified in Tiverton and there are potential sites/proposals including Tiverton High School, Amory Park, Elmore AFC and Blundell's. An off-site contribution to such a facility could be forthcoming from the EUE.
- Proximity of Blundell's with various winter sports pitches and proposed new 3G FTP. It is the school's intention to make facilities available for community use although whether this use could be secured and meet the demand generated by the EUE requires further consideration.

Summary

- To plan for an area of three hectares (capable of accommodating a minimum of two adult and four youth/mini football pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site
- Off-site contribution towards 3G FTP provision elsewhere in Tiverton.

CRICKET

Predicted additional population to 2033 (based on 1,625 homes)	3,700 people
Cricket Estimated Teams	Three-four cricket – One-two adult and one-two youth;
Cricket Estimated Pitches	0.6 of a pitch (Five wickets)

Commentary

It is estimated that the EUE to 2033 will generate the demand for five wickets (0.6 pitch). A further five wickets (0.6 pitch) will be required in the remainder of the sub area, predominantly to meet existing demand and future growth within Tiverton itself.

Due to the extent of overplay in Tiverton itself (equivalent to one cricket pitch) and the lack of opportunity to address this through expanding any existing grounds (namely Heathcoat) it is recommended that the minimum requirement for Tiverton going forward is access to an additional cricket pitch within the town (which the EUE will contribute to).

There are very few available sites for a cricket pitch in Tiverton:

- Blundell's is redeveloping its site and there is potential for greater community use of at least one of its good quality cricket pitches (if clubhouse is provided. This is not very far from the EUE.
- A NTW within the reconfigured Tiverton High School Site. However access to and maintenance of cricket facilities on school sites presents challenges for regular community use.
- There is a previous playing field owned by Petroc College opposite its site on Bolham Road. It no longer has any markings and has not been used for many years and has been the subject of a recent planning application.

A new cricket pitch is required to serve the EUE (part of the need for which (0.6 of a pitch – 5 wickets) arises from the development itself but which could be made larger to address the shortfall in the town.

Summary

- Off-site contribution to new (or community use of existing) cricket pitch in the town or
- On-site provision within the EUE (not considered very feasible).

RUGBY

Predicted additional population to 2033 (based on 1625 homes)	3,700 people
Rugby Estimated Teams	up to three rugby – One adult, one youth and one mini
Rugby Estimated Pitches	0.6 (One) rugby pitch

Commentary

One rugby pitch is not a sustainable level of provision and a minimum of three rugby pitches are required for a sustainable site. Most effective option is for off-site contribution, but Tiverton has a shortfall in rugby pitch provision (two adult pitches at the club and the use of a school pitch). Ideally the club requires another pitch and up to two rugby pitches are required to meet growth demand throughout the sub area (including from the EUE), which will be centred on Tiverton Rugby Club. So, another two-three rugby pitches are required in Tiverton.

Options:

- Blundell's has extensive rugby pitches and maybe this is the best way forward once the site has been reorganised. With contributions towards drainage and a new clubhouse, a club could be based here near to the EUE but it seems most likely that EUE will make an offsite contribution.
- Principal need is for training facilities for rugby – consider provision of appropriate surface within any new 3G FTP for football.

Summary

- Off site contribution to (access to) new rugby pitches: either Blundell's or new site.

HOCKEY

With some, but only a small number of additional hockey players and teams predicted to form (One-two adult, one-two youth), requiring 0.1 of a sand based AGP, it is most likely they will join the existing clubs – Tiverton Men's Hockey Club and Tiverton White Eagles (Ladies). Both clubs play matches at Exe Valley Leisure Centre. Issues as set out elsewhere include lack of spare capacity for youth coaching and development and good quality surface for matchplay.

The enhancement/replacement of the AGPs at Blundell's will assist with this, as will the provision of a sand based surface at Uffculme School.

TENNIS

The LTA advises that, given that Tiverton is a strategic location for Mid Devon and located adjacent to a major road, its analysis supports the need for three courts to future proof the facility beyond the Eastern Urban Extension. Exe Valley Leisure Centre is home to Tiverton Tennis Club. The Leisure Centre, club and a local coach are now working together to increase memberships, develop the coaching programme and school club links. However, in the LTA's view. Tiverton still lacks the affordable community tennis offer that makes tennis accessible, relevant and welcoming to everyone. Three courts with the right operational model and a Smart Access gate would benefit the new and existing population of Tiverton.

Appendix 5; Table 1: SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS/TO MEET DEMAND GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENT IN THE EASTERN URBAN EXTENSION

SPORT	ACTION POINTS
Football	To plan for an area of 3 hectares (capable of accommodating a minimum of two adult and four youth/mini (11v11, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5) pitches and changing accommodation/clubhouse) as a hub pitch site
Football – 3G FTP	Contribution to off-site provision of a 3G FTP at other sites identified within the town. (The development itself will generate demand for 0.1 of a 3G FTP).
Cricket	Possible site for one new cricket pitch (part of the need for which (0.6 of a pitch – 5 wickets) arises from the development itself but which could be made larger to address the shortfall in the town). If not feasible within the EUE, off-site contribution to the provision of a new pitch elsewhere in the town. (Area of land required for a cricket pitch = c1.3 hectares.)
Rugby	The development is expected to generate demand for one rugby pitch. Contribution to off-site provision is recommended elsewhere, since one rugby pitch is not a sustainable level of provision and a minimum of three rugby pitches are required for a sustainable site. (Tiverton RFC requires an additional pitch to meet expected growth from within the club and demand generated elsewhere in the Tiverton Sub Area). (Area of land required for adult rugby pitch with run offs = 1.2 hectares).
Hockey	Contribution to improvements in maintenance and access to changing and toilets at Exe Valley Leisure Centre artificial grass pitch and resurfacing of AGP in next two to five years with a sand dressed surface.
Tennis	Three floodlit tennis courts. Installation of SMART Gate Access Technology would be required when new courts are built.

APPENDIX 6: GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND PITCH DIMENSIONS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

3G FTP	3G Football Turf Pitch	LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
AD	Active Devon	LTC	Lawn Tennis Club
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch	MDDC	Mid Devon District Council
Comm. Org.	Community Organisation	ME	Match Equivalent (Sessions)
CUA	Community Use Agreement	MUGA	Multi Use Games Area
DC(B)	Devon Cricket (Board)	NGBs	National Governing Bodies
ECB	England Cricket Board	NTW	Non-Turf Wicket (Cricket)
EH	England Hockey	PTC	Parish or Town Council
FA	Football Association/Devon FA	RFU	Rugby Football Union
FF	Football Foundation	SE	Sport England
LFFP	Local Football Facility Plan	VQA	Visual Quality Assessment

PITCH DIMENSIONS

For reference, playing pitch areas (including run offs, excluding ancillary facilities) are:

Sport	Type	Age Range	Overall Space	Hectares
Football	5v5	U7, U8	43m x 33m	0.14
	7v7	U9, U10	61m x 43m	0.26
	9v9	U11, U12	79m x 52m	0.41
	Youth 11v11	U13, U14	97m x 61m	0.59
	Adult	U15 upwards	106m x 70m	0.74
Cricket	Full pitch	All	111.6m x 115.8m	1.29
Rugby Union	Youth	U12 and below	80m x 53m	0.42
	Senior	U13 upwards	154m x 80m	1.23

*Source: Comparative Sizes of Sports Pitches & Courts (OUTDOOR) September 2015 Update - Sport England

Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

SITE ACTION PLANS

See Also: [MAIN STRATEGY DOCUMENT](#)

January 2022



Explanation of Action Plans

Potential delivery partners are highlighted and priority sites have been identified. Progress towards delivering against the action plans and the potential for additional actions can be considered at annual meetings of the Playing Pitch Strategy Delivery Group.

Partners to deliver action and other acronyms are used as follows:

3G FTP	3G Football Turf Pitch	LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
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FA	Football Association/Devon FA	SE	Sport England
FF	Football Foundation	VQA	Visual Quality Assessment
LFFP	Local Football Facility Plan		

Timescale Indicative time frames and/or priorities are given as follows (although it is recognised that many actions will run concurrently and/or take advantage of opportunities arising):

- 1 Short term (1-3 years): Ongoing and very important; to be addressed now
- 2 Medium term (3-8 years): Important: to be addressed and planned for in Council decision making and policy
- 3 Longer term (Over 8 years): Addressed during the remainder of the life of the Strategy

Cost Band

L – Low (<£50k); M – Medium (£50k-250k) and H - High (£250k+)

Cost estimates can be developed from the latest version of the Facilities Costs Datasheet provided by Sport England.

- A Draft Action Plans by Site – Tiverton Sub Area**
- B Draft Action Plans by Site –Cullompton Sub Area**
- C Draft Action Plans by Site – Crediton Sub Area**
- D Draft Action Plans by Objectives**

A SITE ACTION PLANS – TIVERTON SUB AREA (in alphabetical order)

Site Ref	Parish	Management	Site	Sport; pitches	Sport Facility and Activity Summary	Options and Recommended Actions	Priority Site/ Issue	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band
MDTV.01	Tiverton	Local Authority (in house)	Amory Park, Tiverton	2x adult football pitches and 2x mini pitches. 1 large unmarked, poor quality tarmac MUGA (97x56m)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main public football pitch site in Tiverton Pitches generally rated as standard but overall pitch quality is poor this year because of over use and also the bad weather this season. Improved maintenance of grass pitches recently is showing improvement, acknowledged by clubs. Home to: Amory Green Rovers FC - 2 teams, and Twyford Spartans Youth FC play 9 youth and mini teams. Amory Park technically does have room for another two teams in the afternoon but pitches are assessed as being overplayed due to youth teams using them in the morning Changing requires improvements. Site visit noted large, unappealing changing block. 'Maintenance and overall quality is acceptable'. LFFP recommends pitch improvements; supported by PPS. LFFP recommends refurbishment of changing pavilion; supported by PPS Large unsightly tarmac area serving no apparent use. 	Support for further consideration to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> refurbishment of changing pavilion and showers. Extension to provide kitchen. Possible site for 3G FTP (on tarmac MUGA area) – further feasibility work required. Possible site for trial hybrid grass pitches Management arrangements for the site. Possibility of user clubs entering management Agreement with MDDC over use and maintenance of pitches 	Yes	1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; PTC (Parish or Town Council); clubs	H
MDTV.03	Bampton	Sport Club	Bampton Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Bampton FC – 2 teams Occasional overflow for Tiverton Town FC Small, inadequate changing. Site for Devon Air Ambulance 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancements to changing facilities to enable club to extend offer to youth teams and women 		2	FA; FF; MDDC; PTC; club	M
MDTV.04	Tiverton	Independent School	Blundell's School	Grass pitches – winter sports: 6 rugby/football; 5 rugby; 7 mini/midi rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive playing fields. School is developing ambitious plans for enhancing and developing the range of sports provision on the site. This may include releasing some areas for housing (possibly Amory Field) and replacing pitches on Lowman Field Tend not to have regular hirers of the grassed areas although used by Tiverton Town FC and Elmore FC for pre season training during the summer. School has invested heavily in maintenance equipment & planning further investment in drainage & irrigation Most of the pitches are on silt clay, making additional winter use problematic. Lowman Field allocated for residential development under Policy Tiv16 of Mid Devon Local Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a variety of proposals to investigate further with School as per below (Nos. 1 – 6). With all projects, community use options to be explored and secure community use agreements negotiated wherever possible. <p>1 Possible relocation of Amory Field football and cricket pitches to Lowman Field to develop all year round site with pavilion. Will require considerable investment in drainage as on floodplain.</p>		2	Private school; MDDC; SE; FA	H
MDTV.04	Tiverton	Independent School	Blundell's School	Cricket pitches – 6 adult & 1 junior 4 synthetic nets; 4+ grass nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality cricket pitches have been used by Devon Cricket for training and some Junior County fixtures. The two main squares (Big Field and May Field) are very good; Big Field can accommodate a 1st team and a junior team playing concurrently. 	<p>2 School aspiration to replace grass nets gradually with non-turf surfaces for practice.</p> <p>3 School wishes to develop community use. If changing facilities were provided at May Field</p>		2	Private school; MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE	M

Site Ref	Parish	Management	Site	Sport; pitches	Sport Facility and Activity Summary	Options and Recommended Actions	Priority Site/ Issue	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Field Pitch – next to Prep School - is where the 2nd team play. Major plans also to upgrade/develop indoor sports facilities, including indoor cricket centre) 	pitch, this could potentially accommodate more community use on a regular basis.				
MDTV.04	Tiverton	School/College	Blundell's School	2 x full size floodlit AGPs – one sand dressed c 2009; one sand filled c.1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGPs used by community, 5 nights a week for 3 hrs. Tiverton men's Hockey Club train; 4 football clubs train + additional occasional hockey teams & Devon Hockey training Hockey Devon Player Pathway site; Isca & Exe HCs occasionally. Sand filled AGP: problematic in the last few years in terms of drainage and floodlighting. These AGPs are important providers of training facilities in Tiverton and useful back up facilities. 	School intends to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> upgrade and replace astroturf lights with LED lights over next two years replace older AGP in 2023 with a Sand Dressed surface. install a full size floodlit 3G FTP just to the north of the existing AGPs, between them and Lowman Fields (will lose small 3G training area) 		2	Private school; MDDC; EH; FA; FF; SE	H
MDTV.04	Tiverton	School/College	Blundell's School	6 FL tennis courts, o/m netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6x tarmac courts, 4 overmarked with netball. Good condition. Currently school use only . 	7 Enhance court provision. Existing 4 netball pitches (6 tennis courts) to be widened to make 6 netball courts, with a new shelter/covered spectator area between then and the AGPs.		2	Private school; MDDC; SE	M
MDTV.08	Cheriton Fitzpaine	Sport Club	Cheriton Fitzpaine Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch; 7 wickets; VQA rated standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Cheriton Fitzpaine CC - 4 teams plus various nomadic and midweek teams. Important in meeting demand from local teams Undulating pitch on former farmland. Adequate, wooden pavilion in need of some attention. Site is about to be sold/auctioned which means the pitch is vulnerable to development. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing the tenure of this ground Enhancement of changing facilities 		1	MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE; club; PTC	L
N/A	Tiverton	Various	Eastern Urban Extension	Sports pitch hub site; to be decided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiverton's Eastern Urban Extensions (EUE). Local Plan Policies TIV 1 to TIV 4: The expected pitch requirement according to the number of teams generated by the increase from new housing in the Eastern Urban Extension to 2033 (1425 homes = 3235 people) and Blundell's development (200 homes = 454 people; 3689 people) is as set out. 	Eastern Urban Extension: The population from this housing growth area to 2033 is expected to generate demand for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 adult, 2 youth (11v11 & 9v9) and 2 mini (7v7 & 5v5) football pitches, as a potential football hub site. 0.1 of a 3G FTP facility . One cricket pitch One rugby pitch 3 floodlit tennis courts The above to be on or off-site contribution as appropriate. Off-site contribution to improvements to sand based AGP at Exe Valley Leisure Centre for hockey 	Yes		All; as appropriate	H
MDTV.20	Tiverton	Local Authority (in-house)	Exe Valley Leisure Centre	1 x floodlit full size sand based AGP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGP managed by Mid Devon Leisure. AGP is full at peak time on weekday evenings; predominantly used for football training and small sided soccer. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resurfacing of AGP in next 2 to 5 years with a sand dressed surface. 	Yes	1	EH; MDL	L

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch is home base of Tiverton White Eagles (Ladies) and Tiverton Men's hockey clubs. Used by Tiverton White Eagles for coaching 2 hours a week 3 hours hockey matchplay at weekends Hockey clubs using rate surface as poor: Surface has become more uneven and the evidence of inappropriate use (damage to hockey goals from football, use of bladed footwear, litter etc) has increased. There is no capacity to cater for increased hockey activity in week, but additional capacity at weekends. Issues around access to changing facilities and toilets within Leisure Centre; long standing, requires resolution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of maintenance specification/upkeep to improve the quality of the playing surface and playing experience. Improved access to changing facilities and toilets within the Leisure Centre. 				
MDTV.20	Tiverton	Local Authority (in-house)	Exe Valley Leisure Centre	Tennis courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3x floodlit, all weather courts, rated as good quality. Home to Tiverton LTC: 77 members – books 3 weekly sessions 2-3 hours each, all courts Considerable spare capacity, although casual tennis is popular at EVLC, booked on an 'as and when' basis by customers. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> repainting of courts (identified by MDL. continuation of measures to increase club membership and activity and public usage (already being addressed) 	Yes	1	LTA; MDL	L
MDTV.22	Bickleigh	Community Organisation	Happy Meadow Recreation Ground, Bampton	1 x adult and 1x 9v9 football, rated standard Previous site of cricket pitch, used by Tiverton clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important football overflow site for Tiverton. Adult pitch. Burned lines. Signs of recent use. Heavy weed infestation. Floodlit, grass training area. 9v9 (66m x 44m). Serves Tiverton teams: Twyford Spartans play their u15 girls, u13 girls and u12s at Bickleigh Meadow (as does their Vets team). Elmore 3rd XI. Smart pavilion with integrated seats outside with appearance of cricket pavilion. Rated standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No improvements identified for football (aim to provide pitch facilities within the town). Reinstating the cricket pitch at Happy Meadow, Bickleigh would be possible to meet unmet future demand, but not ideal location for Tiverton teams. 		3	MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE; PTC	L
MDTV.24	Bolham	Sport Club	Heathcoat Cricket Ground	1 x grass cricket pitch; 12 wickets; VQA rated good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well tended site with a large impressive pavilion, built 5 years ago. 3 lane net bay in good order. Club rated good on all aspects. The club employs a groundsman who is assisted by club member on a voluntary basis. Home to Heathcoat CC – 11 teams. Ground is assessed as being considerable overplayed. There is limited potential to increase the capacity of the ground. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional provision for cricket required in Tiverton to overcome existing shortfalls as well as meeting future need. 		1	MDDC; DCB; ECB	M
MDTV.28	Tiverton	Sport Club	Horsdon Park, Tiverton	1 x adult, stadium type enclosed floodlit pitch; VQA good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Elmore FC - runs 5 teams which play across 3 different grounds. 1st, 2nd and U18 play at Horsdon Park, u16s at Tiverton High School and 3rd XI at Bickleigh Damp underfoot. Club said drainage poor, pitch prone to waterlogging; all other aspects good. Some spare capacity outside peak time (as good pitch), but protecting the pitch. Elmore AFC is a Development Club (the only one in Mid Devon District), partnered with Moors Youth FC In order to fulfil its aspirations, there is a proposal for this site to be developed and club to be relocated to a 14 acre site adjacent to the north side of the A361. The proposal currently allows for 3 x 11v11 pitches; 4 mini pitches and a youth 9v9 pitch. (Adult pitches in 	Further consideration to be given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocation of Elmore AFC. <p>The PPS supports the need for additional pitches in Tiverton.</p>		1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; club; PTC	H

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					Phase 1; Phase 2 with option of changing Pitch 2 into a '3G hybrid system' for multi-use; youth & mini pitches and community hub in Phase 3).					
MDTV.37	Tiverton	Community Organisation	Moorhayes Community Centre, Tiverton	2x 7v7 pitches. No recorded use. VQA poor MUGA 36x19m FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underused site. Comprises pitches, Community Centre and MUGA so plenty of potential for increased use. Poor drainage and minimal maintenance give appearance of abandoned pitches at this prominent community site. Used by Moorhayes Youth mini teams in the past but not at present due to poor quality Enclosed MUGA with open access. Markings worn and surface needs attention. Evidence of netball and football. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches and reinvigorate use by mini teams. 		1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; PTC	M
MDTV.83	Morebath	Sports Club	Morebath Cricket Ground	1 x grass cricket pitch; 6 wickets, VQA rated standard; NTW rated poor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Morebath CC – 3 teams. Sloping site with smart, new pavilion. Non turf wicket is overgrown with moss and in a dangerous condition. Smart, new changing pavilion. 	Support for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements to the quality and maintenance of the ground to increase capacity, including the non turf wicket. 		2	Club; DCB	
MDTV.42	Tiverton	School/College/University (in house)	Petroc College (Mid Devon Campus)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vacant playing field site. Grass field, no pitches marked out Has been used in the past for football and cricket. Access to this field is required for rebuild of Tiverton High School. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of this site to meet future need for additional cricket pitch and/or youth football facilities. 		1	College; MDDC	L
MDTV.46	Sampford Peverell	Local Authority (in house)	Sampford Peverell And Tiverton Cricket Club (see also MDCM.36)	Grass football pitches. Adult VQA good (o/m with 7v7, plus another 7v7) 1 x cricket pitch; 9 wickets; VQA rated good Floodlit MUGA (36x18m sandbased)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy village ground with range of good facilities and active clubs <p>Football</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Sampford Peverell FC adult team and Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC. Usage issues at the beginning and end of seasons (overlap with cricket) has been noted. Adult pitch described as being 'played to the level the site can sustain'. Little spare capacity to absorb growth. Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC 12 teams are split for matchplay between here and Magelake Meadows, Uffculme. <p>Cricket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat square with prepared wicket, tight to edge of football pitch. Slightly sloping outfield. Smart, new pavilion. Home to Sampford Peverell and Tiverton CC – 6 teams. Ground is operating at a sustainable level, so there is little room to accommodate growth. <p>MUGA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MUGA – 4 year old sand dressed carpet on former tennis court. Good surface and fencing. Well booked for training; fully used. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> floodlights to enable on-site training and midweek matchplay, subject to planning considerations. Additional youth pitches (two) are required in the area to meet current and future demand for youth football (most likely emanating from Culm and Sampford Utd Youth FC). 	Yes	1	FA; FF; MDDC; SE; PTC	M
MDTV.78	Sampford Peverell	Club/PC	Sampford Peverell Tennis Courts	2x floodlit courts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts in good condition. Recently refurbished surfaces (2019) and boundary fencing. Home to Sampford Peverell Tennis Club – 54 members One court leased from PC; one available to hire. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> replacement of clubhouse 		1	LTA; MDDC; club	M

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MDTV.54	Silverton	Local Authority (in house)	Silverton Recreational Ground	Unmarked pitch. Open access courts (1x tennis, 1x MUGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubhouse in poor state of repair and needs replacing. Sad recreation ground with potential for upgrading. Pitch appears redundant. Posts in place but no markings nor maintenance. Uncut grass is sparse on one side and long and boggy on the other. Pitch was used by Silverton FC recently (2019) but team now disbanded. Courts are poor; unlit, rusty fencing and some vandalism. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> measures that would enhance the playing field and tennis courts and encourage greater use for football and tennis (for example, a shelter and toilets would benefit) 		1	PTC: MDDC	L
MDTV.55	Stoodleigh	Sport Club	Stoodleigh Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch. 4 wickets; VQA standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attractive ground down long path opposite church Exposed pitch with far-reaching views. New, additional changing hut in place. Home to Stoodleigh CC – 2 teams. 	No actions identified.				
MDTV.58	Thorverton	Sport Club	Thorverton Cricket Ground	1 x grass cricket pitch. 12 wickets; VQA good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Thorverton CC - 7 teams Flat site. Double net bay in reasonable condition. Well maintained pavilion rated as poor due to deterioration of fabric caused by woodworm, flooding and years of wear and tear. Pitch is operating at a sustainable level, so there is little room to accommodate growth. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhancement of changing facilities 		1	MDDC; DCB; ECB; SE; club	M
MDTV.59	Thorverton	Other	Thorverton Recreation Ground	1 x adult football pitch; VQA standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attractive tree lined ground with play equipment in centre of the village Home to Thorverton FC – one team VQA Standard: Dry underfoot. Dangerously pitted goalmouth. Evidence of recent play. Well tended. Could accommodate an additional team at peak time Progression to higher division will be hampered due to small changing room size 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enlargement of changing facilities 		1	FA; FF; MDDC; PTC; club	M
MDTV.93	Tiverton Borough	Sport Club	Tiverton Borough Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevated, attractive facility. Physical access is a problem for those with disabilities. Bowling Club has 45 members Club has proposals for redevelopment to provide fully accessible facilities as well as a community hall for use by the local population. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhancements and developments to provide fully accessible facilities. 		2	MDDC; PTC; club	H
MDTV.94	Tiverton	Sport Club	Tiverton Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well tended facility within People's Park. All fenced in, no further information. Green appears well tended. Bowling club has 42 members 	No actions identified.				
MDTV.60	Tiverton	School/College	Tiverton High School	2 youth & 3 mini pitches (West of Bolham Rd); all rated standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration for school to relocate from west of Bolham Road to east. Involves building on one rugby & one football pitch & replacing pitches and reorganisation of main site. Draft pitch realignment plan exists, including AGP (probably 3G FTP) but to be confirmed. <p><i>Football</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential 'Gateway to Sport' area in Tiverton in partnership with Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC & Exe Valley Leisure Centre. <p>Support for:</p>	Yes	2	AD, MDDC, FA; FF; RFU; SE, School	H

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				5 non FL tennis courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of Tiverton High School pitches is critical in accommodating youth football in Tiverton. Pitches on site are home to Moors Youth FC - play 14 of their 16 teams here on the youth and mini pitches. Club using comment that pitch maintenance is good although problems with litter and dog fouling. Pitches are overplayed. Club has to stagger home games and KO times to allow games to be played. In winter months this can cause problems damaging the pitch due to overuse. Elmore FC u16 play on adult pitch over the road; no issues. LFFP recommend pitch improvements; supported by PPS, but pitches to be relaid <p><i>Tennis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 x tarmac courts in playground area. Below average condition, not lit (unsafe; need replacing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> existing level of provision of playing pitches and courts to be protected. Further consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provision. Potential site for 3G FTP in Tiverton: further feasibility work to be carried out. 				
MDTV.81	Tiverton	School/College	Tiverton High School over Footbridge (East of Bolham Rd);	1 adult football & 1 rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitches meet need for football and rugby in Tiverton. Elmore AFC play their U16s on football pitch. Tiverton RFC u12, u13, u14 & u15 use rugby pitch; training weekday evenings & matchplay Pitches are overplayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above. 	Yes	2	AD, MDDC, FA; FF; RFU; SE	M
MDTV.61	Tiverton	Sport Club	Tiverton Rugby Football Club	2x adult, floodlit rugby pitches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Tiverton RFC – total of 13 teams. Club has invested heavily in drainage improvements. Current pitches are overplayed and there is really no option for the use of any other pitches. Juniors already using MDTV.81 	<p>No site actions identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional rugby pitches required in Tiverton to meet growth in demand. Training facilities also required to take pressure off grass pitches. To consider the provision of shock pads appropriate for rugby within 3G FTPs, subject to appropriate funding and business plans. 		2	MDDC; FA;FF; RFU; SE	H
MDTV.77	Tiverton	Sport Club	Tiverton Town Football Club	1 x enclosed, floodlit, adult football pitch; VQA good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiverton Town FC (Home Ground Ian Moorcroft Stadium) run 2 Saturday teams and an u18 team based at the ground which plays in the Midweek floodlit league (senior club in the area) Club say that pitch is generally good but gets heavy and hard work in the winter, when up to 6 or so games a season can be called off. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club aspire to a 3G FTP surface. However, the standard of artificial grass pitch they would require at their level is above 'community level' and would not be eligible for FF funding. Club may become 'league locked' if it puts in a 'community 3G' FTP. 		3	FA; FF; club	H
MDTV.95	Tiverton	Sports Club	Tiverton West End Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well tended facility within Westex Recreation Ground. Bowling Club has 76 members. 	No actions identified.				
MDTV.65	Uplowman	Sport Club	Uplowman Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated good. 1 x tennis court, NF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attractive, well tended site, home to Uplowman FC (one team). Important overflow site for Tiverton football teams. Moors Youth FC play their u13s here; also used by Falcon FC and occasionally Twyford Spartans. Club says grounds maintenance requires improvement. Changing within new village hall (cleaned by club). 	No actions identified.				

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare capacity for another adult team and room for a mini pitch on site. Open access tennis court. Good surface, markings and fencing. Ground has hosted cricket in the past but position of tennis court now renders this impossible. 					
MDTV.68	Tiverton	Local Authority (in house)	Westexe Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town park. Faint lines of football pitch but no signs of recent use. Reasonably well drained. Home to Westexe Rovers FC - 2 Saturday teams & Moors Youth FC play their u15s here. Spare capacity outside peak time. Club say overall pitch quality good but some problems with litter & dog usage. Changing is basic and of poor quality. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improvement to changing facilities. 		2	MDDC; FA; FF; PTC; clubs	M
MDTV.90		Sports Club	Nomansland Cricket ground	1 x cricket pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomansland CC – one team playing in the North Devon Sunday league and midweek 20/20. Late addition to Strategy. No further information available but not mentioned within the Strategy preparation. 	No action identified.				

C SITE ACTION PLANS – CULLOMPTON SUB AREA (in alphabetical order)

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MDCM.86	Ashill Village	PC	Ashill Village Tennis Court	1x tarmac tennis court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good condition, overmarked with netball. 	No actions identified.				
MDCM.97	Bradninch	Sport Club	Bradninch Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bradninch Bowling Club – 38 members All facilities in good condition. Some bare patches noted on grass. 	No actions identified				
MDCM.15	Cullompton	Community Assn	CCA (Cullompton Community Assn) Fields (see also MDCM.99)	2 x adult pitches rated poor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal football site in Cullompton. This site and MDCM.99 used by 10x Cullompton Rangers FC teams and Exeter Ladies FC. Major improvements to pitches planned through Cullompton Relief Road scheme. 2 adult pitches on CCA Fields site are being replaced by two large youth pitches, involving repositioning, due to site development. Pitches are being relaid to a higher specification. Pitches currently have no spare capacity outside of peak time; pitches are operating at a sustainable level only. Improved quality is expected to enhance capacity of pitches. LFFP recommends pitch improvements. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrading and enhancement of pitch quality, as set out within specifications. Detailed consideration to be given to management of pitches (still to be agreed). Primary user will be Cullompton AFC but pitches will be available for wider community use. 	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; PTC, SE; club	H
MDCM.89	Cullompton	Sport Club	Cullompton Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cullompton Bowls Club; 40 members Good quality playing surface, ditches and paths. Green to be relocated slightly due to construction of relief road. Club hopes to attract more members once it has moved and has better clubhouse facilities. Artificial bowling green planned 	Support for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> relocation to new site 2022 as agreed, with green and ancillary facilities of appropriate high quality. 		1	MDDC; PTC, SE	H
MDCM.13	Cullompton	School/College	Cullompton Community College (see also MDCM.17)	5 x tennis courts; Grass area for rounders and training grids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College has range of sports facilities, some managed in-house; others managed by MDL. Courts are of average condition. 3 are floodlit; 4 courts are overmarked with netball. School use only during term time. Available in summer for community use. Grass area beyond tennis courts has training grids, used for rugby and rounders. Proposal to build additional teaching accommodation on one of the tennis courts. As mitigation, a new multi use games area (2 floodlit netball/ tennis courts) has been granted planning permission on land to the south of the main college site on Meadow Lane. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clarification of management of the new tennis and netball multi use games area to ensure that it can be used by the community throughout the week and at weekends without limitations. Secure community use agreement to be negotiated with stakeholders. enhancement of remaining courts on College site and development of secure community access. 	Yes	1	AD; LTA;MDDC; PTC, SE; College	H

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MDCM.82	Cullompton	School/College	Cullompton Community College, Meadow Lane (see also MDCM.17)	1 x adult football; 1 x rugby; VQA Rated poor 1 x NTW – redundant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This field is important in meeting demand for youth football in Cullompton (used by Culm Valley Youth u11s and u10s) and also as an overflow site for rugby (occasional use by Cullompton RFC). Low-lying site prone to waterlogging The site experiences poor drainage and pitches are overplayed due to their poor quality. There are no facilities – changing or toilets - here. The NTW has ben out of action for several years. 	<p>There are a range of options to be considered for this site. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improving pitch quality and maintenance regimes to increase capacity of both rugby & football pitches. the potential for providing changing and other ancillary facilities (kitchen, clubroom/social facilities) to support a multi pitch sport site - football, rugby, hockey (on adjacent sand based AGP) and cricket. as a minimum, the provision of a shelter and toilets to assist the development of Culm Valley Youth FC. installing a new non turf wicket to enable cricket to be reintroduced. Consideration to be given also to the feasibility of providing a 3G FTP here (or on the sand based AGP if that facility is first relocated, with appropriate ancillary provision, to Culm Garden Village – see Strategy). 	Yes	1	AD; MDDC; FA; FF; DC; ECB; RFU; SE; clubs; College	H
MDCM.14	Cullompton	Sport Club	Cullompton Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch (9 wickets); VQA rated good. NTW (standard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small, restricted site, room for 9 wickets only. Home to Cullompton CC running 9 or so teams. Site is overplayed slightly. Growth of club (particularly women and youth teams) is constrained by lack of space for additional wickets. Cricket club is now being relocated to Horn Lane, due to Relief Road Scheme. 3rd XI plays outside the area at Tipton St John. 	<p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> replacement facility (including NTW) for Cullompton CC <u>with a minimum of 12</u> wickets to address current shortfall and allow for growth of club (particularly in women and youth play) (site proposed at Horn Lane in Culm Garden Village). further consideration of scale of ancillary facilities, management structure and funding sources. Co-ordination of development of facilities for Cullompton CC at new site at Horn Lane with Kentisbeare CC to ensure sustainability of both sites and clubs (See also MDCM.45) 	Yes	1	MDDC; DC; ECB, SE; club	H
MDCM.99	Cullompton	Sports Club	Cullompton Rangers FC Ground (CCA Fields) (see also MDCM.15)	1 x adult, stadium type floodlit pitch; VQA rated good 1 x adult pitch (or equivalent) behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two adult pitches under management of Cullompton Rangers hosting (with MDCM.15) 10x Cullompton Rangers FC teams and Exeter Ladies FC. Pitches are approaching overuse; Cullompton Rangers FC experience instances where adverse weather means the club occasionally has to seek alternative provision. 	<p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrading and enhancement of pitch quality, as agreed as part of Relief Road scheme. Detailed consideration to be given to management of pitches (i.e. whether by club only or in partnership with other stakeholders) 	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	H

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				clubhouse; VQA rated good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major enhancements planned to pitches as a result of Cullompton Relief Road scheme. 2nd pitch to be realigned, upgraded and floodlit. An increased seating capacity would be required for the 1st Team to progress to the next level. This would involve the installation of a purpose built 'Grandstand' facility. 					
MDCM.16	Cullompton	Sport Club	Cullompton Rugby Football Club (Stafford Park)	4/5 youth & 2 senior pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club has freehold and therefore secured use of the stand and adult pitch on the current site but the other adult pitch and junior pitches it uses are rented privately and may be subject to development proposals in the future. The club has been looking for an alternative site within the area with long term security and which can accommodate enough pitches and appropriate ancillary facilities to cater for growth for some time. Cullompton RFC runs 17 teams - full range of youth and adult Club owns 1st XV pitch; other pitches rented from private land owner and earmarked for development. Senior pitches are overused; a little spare capacity on midi/mini pitches but wet weather means postponements plus lack of facilities for training. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement facilities for club at a new site (possible site under consideration adjacent to proposed cricket club site in Culm Garden Village (Horn Lane)) Additional provision to meet future demand will require site with minimum of 3-4 full size pitches + 2/3 mini/midi pitches to meet existing and future demand Training facilities also required to take pressure off grass pitches. To consider the provision of shock pads appropriate for rugby within 3G FTPs, subject to appropriate funding and business plans. 		1	MDDC; RFU; SE; club	H
N/A	?	Various	Culm Garden Village	Sports pitch hub site; to be decided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Cullompton Masterplan SPD (2018): The expected pitch requirement according to the number of teams generated by the increase from new housing in the East Cullompton area (2450 homes = 5730 people), is as set out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The population from this housing growth area to 2033 is expected to generate demand for: 3 adult football pitches, 2 youth (11v11 & 9v9) and 2 mini (7v7 & 5v5) football pitches, as a potential football hub site. Contribution to 0.2 of a 3G FTP facility. 1 cricket pitch 1 rugby pitch Minimum of 2 floodlit tennis courts Off-site contribution to sand based AGP for hockey Possible site for 3G FTP to be developed once football activity established (or on new school site?). See Strategy for further detail. 	Yes		All; as appropriate.	
MDCM.90	Culm Vale	Sports Club	Culm Vale Bowls Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culm Vale Bowls Club: 61 members Green and facilities maintained to a very high level. Clubhouse and four changing rooms and large car park. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> updating of green maintenance equipment floodlighting to increase capacity of the green, subject to planning considerations 			Club; MDDC	
MDCM.17	Cullompton	School/College	Culm Valley Leisure Centre (Cullompton Community College)	1 x full size floodlit AGP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGP is managed by Mid Devon Leisure. No significant spare capacity on weekday evenings. Usage 40% hockey/60% football Pitch is home base of Exeter & Culm Vale Hornets Hockey Club, who use the pitch for coaching and matchplay 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resurfacing of AGP in next 2 to 5 years with a sand dressed surface. 	Yes	1	AD; MDL; EH; FA; FF; SE	H

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			(see also MDCM.13)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 hours hockey matchplay at weekends Hockey club rates surface as poor: Surface has become more uneven and the evidence of inappropriate use (damage to hockey goals from football, use of bladed footwear, litter etc) has increased.?? There is no capacity to cater for increased hockey activity in week, but additional capacity at weekends. No clubhouse facilities which is restricting growth of club and integration of men's, ladies and junior hockey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of maintenance specification/upkeep to improve the quality of the playing surface and playing experience. Post-match clubhouse facilities required to support development of ECVH Hockey Club. 				
MDCM.18	Culmstock	Sport Club	Culmstock Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch (3 wickets); VQA rated standard. 3 lane artificial net and NTW, VQA standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote sloping site, enclosed by trees. Nice pavilion. Home to Culmstock CC – 6 teams. 3 grass wickets plus NTW It seems unlikely that Culmstock CC will increase the number of junior teams it has, given its location and size of the ground. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> considering increasing the number of wickets and improving the non turf wicket to increase capacity, if required. 		1	DCB; club; PTC	
MDCM.92	Hemyock	Sports Club	Hemyock Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hemyock Bowls Club: 42 members Good condition, even paths, ditches and playing surface. Large, fairly modern pavilion. Adequate seating. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> refurbishment and general redecoration of clubhouse facilities. 		2	PTC; MDDC	L
MDCM.26	Hemyock	Sport Club	Hemyock Cricket Club	1 x grass cricket pitch (6 wickets); VQA rated poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Hemyock CC; just the one team. Sloping site in centre of village. Square not yet prepared for use. Single bay net in reasonable condition. Changing within village hall. Poor quality pitch reflecting the lack of interest in cricket. Location as a village green area mitigates against it being able to be maintained as a high quality ground 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating how ground could be enhanced to accommodate additional teams and provide a better playing experience. 		1	DCB; club; PTC	L
MDCM.29	Bradninch	Sport Club	Kensham Football Field, Bradninch	1 x adult pitch; 1 junior pitch of variable size; VQA rated standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Bradninch FC and Bradninch Youth FC – 8 teams. Very smart new wooden pavilion. The playing field is on a slope which adversely affects the quality of play. Very little spare capacity outside of peak time and is described as operating at a sustainable level. Grass would suffer if too many more activities are planned. Poor drainage results in a high number of games called off especially on the adult pitch. Lack of space to accommodate all the pitch sizes required. No external pitch lighting, parking on site of a maximum of 5 cars, the rest is off site (local lane), Lack of storage space Capacity issues were also mentioned by Bradninch Youth FC. The club has plans to improve the site by levelling it and returfing the pitches. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage and where feasible level the football pitches. Appropriate lighting of site and pitch 		1	PTC; MDDC; FA; FF; SE	M
MDCM.30	Bradninch	Sport Club/PC	Kensham Recreation	1 x grass cricket pitch; 10	<i>Cricket</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sloping, restricted site with new, double net bay tight on boundary edge. Large, substantial pavilion in good order. 	No actions identified.				

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			Ground, Bradninch	wickets, VQA rated good. 2x tennis courts, floodlit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Little scope to increase capacity of cricket ground.Home to Bradninch CC - 9 teams.Ground is overplayed. <i>Tennis</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Home to Bradninch Tennis Club.Good fencing, surface has ‘rust’ marks due to use of poor quality asphalt.					
MDCM.34	Hemyock	Community Organisation	Longmead Field, Hemyock	1 x adult pitch; VQA rated standard. 3x floodlit tennis courts 1 x floodlit MUGA	<i>Football</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Home to Hemyock FC – 2 teams.Poor and inadequate drainage of pitches.A little spare capacity for 1 adult and 1 youth team.Room for another youth pitch here if required.Excellent ancillary facilities not matched by quality of the pitch. <i>Tennis</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Home to Hemyock Tennis Club.Good quality fencing. Nice facility. <i>MUGA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reasonable tarmac surface with rebound boards, geared for football. Appears to have considerable spare capacity.	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. No tennis related actions identified.		1	PTC; MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	M
MDCM.36	Uffculme	Community Organisation	Magelake Meadow, Uffculme (see also MDTV.46)	2 x adult pitches; 1 overmarked with 9v9; VQA standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Busy, prominent multi use site in Uffculme.Home to three adult teams and Culm & Sampford Utd Youth FC. Their 12 youth teams are split for matchplay between Sampford Peverell Recreation Ground and Magelake Meadows (see alsoPoor drainage and waterlogging results in many cancellations between December to MarchThe site is effectively operating at a sustainable levelLFFP recommends pitch improvements; supported by PPS	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve the quality including drainage of football pitches.Improving the quality of the pitches at Magelake Meadow to create better conditions. Floodlighting of one pitch would give scope for midweek play (subject to floodlighting considerations). However, whilst this might add additional capacity it would need to be self funded and have a strong business plan.Additional youth pitches (two) are required in the area to meet current and future demand for youth football (most likely emanating from Culm and Sampford Utd Youth FC)	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; Site operator; clubs; PTC	M
MDCM.36	Uffculme	Community Organisation	Magelake Meadow, Uffculme	2 x sand based MUGAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2 MUGAs are joined along shortest length; undersized 9v9 size.Extensively used for football training by teams from Uffculme and Sampford Peverell, plus other sports.Appears in reasonable order. Some litter. Vulnerable to flooding and carpet is torn.Requires upgrading (laid 2006). LFFP recommends new 7v7 Floodlit 3G FTP. However, unlikely to be able to be changed	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">for upgrade of sand based AGP. (\$106 monies in place, but house building ‘trigger point’ still some way off)		1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; site operator; PTC	H

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					to 3G FTP as condition of Viridor grant aid was that maintained as multi use surface (endorsed by PC).					
	Cullompton	Not yet known	North West Cullompton	1 x adult pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new grass pitch is being provided as part of S106 for development in North West Cullompton. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pitch to be of appropriate quality (to FA specification) consideration to be given to hybrid grass pitch technology pitch to be linked with Primary School adjacent and changing facilities within nearby community centre to enable maximum use and development of multi pitch sport hub to serve this part of Cullompton secure community use agreement to be sought 	Yes	1	MDDC; FA, DCC, School	M
MDCM.45	Kentisbeare	Sport Club	Rectory Park, Kentisbeare	1 x adult football; VQA rated good 1 x grass cricket pitch; 6 wickets; rated good. Plus NTW upgraded in 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The football and cricket pitches at Rectory Park, Kentisbeare lie adjacent on the same site with separate changing facilities. <p><i>Football:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Kentisbeare FC - 4 teams. Some spare capacity outside of peak time Poor quality changing. LFFP recommended improvements to changing facilities for football; supported by PPS Access and capacity poor. Overall quality acceptable. <p><i>Cricket</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Kentisbeare CC 1st and 2nd XI, 3 junior teams Ground assessed as playing at a sustainable level. Little scope to increase capacity at cricket ground – no room for additional wickets. Changing facilities poor quality; very old and small 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrading of cricket pavilion Upgrading of football changing facilities. (No room on site for joint football/cricket facilities) Co-ordination of development of facilities for Cullompton CC at new site at Horn Lane with Kentisbeare CC to ensure sustainability of both sites and clubs. (See also MDCM.14) 		1	MDDC; FA; FF; DC; ECB; SE; PTC	M
MDCM.79	Culmstock	Not Known	The Hams (Closed), Culmstock		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No longer used for formal sport This ground has a wonderful wooden pavilion (Community Gardens pavilion) – with open access and a large covered space for events, shelter etc Culmstock PC has suggested that this could be used for formal sport; however the site is not large enough for a full size football pitch and no demand has been identified through this Study. Culmstock Parish Council has prepared a Feasibility Study for a multi-use games area on part of the school field alongside a proper parking facility for both the games area and the school (different site to The Hams). 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigation into feasibility of a MUGA on part of the school field (different site to The Hams) 			PC, MDDC	M
MDCM.91	Uffculme	Sports Club/PC	Uffculme Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming, attractive facility with good quality ditches, seats and borders. Uffculme Bowls Club: 55 members 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> renewal of access steps to the green. Funding agreed with Parish Council. 		1	PTC; club	L

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MDCM.63	Uffculme	School/College	Uffculme School	3 x 9v9 pitches 3x floodlit tennis courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are only three 9v9 pitches recorded in the Cullompton area – these are at Uffculme School and are well used by school teams so there is little spare capacity. Planning permission exists for an artificial grass pitch. The school are fund raising for a multi use surface for a range of sports. Tennis courts are in good condition, green tarmac, o/m for netball. Outdoor pitch and court facilities are available for community use, but not in regular use (localised catchment). 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new AGP with floodlights as a facility for hockey for community use, particularly as a satellite centre for Tiverton White Eagles and Tiverton Men's Hockey Clubs' junior players. 		2	AD; MDDC; FA; FF; EH; SE; School	H
MDCM.87	Willand	Sport Club	Willand Lawn Tennis Club	4x floodlit tennis courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts located next to village hall. Leased by the club from Willand Village Hall Community Assn and are available for hire by the public. Willand LTC has 128 adult and junior members. Average condition; courts due to be resurfaced in next couple of years. Old, inefficient lighting on 2 courts requires replacement. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> resurfacing of courts and upgraded lighting as identified. 		1	LTA; PTC; MDDC	L
MDCM.70	Willand	Sport Club	Willand Rovers Football Club, Silver Street	1 x grass stadia type pitch; VQA rated good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Willand Rovers FC - the second highest ranked club in Mid Devon. Home to 1 Saturday XI, Bravehearts FC on a Sunday. Ground also hosts training and a range of representative matches. Up to 50 matches a year are played and the pitch is operating at a level the site can sustain and approaching overuse. Club wish for access to an additional pitch(es) to develop youth and ladies teams and for training. No other sites are identified. The Jubilee Field (part owned by MDDC and part owned by the Parish Council) is used informally for casual football but is not available for formal matchplay. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> additional facilities for Willand Rovers FC should demand become apparent from youth and ladies teams at least one youth 11v11 pitch required. 		2	Club; FA; FF?	M
MDCM.72	Cullompton	School/College	Willowbank Primary School Playing Field	1 x 9v9 pitch; off site; VQA rated standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School pitch (off site) Used both by local youth football teams and the rugby club for overflow facilities. 	No actions identified.				

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MDCR.05	Bow	Community Organisation	Bow Playing Field		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site of former adult football pitch 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reinstatement of pitch if required. 		M	PTC; club	L
MDCR.06	Bow	Sport Club	Burston Meadow, Bow	1 x adult pitch, VQA rated good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairly new site. Home to Bow FC: 2 teams Range style changing facilities. Has potential for additional play outside of peak time The single adult pitch is part of an 11acre field but planning permission not yet obtained for 2nd pitch. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> additional pitch to be provided on this site if required. 		M	PTC; club	M
MDCR.96	Crediton	Sport Club	Crediton Bowling Club	6 rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very active club, with 95 members Very large club house in very good condition. Playing surface and ditches in good order, adequate seating. Club hosts major festival each year, attracting many local teams. 	No actions identified.				
MDCR.76	Crediton	Sport Club	Crediton Rugby Club (RFC) Main site (See also MDCR.21, MDCR.74, MDCR.91)	1x Floodlit, adult rugby pitch (main pitch); training area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main base for Crediton RFC's 17 teams with substantial clubhouse. Good quality pitch being played to a sustainable level Club is becoming increasingly fragmented due to demand for pitches outstripping current supply. Club has been looking to relocate to one site, as not all pitches have security of tenure. Club also uses Exhibition Fields (MDCR.21) and Creedy Bridge (MDCR.74) Site allocated for housing in Mid Devon Local Plan (Policy CRE6) 	Part of proposals for relocation of Crediton RFC. Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> protection of existing level of provision for Crediton RFC. Training facilities also desirable to take pressure off grass pitches. 	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; RFU; SE; club	H
MDCR.11	Crediton	Sport Club	Crediton United Football Club	1 x adult stadium type floodlit pitch; rated standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Crediton Utd FC (3 teams: 2 Saturday XIs and a Vets XI on Sundays.) Wet weather has prevented much recent use. Pitch has drainage problems; many matches cancelled. Changing facilities of good quality; need enlarging? 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improved access to changing facilities for use by Crediton Youth FC investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. possible site for 3G FTP in Crediton 	Yes	2	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club; MDL	H
MDCR.74	Crediton	Sport Club	Creedy Bridge (Crediton RFC) (See also MDCR.21, MDCR.76 & MDCR.91)	1x adult pitch with portable training lights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch owned by Crediton RFC. No on site facilities; portacabin and portable lights. Low-lying, prone to water logging. Mainly used for training; pitch is overplayed This pitch lies very close to the proposed relocation site for the Rugby Club to Pedlars Pool and will form part of the overall site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As MDCR.76 	Yes			
MDCR.19	Copplestone	Community Organisation	David Pullen Recreational	Undersize adult pitch. VQA poor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used by Copplestone Utd Youth FC who play 2 youth teams here & use a number of other sites. Both drainage and pitch maintenance appear unsatisfactory. 	Support for:		1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	M

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			Field, Copplestone		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No toilets or changing facilities (players can access the primary school facilities next door by arrangement) No spare capacity due to poor quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. provision of changing facilities here as possible base for Copplestone Utd. 				
MDCR.21	Crediton	Queen Elizabeth's Foundation Trust	Exhibition Road Playing Fields (See also MDCR.74, MDCR.76 & MDCR.91)	2x adult, 2x junior rugby pitches, rated as standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second pitch site for Crediton RFC, across road from clubhouse. Used by 3rd XV and range of midi and mini teams Adult pitches assessed as being played to a sustainable level Junior pitches have potential for a little additional play outside of peak times Site allocated for housing in Mid Devon Local Plan (Policy CRE6). One adult pitch currently subject of planning application for supermarket. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As MDCR.76 	Yes	1	MDDC; RFU; SE	H
MDCR.32	Lapford	Sport Club	Lapford AFC Sports Field	1 x adult pitch; rated good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good quality playing field, located outside village. Home to Lapford AFC – 2 teams Pitch has potential for additional play outside of peak time, 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enlarged changing facilities desired by club. 		2	MDDC; FA; FF; club	M
MDCR.12	Crediton	Sport Club	Lords Meadow (Crediton United Youth Football Club)	1 adult, 2 x 9v9 and 2 x 7v7 grass pitches; rated; VQA Standard for adult, poor for junior and minis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal football pitch site in Crediton. Home to Crediton Utd Youth FC.: 16 teams: 8 youth (5 boys & 3 girls) and 8 minis (7 boys and 1 girls). Pitches recorded by club as being in use 2019/20 (at time of visit only one pitch apparent due to wet weather). Low lying, clay based pitches with drainage problems; matches frequently postponed for up to 6 weeks; resulting in constant juggling and rescheduling of fixtures Restricts growth of club, especially girls; no adult pitch capacity for u18s No changing facilities; use Crediton Utd FC LFFP recommends pitch improvements; supported by PPS. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. Continuation of project to extend eastern edge of site with 1-2 youth pitches. improved access to changing facilities at Crediton AFC for use by Crediton Youth FC (with extension/upgrade if required) 	Yes	1	MDDC; FA; FF; SE; club	H
MDCR.35	Crediton	Local Authority (in house)	Lords Meadow Leisure Centre	1 x undersize sand based floodlit AGP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGP operated by Mid Devon Leisure Pitch is virtually full on weekday evenings with local football clubs training (Not open Friday nights) Very little used at weekends (not large enough for matchplay) Capacity insufficient to meet demand for football & rugby training in Crediton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions identified. 3G FTP required within the town. This could potentially be a site, although it would mean reclaiming the 4 tennis courts which were recently resurfaced. 				
MDCR.35	Crediton	Local Authority (in house)	Lords Meadow Leisure Centre	4x floodlit, tennis courts o/m for 3 netball courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts resurfaced in 2019; good quality, although maintenance could be improved (club). Home to Crediton LTC (24 members) – rent two courts for two hours 3 times a week. Considerable spare capacity especially during the day. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> measures to increase club membership and activity and public usage. 	Yes		MDL; LTA; SE	L
MDCR.39	Morchard Bishop	Community Organisation	Morchard Bishop Playing Field	1x adult pitch. VQA – standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range of facilities at village recreation ground. Potentially a busy ground but facilities are underused. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> measures to increase football activity. 		1	PTC; clubs	L-M

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				Tennis court; poor quality 6 bowling rink green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football pitch: at the time of the study, only Copplestone United FC U16 were playing here. However, Mochard Bishop AFC have used pitch for matchplay in 2020/21. Winter training has to take place off site due to poor pitch drainage & lighting Large changing facilities in poor condition/clubhouse. Single tennis court next to play area; open access; no record of use. Bowling green: Mochard Bishop Bowls Club: 50 members. Quality of green surface is inconsistent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of adult football pitch and reintroduction of youth pitch alongside. refurbishment of pavilion, changing facilities and showers new or upgraded floodlights to increase winter usage of pitch (providing pitch quality can sustain this) enhancement and floodlighting of tennis court to increase usage, subject to planning considerations. 				
MDCR.41	Newton St Cyres	Community Organisation	Newton St Cyres Recreation Ground	2 x adult pitches; VQA – good; 1 x NTW cricket; VQA rated good 2x floodlit, tennis courts, rated good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good quality recreation ground catering for a range of busy clubs and teams <p><i>Football</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitches rated as good from site visits and club comments: ‘Some of best in league’. Home to Newton St Cyres FC – 2 teams and Newtown FC – 2 teams (Exeter teams). Newton St Cyres FC would welcome floodlights – NB any stanchions would lie on the cricket outfield There is room for mini football pitches in front of clubhouse – can fit 2 x 5v5/7v7 or 1 x 9v9, but current demand does not warrant marking out. LFFP recommends pitch improvements but PPS disagrees. LFFP recommends refurbish changing pavilion. Supported by PPS <p><i>Cricket</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandford CC’s 3rd XI play here and there is a busy local midweek league using the good quality NTW. There is some capacity to increase the use of the NTW. <p><i>Tennis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home of Newton St Cyres LTC. Good quality, recently refurbished, coloured tarmac courts. Fenced and locked. Club members only (prospective members can access). 	<p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhancements to pavilion – some internal updating & roof repairs required. Along with other tennis club sites in the district, investigating the installation of ClubSpark/remote access systems to enable wider community use (whilst removing requirement for on-site management). 		1	MDDC; FA; FF; DC; ECB; SE; clubs; LTA	M
MDCR.43	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Barnfield Campus) (see also MDCR.44;	Posts in place for senior size rugby pitch and smaller rugby pitch (approx. 80x40m).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These pitches have had community use in the past and continue to be hired out – overflow for Crediton Rugby Club, Crediton Archery, Crediton town annual Fun Run. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QES has plans for reorganisation and rationalisation of its sites. Proposed that Barnfield will become the sole campus with disposal of other sites and replacement sports provision. Options to be investigated further. 	Yes	2	AD; MDDC; FA; FF; EH; SE; School	H

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			MDCR.98 & MDCR.85)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for protection of existing level of provision at current sites with suitable, appropriate replacement facilities (in line with Sport England Playing Fields Policy and Guidance). Provision of additional artificial grass pitches proposed by School. Keep watching brief. 				
MDCR.44	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Jockey Hill) (see also MDCR.43; MDCR.98 & MDCR.85)	2 sloping, off site pitches; youth 11v11 size; VQA standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site is just over 2.7 ha in total. Contains 2x youth 11v11 pitches; this is the optimum size for u13 and u14 play and is also considered large enough for adults. No changing facilities or toilets. Access to site difficult; no parking The site is used by QES students but is not in the optimal location for curriculum use. It has been used by Crediton Youth FC in the past, continues to be hired out, also to Cheriton Fitzpaine FC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site allocated for housing in Mid Devon Local Plan (Policy CRE7). Possible disposal as part of QES plans for rationalisation of campuses. See MDCR. 43: Options to be investigated further. 	Yes	2	School; MDDC	
MDCR.98	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Alexandra Road) (See also MDCR.44; MDCR.98 & MDCR.85)	Site just under 1 hectare. No markings for winter sport noted; could accommodate junior pitches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-site playing field, 200m grass athletics track, rounders, pitches Is usually marked as a gridded area for lessons only. Has previously been marked for summer sports, i.e. 4x 200 m running track, 6 lane 80m sprint straight and 5x rounders diamonds. Not available/used by the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible disposal as part of QES plans for rationalisation of campuses. See MDCR. 43: Options to be investigated further. 	Yes	2	School; MDDC	
MDCR.85	Crediton	School Academy	Queen Elizabeth's School (Western Road) (See also MDCR.44; MDCR.98 & MDCR.43)	5x tennis Courts, tarmac non floodlit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Road Campus houses Years 9, 10 and 11 and includes College House, which is QES's Sixth Form centre Sports Hall and old gym facilities. Adjacent to the site, to the north east is the site of previous Boarding House for the School. Tennis courts are below average condition, overmarked with netball. School use only. No community use recorded LFFP recommends pitch improvements and refurbish changing pavilion. PPS disagrees – no pitches or changing pavilion here. LFFP may mean Jockey Hill (but no changing pavilion)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible disposal as part of QES plans for rationalisation of campuses. See MDCR. 43: Options to be investigated further. 	Yes	2	School; MDDC	
MDCR.48	Sandford	Sport Club	Sandford Cricket Club	1 x cricket; 12 wickets; rated good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy ground hosting a variety of matches, coaching sessions and representative events. Home to Sandford CC - 16 teams Operating at a sustainable level; a little spare capacity here outside peak time. 3rd XI play at Newton St Cyres (NTW). Impressive clubhouse Sandford CC has land adjoining its existing pitch and the club is well established at this site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis identifies need for additional cricket pitch in Crediton Sub Area. <p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> proposals by club for provision of an additional pitch at its existing ground. 		2	MDDC; DC; ECB; SE; club	M
MDCR.49	Sandford	Sport Club	Sandford Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA – standard	<p><i>Football</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to Sandford FC: 2 teams. Potential for additional play outside of peak time. 	<p>Support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhancements to ground if required by club's promotion. 		2	Club; LTA	L

Site Ref	Parish	Management	Site	Sport; pitches	Sport Facility and Activity Summary/Issues	Options and Recommended Actions	Priority Site/ Issue	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band
				Tennis court, good, not FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football club states that progression to a higher league would require ground improvements (fencing, floodlighting). <i>Tennis</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single court with good condition, all weather surface. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> floodlighting of tennis court to increase capacity, subject to planning considerations. 				
MDCR.51	Shobrooke	Sport Club	Shobrooke Park Cricket Club	1 x cricket; 10 wickets; rated good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautiful ground with lovely old clubhouse Home to Shobrooke CC – 3 teams Operating at a sustainable level; a little spare capacity here outside peak time) 	No actions identified.				
MDCR.66	Zeal Monachorum	Commercial Management	Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum	MUGA. VQA – poor. *Partial floodlights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Privately run site with impressive indoor sports facilities and small, floodlit sand dressed AGP. Untidy surface shows evidence of flooding. Well used by number of local football clubs for training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for maintaining facilities at this unusual and remote sport and leisure hub. 				
MDCR.73	Crediton Hamlets	Local Authority (in house)	Yeoford Recreation Ground	1 x adult football; VQA rated poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home to 2 Copplestone United Youth FC teams Lack of maintenance and poor playing surface was commented upon by the team based there. No spare capacity due to poor quality. High quality clubhouse/hall/changing facilities. Excellent ancillary facilities not matched by quality of the pitch. 	Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. 		1	PTC; MDDC; FA; FF; SE	
MDCR.91	Crediton	Private	Pedlarspool, Crediton	Provision for rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New site identified for rugby pitches for Crediton Rugby Club The current proposals for Pedlarspool are for four adult pitches plus a training area, with the club exploring the possibility of one of these pitches being a 3G FTP. The club will retain the floodlit adult pitch at Creedy Bridge, making five adult pitches and a training area in total. Critically one of the new pitches would be floodlit; crucial to addressing the severe midweek overplay of the current supply. The drainage and pitch maintenance for the proposed pitches at Pedlarspool should be carefully considered to ensure these pitches can accommodate expected growth in the numbers of teams over the life of the strategy. 	The PPS recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the existing level of pitch supply for the club (4 adult pitches and 2 youth pitches plus training area), ensuring that any provision that is developed is replaced in line with Sport England Playing Field Policy and Guidance; Policy E4. That all proposed replacement pitches should be equivalent or better quality provision to those lost and in a sustainable and suitable location. Land proposed for rugby pitches within the Pedlarspool allocation should be fully assessed by an agronomist and verified as to its suitability and whether it is fit for purpose (critically that the pitches will not be subject to flooding) and the report made public. For this to take place, access is required as soon as possible to the Pedlarspool site. The Clubhouse requires segregated changing to accommodate the recent growth in women and girls' rugby. Such accommodation should be incorporated into the ancillary facilities at the new site. 	Yes			

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider the provision of shock pads appropriate for rugby within 3G FTPs, subject to appropriate funding and business plans.				

MID DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY: RECOMMENDED ACTIONS BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The following Actions are recommended as part of this Strategy. They are focused on the 6 objectives, which derive from Sport England's 12 Planning for Sport Principles, as set out in Section 2 of the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy document.

Objective 1	To proactively plan for and provide sufficient and appropriate high quality facilities and opportunities (enhanced and new) to meet demand to 2033, wherever possible making the best use of facilities already available
Objective 2	To protect existing provision and plan, manage and promote playing field sites to ensure they remain viable and sustainable and at the heart of community development
Objective 3	To recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being
Objective 4	To manage and maintain facilities in such a way as to ensure retention of players and attraction of new participants, particularly those still underrepresented in the pitch sports such as women, girls and people with disabilities
Objective 5	To encourage and support education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities by engaging directly with them and creating a forum for discussion.
Objective 6	To create an ongoing management and delivery framework for people and organisations to work together to share skills, expertise, resources and facilities in implementing the Strategy

There is considerable overlap among the objectives supported by the actions. These actions have been broadly grouped into those relating to: A - Policy making (planning policy & corporate policy); B - Planning decision making; C - Delivering improved facilities; D – Enhancing participation and well-being; E – Managing and maintaining facilities, and F – A framework for joint working to deliver the actions and objectives of the PPS.

	Ref	Action	Responsible Partners	Objectives					
				Obj 1	Obj 2	Obj 3	Obj 4	Obj 5	Obj 6
A Policy Actions	A.1	Ensure planning policy protects existing provision for sport and physical activity in line with the NPPF (para 97) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance (March 2018) and encourages and supports proposals for new or enhanced playing field provision which meets identified needs.	MDDC	✓	✓				
	A.2	Ensure relevant planning policies consider, reflect and set clear criteria for the long term management and maintenance of pitch sport provision and addresses positive and proactive solutions to amenity issues (noise, floodlighting).		✓	✓				
	A.3	Promote the 'designing in' of community use to all new relevant playing field provision, including new educational developments within planning policy documents.	MDDC		✓		✓		
	A.4	Ensure planning policy recognises the benefits of both formal and non-formal provision for all types of sport and physical activity.	MDDC			✓			
	A.5	Ensure links between the Playing Pitch Strategy and any Health and/or Activities Strategies are highlighted and further developed.	MDDC, AD			✓	✓		✓
	A.6	Where a health impact assessment is required, include consideration of the benefits of playing fields for both formal and informal sport and physical activity	MDDC			✓			
	A.7	Apply the principles of Active Design creatively within planning policies to help meet specific and targeted health and wellbeing measures and indicators.	MDDC, AD, SE	✓		✓			
	A.8	Ensure planning policy promotes fit for purpose and well-designed provision which integrates with wider opportunities for people to lead active lifestyles	MDDC, SE, AD	✓		✓			
	A.9	Ensure that all existing and any new sites are able to accommodate intensification of use e.g. provision and/or upgrading to artificial grass surfaces, car parking and requisite changing and pavilion facilities, embrace community use opportunities and allow for future enhancements and modernisation. Wherever possible sites should be multi-sports based to encourage year round viability.	MDDC, SE, NGBs	✓					
	A.10	Based on evidence from this assessment of need and related strategy, include appropriate site allocations for playing field provision in planning policy documents.	MDDC	✓					
	A.11	Ensure planning policy is positive towards the temporary use of under-utilised land and buildings to provide for playing pitch sports	MDDC	✓		✓			
B Decision Making	B.1	Ensure any potential impacts of a proposed development on existing playing field provision are considered in planning applications in accordance with para 97 of the NPPF.	MDDC	✓					
	B.2	Encourage mitigation measures to overcome amenity issues (noise, floodlighting) are submitted with an application, rather than leaving them to be dealt with by condition and ensure the measures are appropriate, deliverable, enforceable and sustainable based on an appropriate assessment and discussion with relevant parties.	MDDC	✓	✓				
	B.3	Wherever possible, consider opportunities for appropriate and good quality floodlighting, that may increase the capacity of existing sites and new sites, subject to planning considerations. Proposals should fully comply with relevant policies within the Local Plans.	MDDC, NGBs		✓				

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B Decision Making Actions	B.4	Proactively apply the findings, recommendations and actions from the Strategy in relevant development plan and supplementary planning documents including the preparation of IDPs, Site Allocations documents, Neighbourhood plans, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and approaches to developer contributions. Utilise planning conditions or s106 agreements to secure broader community use of existing and new provision where the development is education based, including the development and implementation of community use agreements.	MDDC	✓	✓				
	B.5	Ensure developments adhere to design guidance and good practice provided by Sport England and the relevant sports national governing bodies.	MDDC	✓					
	B.6	Ensure that the facilities secured through developer contributions such as S106 planning obligations/CIL meet the relevant and quality standards guidance provided by Sport England and/or the relevant NGB, fully comply with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 (and the former Disability Discrimination Act) and are made available for community use at an affordable level.	MDDC, NGBs, SE	✓	✓	✓	✓		
C Delivering Improved Facilities	C.1	Ensure planning policy promotes fit for purpose and well-designed provision. Ensure that all existing and any new sites are able to accommodate intensification of use e.g. provision and/or upgrading to artificial grass surfaces, car parking and requisite changing and pavilion facilities, embrace community use opportunities and allow for future enhancements and modernisation. Wherever possible sites should be multi-sports based to encourage year round viability.	MDDC, SE, NGBs	✓					
	C.2	Any new winter pitch site should include at least one pitch and a training pitch (preferably two pitches to allow for development) and match with RFU and FA model venues as set out in the national strategy. Targets should be set for the development of participation in football and rugby following new provision.	NGBs, SE, MDDC	✓					
	C.3	When planning new facilities, the existing sporting infrastructure should be taken into account. For example, facilities should be co-located, existing club bases should be retained and, wherever possible, floodlit artificial grass pitches should be located near to grass playing pitches.	MDDC, SE, NGBs	✓	✓				
	C.4	Review the alignment of pitches at key sites to ensure that optimum use is being made of space available, including remarking of pitches to meet with FA guidelines ensuring that juniors play on suitable pitches and marking out more pitches to ensure improved rotation for rest and recovery.	MDDC, NGBs, clubs,	✓					
	C.5	Ensure an appropriate amount of age specific size pitches are provided to meet the needs of youth football – this needs to be flexible for the expected change in team numbers season to season.	FA, clubs, MDDC, SE	✓	✓	✓			
	C.6	Support the provision of new and enhanced ancillary provision, including dedicated storage facilities and appropriate facilities for supporters and parents where identified. Adopt a minimum standard of toilets and wash facilities at sites for junior and mini football.	NGBs, clubs, MDDC	✓	✓	✓			
	C.7	Address identified drainage issues at existing pitches focusing firstly on sites where improvements will have maximum impact and where cancellations occur due to drainage issues.	Delivery Group	✓	✓				
	C.8	Provide appropriately sized, strategically placed and well maintained 3G FTP pitches to improve opportunities for training (as a priority) and matchplay. Matches for mini soccer and 9v9 games should be particularly encouraged. Ensure 3G FTPs meet the Performance Test and are listed on the FA register of approved sites for matchplay.	Clubs, FA, MDDC, Schools, SE	✓	✓			✓	
	C.9	Improve artificial cricket wickets where identified to increase capacity and maintain play.	Clubs, ECB, SE, MDDC		✓				
	C.10	Support cricket clubs in the development of good quality training nets at grounds to enhance sustainability & improve overall performance.	Clubs, ECB, SE, MDDC,		✓				
	C.11	Protect AGP provision for hockey and keep need for additional sand based AGPs for hockey under review.	Clubs, MDDC, EH		✓				
	C.12	Consider the provision of pitches with hybrid grass technology at priority sites for improvement of quality to increase capacity e.g. Amory Park, Lords Meadow	MDDC, FA, FF	✓					
	C.13	Include and support improvements which actively encourage greater use of existing provision by under-represented groups and greater access to provision by walking and cycling.	MDDC, NGBs, SE			✓	✓		
D Enhancing Participation and Well-being	D.1	Explore further possible access to school pitches and AGPs which do not currently have community use and/or opportunities for developing use to increase participation and alleviate any lack of spare capacity.	MDDC, schools, SE, NGBs, AD		✓			✓	
	D.2	Support the enhancement/provision of facilities at pitch sites which will meet requirements for progression to higher leagues.	Clubs, FA, SE, MDDC	✓	✓				
	D.3	Support improvements at school sites to increase community access and make more use of school playing pitches (e.g. improve pitches; enhance/provide changing).	MDDC, schools, SE, NGBs,	✓	✓			✓	
	D.4	Engage with local Wellbeing Hubs (e.g. Culmstock Health Centre) to promote opportunities for people to engage in pitch sports through targeted events, activities and promotions.	MDDC, AD			✓			
	D.5	Develop pitch sports facilities in association with Mid Devon and Devon health agencies/agendas to create environments which provide opportunities for sport and fitness activities to take place easily within people's daily lives.	MDDC, health agencies, NGBs, SE			✓			
	D.6	Address the issue of pricing of facilities on education sites, to see if any more concessionary rates can be applied.	MDDC, pitch operators, schools, AD		✓		✓	✓	
	D.7	Ensure all playing field sites linked and served by cycleways, with adequate, safe and secure bike storage options.	MDDC, schools	✓			✓	✓	
	D.8	Encourage car sharing. Ensure sufficient car and coach parking and disability car parking spaces.	MDDC	✓			✓		
	D.9	Ensure all main playing field sites are easily accessible by public transport and/or establish how sites can be accessed by public transport.	MDDC	✓			✓		
	D.10	Provide support and encouragement where possible to the pitch sport voluntary sector e.g. through providing guidance and information	NGBs, SE, AD			✓			✓

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E Management & Maintenance of Facilities	E.1	All new facilities to be subject to full community use and appropriate business, management and usage plans, to include provision for maintenance and a robust sinking fund for future refurbishment and/or replacement. Use planning conditions and obligations to secure the long-term management and maintenance of playing field sites including, where appropriate, adequate capital and revenue funding, for example including sinking funds to replace elements of the provision (e.g. artificial turf pitches).	Clubs, NGBs, MDDC, Schools, SE	✓	✓			✓	
	E.2	Review on-line booking system for courts to improve accessibility and encourage higher participation by service users	MDL		✓		✓		✓
	E.3	Pricing policies should be affordable for grassroots clubs. For example, match rates at weekends for 3G FTPs should be equivalent to LA natural turf pitch prices to encourage full take up of 3G FTPs at weekend.	MDL, FA, facility operators				✓		
	E.4	Take into account the need to maintain adequate safety margins when assessing the suitability of new land allocations	MDDC, NGBs	✓	✓				
	E.5	At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).	MDDC		✓				
	E.6	Actively explore new and innovative models to secure the viable long-term management and maintenance of playing fields whilst encouraging use by the local community and underrepresented groups. Where possible and feasible, opportunities for multi-use of changing rooms and pavilions (such as workshops, small offices or playgroups) should be explored.	MDDC, SE, NGBs, clubs, PCs		✓				
	E.7	At sites which also function as open space, direct casual use to other areas of the site to help reduce wear and tear (e.g. removing / repositioning goal posts, protecting the cricket square).	MDDC		✓				
	E.8	Addressing issue of dog fouling by a targeted marketing campaign. Provide improved signage and bins and delineated 'dog walking' areas.	MDDC, FA		✓				
F PSS Delivery Framework	F.1	Establish a Playing Pitch Strategy Delivery Group with membership of the current Steering Group and other key stakeholders, including main Secondary Schools and Blundell School representatives. To meet on six monthly basis and progress, monitor and review the Priority Projects and Actions Plans	MDDC					✓	✓
	F.2	Ensure proposed actions to meet the needs are specific, deliverable and costed. Costs should include appropriate maintenance and sinking funds to ensure their long term use.	MDL, Delivery Group						✓
	F.3	Engage with relevant stakeholders in public health, transport and education sectors to build consensus around promoting, providing, managing and maintaining playing pitch provision in Mid Devon	MDDC, Delivery Group						✓
	F.4	Make clear who is responsible for the delivery, management and maintenance of the recommended facilities along with when and how they should be delivered.	MDDC, Delivery Group						✓
	F.5	Ensure specific priority projects of a strategic nature have strong political and officer support at the highest level.	MDDC						✓
	F.6	Secure community use agreements at all primary and secondary school sites using model templates provided by Sport England, in discussion with school business managers, Heads of PE. The challenges in achieving this are recognised; however guidance provided by Sport England will help to maximise opportunities.	MDDC, schools, SE					✓	✓
	F.7	Work with relevant parties to put in place and maintain a process to monitor the implementation of community use agreements secured through the planning system.	MDDC, Delivery Group						✓
	F.8	Further develop school club links and the establishment of a relationship between schools and pitch sport clubs. Facilities at school sites can then be used as the club expands. Note improvements to the quality of facilities are likely to also be required.	Clubs, NGBs, schools					✓	✓
	F.9	Maintain liaison with and support parish councils over maintenance and protection of vulnerable and/or poorly maintained sites.	PCs, NGBs, MDDC						✓
	F.10	Recognise issues around shared grounds (i.e. cricket/rugby and cricket/football) and encourage liaison between clubs.	PCs, NGBs, MDDC						✓
	F.11	Support clubs with management responsibilities to improve the pitches under their control by, for example, engaging with the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor Programme.	Clubs, FA						✓
	F.12	Encourage football leagues to introduce alternative and staggered kick-off times, to make use of off-peak periods and increase usage.	FA, football leagues						✓

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MID DEVON DISTRICT PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

Consultation comments received and responses by Mid Devon District Council

Abstract

The Mid Devon District Playing Pitch Strategy has been completed by consultants Bennett Leisure and Planning Limited. This was published and consulted on in October / November 2021. A total of 32 individuals and organisations commented on the Strategy, and the comments received are included in this report, together with the responses by Mid Devon District Council

February 2022

Respondent Number	Individual / Organisation	Consultation comment/s received	Response by Mid Devon District Council
01	Individual	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I would very much like to express my views as a parent of 2 lads whom both play football.</p> <p>Football plays a key part of maintaining their mental health and I feel that Amory Park is currently not kept in an ideal state, the Astro Turf is tired and Westexe Park is a stunning pitch for the lads to play on but we need more due to the teams who currently use it.</p> <p>May I suggest a 4G Pitch or maintaining and developing Amory Park to be a good strong foundation pitch that our lads can play on all year round?</p> <p>I cannot stress to you enough how important it is for our children to have sustainable outside access for football as watching their mental health decline during the last season was just awful.</p> <p>I ask you consider the welfare of young people in Tiverton and the surrounding areas, but also local businesses. Bringing people into the local area is vital for our town, so why not encourage this and lets put Tiverton back on the map!</p> <p>I thank you for your time.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the use of hybrid pitches and recognition that pitch sports can contribute to health and well-being.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes a number of recommended actions to improve the provision of playing pitch facilities at Amory Park. These include support for the consideration of a possible site for a 3G Football Turf Pitch.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy is a technical document that can be used by the Council to help inform the preparation of development plans, masterplans, planning guidance and other programmes and strategies. It can be a material consideration where relevant to help inform decisions made on planning applications submitted to the Council for determination. While it can also be used by the Council to help guide the management of playing pitch assets for which it is responsible, its recommendations are not binding and their implementation will be subject to decisions made by the Council and the availability of funding.</p> <p>The Council owns and is responsible for Amory Park. The recommendations in the Playing Pitch Strategy can be used by the Council to help inform and guide future improvements to playing pitch facilities to help meet the needs of the community. This will be subject to the availability of funding and the</p>

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			<p>outcome of any feasibility work that may be undertaken.</p> <p>The Council is committed to seek opportunities to address health issues and disparities to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Mid Devon. The Playing Pitch Strategy's vision and its objective 3 recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being.</p> <p>The concept of a 4G football turf pitch is not recognised by Sport England.</p> <p>The technical specification of a 3G football turf pitch means that it can accommodate year-round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and / or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives</p>

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			<p>from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group will enable an ongoing dialogue with sports clubs across the district so that their needs can be understood and can help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>
Page 190	Individual	<p>Good evening</p> <p>Having just read your assessment document my comments are simple, as long as you are committing to improving the provisions in Mid Devon and not removing, then it has to be a good thing.</p> <p>In a time when we are trying to encourage young people to spend more time outside, these pitches and facilities are paramount to committing to that.</p> <p>You as local council must not build on every piece of land. You are not increasing secondary school provision, hospital beds, doctors capacity, dentists capacity, public transport capacity, road improvements - I could go on.</p> <p>I have 2 sons and watching them play football, rugby and cricket all over Devon has been a pleasure and I passionately believe you must keep sporting facilities.</p> <p>Yours hopefully</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the retention of sports pitches.</p> <p>The Council is committed to seek opportunities to address health issues and disparities to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Mid Devon. The Council is also committed to protecting playing pitches across the district through the application of national planning policy and relevant development plan policies for the district.</p> <p>National planning policy states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless</p> <p>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</p>

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Page 191			<p>b) 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</p> <p>c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.</p> <p>The adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 Policy DM24 provides for the protection of local green space and recreational land / buildings, including playing fields.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as part of its vision ‘to support the retention and enhancement of facilities’ • an objective 2 “To protect existing provision and plan, manage and promote playing field sites’, and • overarching theme T1 protecting, maintaining and enhancing playing fields. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022.</p>

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03	Moors Youth FC	Hi. I coach the moors under 9s in Tiverton. I am sure your aware we are in desperate need of a modern 3G/4G site with multiple pitches. The evenings we get to hire the Astro turf we are crammed packed into small spaces as there are many groups sharing these time slots. Also with the amount of rain we get in the winter months we are hardly playing any football between November and February. With a new site of 4G pitches we could be playing all year long which would be great for everybody. I'm not one who normally gets involved with things like this but I'm speaking for myself and all 25 family's. Thanks.	<p>The concept of a 4G football turf pitch is not recognised by Sport England.</p> <p>The technical specification of a 3G football turf pitch means that it can accommodate year-round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and / or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.</p> <p>There is currently no full size floodlit 3G football turf pitch in the district and the lack of such provision has been highlighted for many years.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy identifies an opportunity for accommodating matchplay on a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton and it points to several potential / proposed sites at the town, including Amory Park, Tiverton High School and Blundell's School. This will need to be investigated further by the Council in terms of Amory Park, and also with the two schools. Should a preferred site be identified this would need to be subject to further feasibility work, including; planning, management, maintenance, access,</p>

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			<p>floodplain, partnership funding, and delivery timetable.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group will enable an ongoing dialogue with sports clubs and relevant stakeholders across the district so that their needs can be understood and can help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>
04	Cullompton College	<p>Dear</p> <p>Thanks very much for this. It looks very detailed and exciting for the forthcoming years. I was on the Meadow Lane pitch last week having to avoid a huge 'lake' thinking how desperate we are for some proper drainage on this field. My only concern from the strategy was around the proposed MUGA - hopefully the school would have sole</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a new floodlit multi-use games area (MUGA) is provided on land at Meadow Lane, Cullompton for tennis and netball. This has been granted planning permission on 21st July 2021 (application reference 21/00410/DCC) by Devon County Council. This</p>

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		<p>access to this from 8.30 - 5.30pm each weekday as we would be using this for a lot of PE lessons and after school clubs/fixtures;</p> <p>"Clarify the management of the new tennis and netball multi use games area adjacent to Cullompton Community College and investment in other courts at the College. The site is potentially a base for a new club within Cullompton and should be available for community and club use on a secure basis throughout the week and at weekends without limitations."</p> <p>Thanks again for all your hard work.</p>	<p>decision includes a condition that the sports facility shall not be used other than between the hours of 0800 and 2000 on Mondays to Fridays and 0900 and 1800 on Saturdays, and at no time on Sundays and Public Holidays. The floodlighting shall be switched off by 2015 on Mondays to Fridays and 1815 on Saturdays. This is to protect the living conditions of nearby residents.</p> <p>The planning decision does not restrict the use of the MUGA to a specific user. This will be a matter that is subject to the ownership and management of the MUGA and will need to be agreed with Devon County Council.</p>
	Willand Tennis Club	<p>Dear</p> <p>I have read through the strategy and action plan and welcome what is proposed. I hope this will lead to support for the new floodlights and courts resurfacing which we need at Willand Tennis Club</p> <p>However I would like to point out in relation to the section on Willand Tennis Club in the Action Plan, p 15:</p> <p>1 The courts are owned by Willand Village Hall, a community organisation, and leased by the tennis club from them (so I don't think this counts as 'privately owned').</p> <p>2 We now have 128 members, adult and junior, not 75.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified the tennis court facility at Willand.</p> <p>The comments made by Willand Tennis Club are noted regarding the ownership of the tennis courts, and number of club members.</p> <p>The Site Action Plan, page 15, includes the site reference MDCM.87 Willand Lawn Tennis Club and recommends support for resurfacing of the courts and upgraded lighting as identified. It states that all 4 courts are privately owned and are available for hire by the public. It also states that Willand Lawn Tennis Club has 75 members.</p>

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		Kind regards	<p>This information was believed to be factually correct at the time of the survey of playing pitch facilities in Mid Devon.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been amended to include the information that has been provided.</p>
06	Bradninch FC	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I am writing in response to the Playing Pitch Strategy via the Devon County FA website. Having read the document I was impressed with the amount of thought and detail that has gone into putting something together.</p> <p>I was excited to see the number of teams across the Cullompton area predicted to increase, such is the case for Bradninch football club where we have had two senior mens teams, a women's senior football team, 8 youth teams across 5 age groups and more being nurtured into early grassroots development.</p> <p>The current ground at Kensham Park currently hosts all these teams, plus at times, other clubs who's youth teams share Saturday morning pitch space.</p> <p>I'm writing because as it stands, we have very limited space for all of these teams to continue to play within the direct area we have used for the last 15/20 years and it's starting to become more and more difficult to expand the club as we'd like and offer, men, women and children of all ages the ability to play local football in the Bradninch area.</p> <p>We have fantastic turn outs, 30+ women registered to the club, 40+ men and just under 80 children of various ages.</p>	<p>The comments provided by Bradninch FC are noted, including information about the numbers of teams supported by the club.</p> <p>The Site Action Plan, page 13, identifies that the existing playing pitch facilities at the Kensham football field (site MDCM.29) experience poor drainage and have a lack of space to accommodate all the pitches required, and the recreation ground (site MDCM.30) is also sloping and has little spare capacity.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends support for investigating changes to the maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve the drainage of the football pitches.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This</p>

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		<p>The pitches at Kensham Park although suitable for playing on, has a terrible incline of nearly 9 meters from one corner of the field to the other. This makes it difficult to play the game effectively and can hinder the club from getting new players involved. The playing surface is inadequate for football and the club is outgrowing the area. Potentially, work could be done to level the pitches at Kensham Park, creating more space for parents, spectators and pitch room. Perhaps also there may be additional space where the playing pitches could be relocated?</p> <p>Either way, the club is growing at a fantastic rate, we're charter standard and have amazing qualified coaches. The senior team recently won their domestic league and the women compete against academy teams like Exeter City, Torquay and Plymouth. It's worth mentioning that in the last 5 years alone, the club has nearly doubled teams and we're working on a 5 year plan to provide us with an opportunity to work towards a common goal in raising the profile of football in the Bradninch and Hele area.</p> <p>I hope these thoughts help.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p>will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed through the assessment of pitch provision and engagement with Town and Parish Council's schools / colleges and known local sports clubs across the district. Bradninch Youth FC responded to the questionnaire survey and the consultants also spoke at length to a member of the senior club about the ground and aspirations for the future and the Strategy fully reflects the comments made at the time. The information gathered is a snap shot in time in 2020/early 2021, but has provided a detailed understanding for the purpose of shaping recommendations in this Playing Pitch Strategy for the improvement of pitch sport facilities. The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>

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07	Individual	<p>Hello, I campaigned for Labour at the recent county election in support of a 3G pitch for Tiverton and the feedback from door to door was generally in favour of this even if they were conservative voters.</p> <p>As a local referee I have seen first hand the amount of games that get called off due to waterlogged pitches during the winter and the effect this has on the mental health of the youths that this effects. The disadvantage that the towns children have compared to the bigger cities of the country also should be taken into account.</p> <p>This should be seen as a opportunity for the council to serve the community whilst at the the same time after initial investment this is a viable profit making business opportunity that should bring in valuable income for the council in the long term.</p> <p>There are various opportunities for funding from many sources and unique to Tiverton I would approach the Heathcoat trust as they might be able to help with either a grant of loan as they have funds for the people of Tiverton which as far as I know is quite a substantial pot of money.</p> <p>The local youth teams that I approached during my campaign , Moors and Twyford Spartans, both said they have been trying for years to get a 3G pitch for the towns children to use not only for matches but also for training.</p> <p>A multi sport hub in either Amory park or at the THS would be my preferred option and I would suggest the position of the pitches needs to be fairly central and not stuck out on the edge of the town. I am concerned that if a private school like Blundells or a private club like Elmore or Tiverton Town was involved in running it then it would be hard for the general public to get use of it at the times they needed it and I would caution against this, it should be run by the council with discounted rates for youth team bookings.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the need for improved football pitches at Tiverton.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy identifies an opportunity for accommodating matchplay on a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton and it points to several potential / proposed sites at the town, including Amory Park, Tiverton High School and Blundell's School. This will need to be investigated further by the Council in terms of Amory Park, and also with the two schools. Should a preferred site be identified this would need to be subject to further feasibility work, including; planning, management, maintenance, access, floodplain, partnership funding, and delivery timetable.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of</p>

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Page 198		<p>There are also many local adult sports clubs that would be able to use this for training and im sure it would be booked up for five a Side leagues and walking football as well, as the film line goes “if you build it, they will come!”</p> <p>I hope you will have the vision to go ahead with this project as the town is expanding population wise and it is desperately wanted and needed.</p>	<p>playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p> <p>The Council is committed to seek opportunities to address health issues and disparities to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Mid Devon. The Playing Pitch Strategy’s vision and its objective 3 recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being.</p>
	Dawlish United	<p>Hi</p> <p>I have read the 3G pitch strategy and would like to put forward Dawlish for a possible location.</p> <p>There is actually 2 great locations both have changing facilities.</p> <p>1. Dawlish United Football Club</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted.</p> <p>Dawlish is outside of Mid Devon and is located in Teignbridge District, and the consideration of playing pitch facilities at this town is outside the scope of recommendations in this Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>

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		<p>This has all the facilities needed to have a 3G pitch with great parking along with a secure fence all around.</p> <p>2. Dawlish Leisure Centre. Cage pitch Again this has parking and a pavilion with a attached changing rooms. Or they have a full Astro turf that needs updated and could be changed to 3G.</p> <p>All these would benefit the youth and other local sports teams.</p>	
09 Page 199	Tiverton High School	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am the Head of PE at Tiverton High School.</p> <p>I am passionate about providing the best possible sporting opportunities to our students here at THS. Currently, we are surviving on old, worn and out of date facilities. Yet, we still cater a broad curriculum for a near 1300 students each week. We provide our students with a good range of extra-curricular activities; however we are again using facilities that are not up to standard.</p> <p>As a Head of PE, I want our students to be inspired and enthusiastic by and about Sport. I want other schools who visit us for fixtures to be envious of our facilities - not the other way around. Presently, we do not have any adequate football/rugby pitches, we do not have any adequate netball/tennis courts. Yet we can still boast of helping to produce teams that progress deep into the National Cups, students who represent Devon at Athletics, Netball, Cricket and Rugby. Students who are in Youth Academies at football clubs. Students who compete Nationally in gymnastics.</p> <p>At THS, we have an existing department who look after external bookings for our current facilities (sports hall, fields and dance studio). We have a system and structure in place for facilities to be advertised, hired and maintained.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the condition of existing facilities, their availability for community use and the support that these provide for students and external sports clubs.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for</p>

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Page 200		<p>I am currently working with the local tennis coach around gaining funding to resurface our 6 tennis courts, so they can be used by our students and the wider public. We want better facilities that will benefit the whole of Tiverton - not just us.</p> <p>For our near 1300 students, Tiverton is their town. It's where they spend their evening, weekends, half terms and summers. Students represent Twyford FC, Moors FC and Tiverton RFC. They are a part of Willow Tree, they attend Tiverton Gymnastics club and White Eagles Hockey Club. All of these clubs use our current facilities. Imagine the difference it would make to these clubs if they had updated and excellent facilities to use, without having to relocate.</p> <p>THS currently has plans in place to relocate the school buildings across the roads in to the field next to the existing astro turf. This would essentially leave the current site a blank canvas. I have had conversations internally and with local businesses and sporting bodies around the potential to create a regional sports hub, where the Governing Bodies of each sport buy in the build a facility here. Can you imagine how much this would benefit Tiverton? To have badminton, football, rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, basketball, dance and gymnastics facilities all in one place.</p>	<p>the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential 'Gateway to Sport' area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing level of playing pitches and courts to be protected Further consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provision Potential site for a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been</p>

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Page 201			<p>granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field. The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives</p>

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Page 202			<p>from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College.</p>
10	Tiverton High School	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I have been a PE teacher at Tiverton High School for 5 years now. In this time the school playing pitches which were already past their sell by date are now almost unusable. The tennis/netball courts cannot be used for their respective sports, the surface is not safe with the top layer breaking up and being dangerous to use, the lines are faded and at this time of year due to their position often get covered with slippery Autumnal leaves.</p> <p>The playing pitches often get flooded especially at this time of year due to the location of the school. With this in mind Tiverton is crying out for a full size 4G</p>	Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.

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		<p>artificial pitch, I do not know many towns of this size without one and the High School would be a perfect location for it.</p> <p>Our students deserve better, sport should always be accessible to all no matter their background and now is a perfect opportunity to level up the playing facilities in Tiverton for the community.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	
11	Individual	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>After reading your pitch strategy I just wanted to point out that the reason the tennis courts at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre was resurfaced in 2019 was to make them dual use to serve at netball courts.</p> <p>The netball courts were taken away after the hard courts were replaced with the atp pitches which aren't suitable for netball. Crediton Netball league regularly use the netball courts and to replace them with more atp pitches would leave the junior, adult and summer leagues without a home. The netball players had to fight hard to have the tennis courts converted and it would be a travesty for them to be taken away again. There has also been a very successful back to netball scheme running for adults who haven't played for a while to get back into it, which has benefits for health and fitness, and also mental health.</p> <p>To lose these courts would be the removing to play a sport for an entire town and beyond but it would completely remove netball from Crediton, as if the youth can't learn and practice the sport it will simply die out. I would also like to point out as an employee of Lords Meadow Leisure that the atp also sit empty all day unless we have schools using them and then they use the atp pitches and the tennis courts.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted including the reason why the tennis courts at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre were resurfaced in 2019.</p> <p>The focus of the Playing Pitch Strategy is to increase the use of the netball / tennis courts. The Site Action Plan page 18 site reference MDCR.35 notes the 4 tennis courts are also used for 3 netball courts and recommends support for measure to increase club membership and activity and public usage. There are no proposals to take away the netball courts that have been provided.</p> <p>National planning policy states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless</p> <p>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</p>

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Page 204			<p>b) 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</p> <p>c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.</p> <p>The adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 Policy DM24 provides for the protection of local green space and recreational land / buildings, including playing fields.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• as part of its vision ‘to support the retention and enhancement of facilities’• an objective 2 “To protect existing provision and plan, manage and promote playing field sites’, and• overarching theme T1 protecting, maintaining and enhancing playing fields. <p>The Council is committed to seek opportunities to address health issues and disparities to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Mid Devon. The Playing Pitch Strategy’s vision and its objective 3 recognise and give significant weight to the value of the pitch sports in contributing to enhanced mental and physical health and well-being.</p>

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12	Tiverton High School	<p>I write to you regarding the location of new sports facilities in Tiverton. I strongly believe that Tiverton High School would be the most advantageous place for these.</p> <p>It is already a community center where many local sports clubs can enjoy facilities, however some of these are becoming worn.</p> <p>The number of local families that would benefit from the facilities at the high school is huge - in excess of 1000 young people and their families.</p> <p>As well as Tiverton High School obviously benefitting from these facilities, so would the many local primary schools that use the High School for sporting events.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of the schools facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential 'Gateway</p>

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Page 206			<p>to Sport’ area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Existing level of playing pitches and courts to be protectedFurther consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provisionPotential site for a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out.
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Page 207			<p>Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022.</p>

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			The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College
13 Page 208	Tiverton High School	<p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>Please see below my thoughts as to why Tiverton High School should be the venue for the new sports facilities for Tiverton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THS has a lot more 'local' students than Blundells. Approx 250 per year group at THS against Blundells approx. 38 • The sheer number of young people that would benefit from the facilities every week would be far greater if the facilities were housed at THS. • The local sports teams currently using our site would benefit from better facilities, without having to relocate • The potential for numerous facilities to be built here during/after the school relocation across the road • The Primary Schools use THS for their sports festivals and competitions. • Blundells already have very good sports facilities, it would therefore be good to give another venue good sports facilities rather than just making one venue even better. 	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p>
14	Individual	<p>Good evening</p> <p>I am writing in support of improving the sports facilities at Tiverton High School through the Playing Pitch Strategy and am surprised that this isn't the obvious choice for the wider Tiverton Community.</p>	Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.

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Page 209		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 1200 students on roll at the school are in desperate need for high quality provision and would benefit every day Students from the feeder primary schools already visit for sports festivals and would also benefit Many clubs hire the existing facilities and there are premises staff already in place to manage an increase in demand. Clubs who have been in Tiverton for many years are looking to relocate out of the town due to poor facilities at the leisure centre. You need to keep these clubs in Tiverton otherwise you risk the losing the interest of future generations. Great location with ample parking The new facilities need to be accessible to all and they would be if you make use of the space available at Tiverton High School <p>In short, the people of Tiverton deserve high quality facilities that is truly at the heart of the community which Tiverton High School is.</p>	
	15	<p>Individual</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>As a Mid Devon resident, I am writing with regards to the Playing Pitch Strategy as detailed here https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/playing-pitch-strategy/</p> <p>I will detail my views below:</p> <p>The placement of the new facilities makes most sense if it is as central to the town as possible. The number of local students at Blundells is very low, whereas placing the facilities at THS would put the facilities in reach of a far greater number of young people.</p> <p>There are already a number of local teams and clubs using facilities at THS and this would improve the facilities for them as well without need for relocating.</p>	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should</p>

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		<p>THS currently hosts sports festivals and competitions for various local primary schools and so facilities built at THS would cater to them as well.</p> <p>Many thanks for taking account of my views. Faithfully,</p>	<p>promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p>
16	Tiverton High School	<p>I am writing in reference to consultation about new sports pitch facilities in Tiverton.</p> <p>As a teacher at Tiverton High School wanted to put forward some supporting arguments for our site being chosen. I believe Tiverton High School's site is the most logical location for these facilities to be built given that we have a very large cohort of local students attending our school. In addition our site already provides facilities for a number of local clubs as well as the local primaries and all of these groups would benefit from improved facilities. This would also fit with future plans for the movement of the school buildings and the current site to be used for sports facilities.</p> <p>I hope you will be able to take these points into consideration when making your final decision.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p>	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p>
17	Tiverton High School	<p>I would like to raise these points in favour of Tiverton High School having updated sports facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THS has a lot more 'local' students compared to Blundells who would benefit from better facilities • The sheer number of young people that would benefit from the facilities every week • The local sports teams currently using Tiverton High school's site would benefit from better facilities, without having to relocate 	<p>Please refer to the response provided above in relation to Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p>

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Page 211		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential for numerous facilities to be built here during/after the school relocation across the road The Primary Schools use THS for their sports festivals and competitions. <p>Please log my opinions.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p>
	18 Copplestone United FC	<p>I am responding to the recent request to provide feedback on the MDC playing pitch strategy.</p> <p>I am the current Chairman of Copplestone United FC and also manage the U15 team.</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the need for a 3G football turf pitch in the Crediton area.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G</p>

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		<p>I general I agree with the comments in respect of the future / additional pitch and changing room needs outside of Crediton in our sub area. We are reliant on community recreation fields and private football clubs to provide youth football.</p> <p>If I am interpreting the paper correctly though it does appear that any new 3G pitch would likely be located in Tiverton?</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate the populous of Tiverton is greater than Crediton and it's surrounding villages, if the 3G was located there, then given the distance from our catchment areas such as Bow and Morchard Bishop I cannot see that our area would benefit from this new facility when the Tiverton area already has an artificial pitch that could be upgraded, and further private owned provision at Blundells.</p> <p>Surely a more equitable solution in view of the above is to have any new 3G provision in the Crediton area?</p>	<p>football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy at paragraph 3.1 recognises there is currently no full size floodlit 3G football turf pitch in the district and the lack of such provision has been highlighted for many years. The following paragraphs provide an assessment of existing football pitch facilities and the demand for 3G football turf pitches using the Football Association ratio of football teams per pitch.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Table 3.1 (page 22) identifies a current shortfall equivalent of one 3G football turf pitch at each of the three towns, Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton, and a future requirement for a further 3G football turf pitch within the district. The Strategy notes the priority is for shortfall in Tiverton to be addressed.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy paragraph 3.18 comments on potential sites for a 3G football turf pitch at Crediton, including Crediton AFC's ground (replacement for grass pitch there) or the Lord's Meadow artificial grass surface (replacement for two / three full size sand based surface and four tennis courts). Queen Elizabeth's School also has proposals for sand based and 3G football turf pitch provision under its rationalisation plans.</p>

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Page 213			<p>The Site Action Plans at site MDCR.35 (page 18) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Lords Meadow, and MDCR.91 (page 21) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Pedlarspool.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p>
19	Cushman & Wakefield for Petroc	<p>MID DEVON PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY – CONSULTATION OCT/NOV 2021</p> <p>COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF PETROC</p> <p>I am pleased to provide comments on the above Strategy on behalf of Petroc.</p> <p>As way of brief background, Petroc is a General Further Education College that provides a range of educational courses including apprenticeships, higher education, part-time and adult evening courses. The College operates form campuses in Barnstaple and Tiverton and has a clear strategy in place for modernisation across its</p>	<p>The comments made in the response are noted, including that the land referred to at Bolham Road is not intended to be made available by Petroc for playing field use.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, it remains that the last known us of the land was as a playing field and planning permission will be needed for the development of this land for an alternative use. The determination of an application would be guided by national planning</p>

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		<p>estate, to build upon its exceptional track record. Part of this strategy involves rationalising underutilised space and disposing of surplus assets.</p> <p>Petroc does not run a sports curriculum and has no future intention to do so at its Tiverton campus. However, the Playing Pitch Strategy is of relevance to Petroc as recommendations within the Strategy concern land that is in its ownership (land at Bolham Road, as shown outlined in red on the attached Site Location Plan). This is land that is surplus to its requirements and which has been promoted by Petroc for residential development through the MDDC's 'Call for Sites' earlier this year.</p> <p>As you may be aware, the subject land does have some history of use as playing fields, both for cricket and then football. However, all sports-related use ceased in excess of 10 years ago and the land has not been maintained to enable formal use for sport. It has no public access.</p> <p>I can confirm that Petroc does not seek to challenge the findings of the Strategy in terms of the needs and priorities identified in the report. However, Petroc wish to make the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are multiple references to the Petroc Land at Bolham Road (Section 3.6, 4.5, 4.10 Table 4.2, Appendix 5, Draft Action Plan – Tiverton Sub Area). This land is referred to as a 'playing field'. This is clearly misleading as the land is not maintained as a playing field, it is not used as a playing field, and there has been no formal sporting activities undertaken at the site (public or private) for at least 10 years. Whilst there is acknowledgement in the Strategy that the site is not currently marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years, Petroc requests that the Strategy is amended so that the Petroc land is described accurately and in a way that will not potentially mislead the reader. <u>The land should not be referred to as a 'playing field'.</u> 	<p>policy and relevant policies in the development plan for the area.</p> <p>National planning policy states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless</p> <p>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or</p> <p>b) 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</p> <p>c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.</p> <p>The adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 Policy DM24 provides for the protection of local green space and recreational land / buildings, including playing fields.</p> <p>The Council acknowledges the playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but notes this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Draft Action Plan for the Tiverton Sub Area recommends that the Petroc land is protected to meet future need for an additional cricket pitch and/or youth football facilities. Petroc confirm as landowner that it has no intention to facilitate use of the land for these purposes or other sport/recreational activities. As such, this suggested action is undeliverable and is inconsistent with the College's aspiration to see this site developed for residential use. Since the Strategy will form part of the evidence base for future planning policy, it is important for the LPA to understand and take into account landowner intentions to ensure that planning policies are effective, deliverable and otherwise sound. Clearly, any future allocation/safeguarding of the Petroc site for playing fields is not sound as things stand. <p>I trust the above comments will be taken into consideration when finalising the Strategy and in future plan making.</p> <p>Regards</p>	<p>resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> as part of its vision 'to support the retention and enhancement of facilities' an objective 2 "To protect existing provision and plan, manage and promote playing field sites', and overarching theme T1 protecting, maintaining and enhancing playing fields. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy also recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of</p>

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Page 216			<p>playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council and Petroc and its representatives, Tiverton High School, and other relevant stakeholders over the future use of land at Bolham Road and wider area.</p>
20	Copplestone Recreation Association	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>As Co-Chair of Copplestone Recreation Association (CRA) I am writing to inform MDDC of additional information that needs to be considered in your recommendations for Pullen Field, Copplestone.</p> <p>As leasers of Pullen Field, we are concerned and disappointed that the CRA were not consulted in this process. We are fully committed to achieving a Hall for Copplestone Parish but we can't do it without help and funding from the wider community.</p> <p>I will set out our position at this present time:</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the work of the Copplestone Recreation Association to bring a community hall to Copplestone.</p> <p>Copplestone Parish Council was consulted in early 2020 about sports pitch provision in its area, but no response was received at that time and no attention was drawn to the Copplestone Recreation Association.</p>

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		<p>The CRA is a Community Interest Company (CIC) set up in 2006 to bring a Community Hall to Copplestone.</p> <p>Pullen Field is leased by the CRA from Copplestone Parish Council. It is a 99yr lease.</p> <p>The CRA currently have full planning in place, and we will soon be submitting updated plans for the Hall, due to change of needs within the community and surrounding areas.</p> <p>We are currently working with Real Ideas Organisation (RIO), consultants, with the aim of strengthening our funding proposal to the National Lotteries Community Fund (NLCF) and making us funding ready. Their cost has been funded by the NLCF Reaching Communities, who have already advised us that should we be successful in our bid for funding they would only ever match fund the total cost of the Hall</p> <p>Our initial application to The National Lottery was for circa £800K. We envisage the current costs to be higher.</p> <p>With match funding we will fall far short from the final total.</p> <p>Our work is progressing well with RIO, and we will be putting our full application for funding to The National Lottery by March / April 2022.</p> <p>In the future we would appreciate direct communication from yourselves on all developments from the PPS concerning Pullen Field.</p> <p>Email – [redacted]</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Co-Chair Copplestone Recreation Association</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy at 3.18 refers to an opportunity to improve the quality of the David Pullen Field at Copplestone, playing fields plus changing facilities / clubhouse here. The Site Action Plan (page 17) site reference MDCR.19 also identifies the opportunity to provide support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating changes to maintenance regime and remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitches. provision of changing facilities here as possible base for Copplestone Utd. <p>These opportunities could include or form part of the provision of a community hall.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies, and can also include organisations such as the Copplestone Recreation Association. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p>

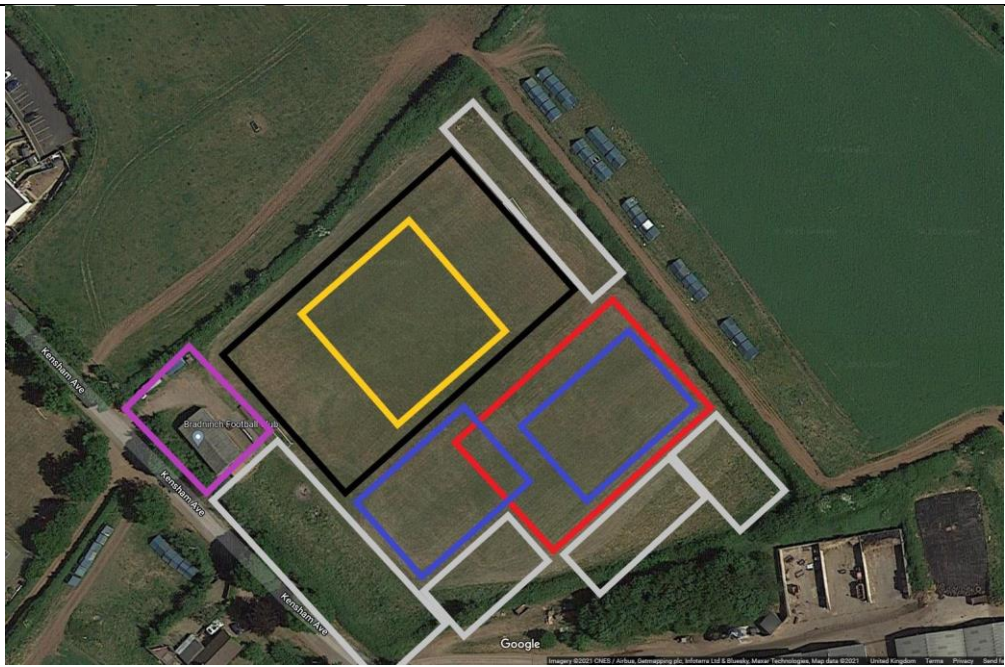
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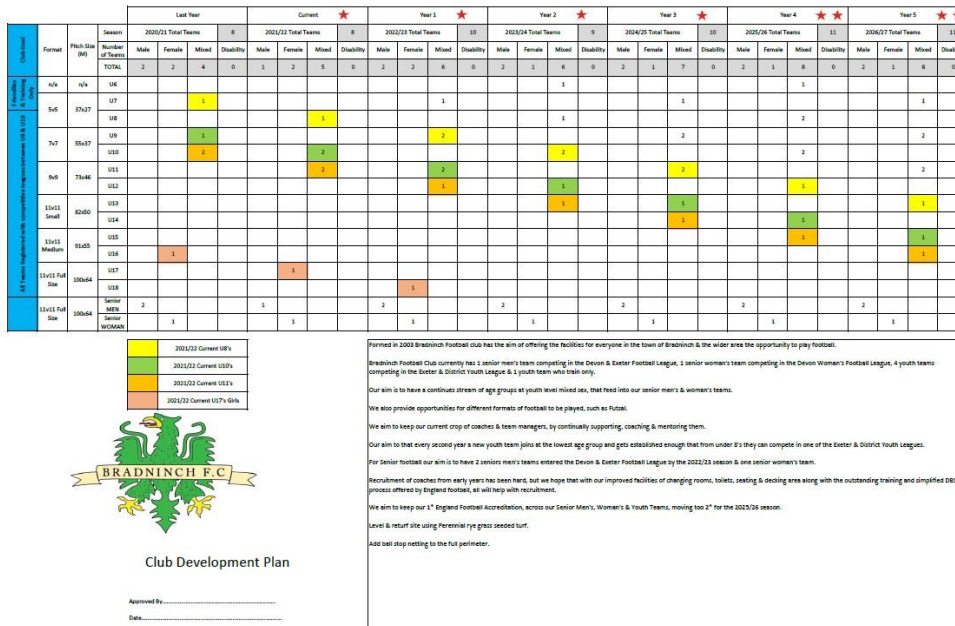
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			<p>The establishment of a Delivery Group will enable an ongoing dialogue with sports clubs and relevant stakeholders across the district so that their needs can be understood and can help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>An advantage of having an up to date and approved Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid Devon is that it can be used by private and third sector providers of playing pitches, and support local sports clubs and organisations, in making bids for funding from a variety of sources to maintain and improve provision in the district.</p>
	Bradninch Football Club	<p>To whom it may concern at Playing Pitch Strategy Mid Devon;</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to “Have our Say” on the Councils plan for pitch strategy.</p> <p>First I feel you need to know a little bit about Bradninch Football Club;</p> <p>Established in 2003 Bradninch Football club has the aim of offering the facilities for everyone in the town of Bradninch & the wider area the opportunity to play football. Currently we have 9 registered playing teams as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 8’s Mixed x 1 • Under 10’s Mixed x 2 • Under 11’s Mixed x 2 • Under 12’s Boys Futsal x 1 • Under 17’s Girls x 1 	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the number of teams supported through the Bradninch Football Club, planned future participation, and the provision and use of playing pitch facilities in the locality.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed through the assessment of pitch provision and engagement with Town and Parish Council’s schools / colleges and known local sports clubs across the district. This included a response provided by Bradninch Youth and the adult football club. The information gathered is a snap shot in time in 2020/early 2021, but has provided a detailed understanding for the purpose of shaping</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Men's Team x 1 • Senior Ladies Team x 1 • Devon Air Ambulance landing Site x 1 (Yellow on illustration) <p>We have around 100 children and 60 adults registered as players and approximately 30 volunteer coaches and committee members.</p> <p>As a club we opened our new club house in January 2020 which includes for the 1st time toilets (Male, Female & Disabled), referees changing room, Home & Away changing rooms, storage area/office with external CCTV and a small kitchen. Unfortunately only a few months later it was closed due to Covid. As a club we feared what would happen, would we survive? I'm pleased to say that we seem to have come out stronger & more resilient than ever.</p> <p>We will be launching our new 5 year club development plan at our next quarterly meeting (draft copy attached).</p> <p>We have ambitious plans to increase the number of playing teams from 8 to 11 through staged & managed age group increases.</p> <p>With the planned increase in playing teams & subsequent training this will undoubtedly put pressure on our already poor playing surface. (This will soon be officially assessed by the new "Football Foundation App – Rate my Pitch")</p> <p>The home of Bradninch FC is Kensham Park or The Bradninch "Slope" as its endearingly known currently has marked out the following grass pitches;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 v 11 full size x 1 (Black on illustration) • 9 v 9 x 1 (Red on illustration) • 7 v 7 x 2 (Blue on illustration) <p>Within our 5 year plan we will extend this to</p>	<p>recommendations in this Playing Pitch Strategy for the improvement of pitch sport facilities.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>An advantage of having an up to date and approved Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid Devon is that it can be used by private and third sector providers of playing pitches, and support local sports clubs and</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 v 11 full size x 1 for senior football • 11 v 11 small size x 1 for youth under 13 & 14 • 11 v 11 medium size x 1 for youth Under 15 & 16 • 9 v 9 x 1 • 7 v 7 x 2 • 5 v 5 x 2 <p>The grass pitches are located on the outskirts of Bradninch on old agricultural land, we lease this from Bradninch Town Council & the Duchy of Cornwall estate. The pitches are uneven, fall away (so one corner is higher than the diagonally opposite corner) the playing surface undulates and suffers from poor quality grass.</p> <p>During the winter all teams switch from training on our home pitches to the Astro turf situated at Cullompton Sports Centre, We find this a massive drain on finances and a hassle every year to manage booking slots, equipment transportation. Space is always tight as we only ever get to book 1/3 of the available space as other sports clubs are also doing the same. The average bill per week is £150 between October & April for the Astro pitch rental.</p> <p>Our under 12's futsal team plays either in Paignton or Exeter in the Futsal Youth Cup as there is no provision for this in our local area.</p> <p>Kensham Park also plays host to a number of community events throughout the year and hosts the Bradninch 1st Scouts storage containers & activities throughout the year.</p> <p>Our overall aim at Kensham Park is to have a level grass training facility & grass match pitches that can accommodate our growing number of teams other over town groups.</p>	<p>organisations, in making bids for funding from a variety of sources to maintain and improve provision in the district.</p> <p>The sloping nature of the playing field at Kensham Park is noted. The Site Action Plan, page 13, identifies that the existing playing pitch facilities at the Kensham football field (site MDCM.29) experience poor drainage and have a lack of space to accommodate all the pitches required, and the recreation ground (site MDCM.30) is also sloping and has little spare capacity.</p>

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Page 221		<p>In our plan we make provision for flood lights so that evening training & games in the winter can continue to take place.</p> <p>We agree whole heartedly that there is a growing need for quality pitches with associated facilities for both Senior (Men's & Women's) & Youth football (toilets/changing rooms/flood lights) within Mid Devon but there is a lack of available green space & club self-finances.</p> <p>As Bradninch is the 4th Town in Mid Devon and with the ever growing Cullompton so close by, we feel that Bradninch Football Club shouldn't be over looked in the "Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy" and that smaller clubs play a vital role in grassroots development.</p> <p>Our main aim is to level & returf the pitches in durable "Perennial rye grass", install flood lighting & ball stop netting around the full perimeter.</p> <p>This is an extremely ambitious plan for us to undertake but if you don't have a goal you'll never reach it.</p> <p>I hope these comments and our plan can be reviewed and included in any future revision of the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>We are also always happy to contribute and further ideas or comments should they be required.</p> <p>Club Secretary</p>	

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Page 222		 <p> Black – 11v11 full size Red – 9 v 9 Blue – 7 v 7 Yellow – Air Ambulance Landing Site Purple – Club House & Parking Grey – Scrub currently unusable as playing surface </p>	

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		 <p>The image shows a detailed 'Club Development Plan' for Bradninch F.C. It includes a large table with columns for 'Last Year', 'Current', and 'Year 1' through 'Year 5'. The table tracks various metrics like 'Season', 'Pitch Size (sq)', 'Number of Teams', and 'Total' for different age groups (U6 to U18) and genders (Male, Female, Mixed, Disability). Below the table is a legend for '2021/22 Current U6's', '2021/22 Current U8's', '2021/22 Current U10's', and '2021/22 Current U12's'. The Bradninch F.C. logo is also present. To the right of the table, there is a text box containing the club's vision and mission statements, along with contact information for the Club Development Plan.</p>	
22	Tiverton High School	<p>Please find attached Tiverton High School's response to the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy on behalf of the Head Teacher and Governors of The Federation of Tiverton Schools</p> <p>Partnership Director Federation of Tiverton Schools</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of the schools facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p>

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		<p>Tiverton High School (THS) is well known for its inclusive ethos and has always been keen to share its facilities with the community it serves. THS encourages those who use its facilities to ensure that sport is available to all regardless of affordability. Currently groups use THS facilities for rugby, badminton, basketball, dance, tai-kwon-do, and gymnastics. THS regularly hosts football tournaments and cycling events and over half of all Tiverton youth football teams play on pitches here.</p> <p>The freeing up of ground on the Western campus at THS will present unique and significant opportunities to engage with local stakeholders. This will enable school and community partnerships to seek national funding for new pitches and facilities. Outline planning for the new school and sports facilities has been achieved in consultation with the Environment Agency and Sport England in a process which the school intends to continue during the construction phase. Simultaneously, THS is keen to engage in discussion with all local sports organisations in the design of a “regional sports hub” on the Western Bolham Road Campus.</p> <p>Redevelopment and relocation of THS school buildings is planned in phases so that there will be a minimal impact on the availability of sports pitches during the project.</p>	<p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy’s Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential ‘Gateway to Sport’ area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing level of playing pitches and courts to be protected

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Page 225			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provision• Potential site for a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out.
			<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field. The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access</p>

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Page 226			<p>to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College.</p>

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23	Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association	<p>Dear MDDC,</p> <p>Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association would like to submit comments in response to this consultation.</p> <p>Our comments take the form of requested amendments to the Site Action Plans document for the site we manage, numbered MDCR.39 in your document. Our requested amendments are in the attached word document.</p> <p>If you wish to discuss any of the comments I can be contacted on [redacted].</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Treasurer Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association</p> <p>MDDC Playing Pitch Strategy – Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association response to consultation</p>	<p>Morchard Bishop Parish Council was consulted in early 2020 about sports pitch provision in its area, but attention was not drawn to the Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association, since no response was received at that time.</p> <p>Morchard Bishop FC was not running when the survey work was varied out (2019/20) and hence data on the club is not included.</p> <p>However, the comments received from the Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Association are welcomed and the Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plans site reference MDCR.39 has been updated with the information that has been provided.</p>

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Site Ref	Parish	Management	Site	Sport; pitches	Sport Facility and Activity Summary/Issues	Options and Recommended Actions	Priority Site/Issue	Timescale	Partners to deliver action	Cost Band	
MDCR.39	Morchard Bishop	Sport Club Community Organisation	Morchard Bishop Sports Club Playing Field	1x adult pitch. Visual Quality Assessment – standard Tennis court; poor quality 6 bowling rink green	Range of facilities at village recreation ground. Potentially a busy ground but facilities are underused. • Football pitch: at the time of the study, only Copplestone United FC U16 were playing here. However, another adult team was planning to play 2020/1. Morchard Bishop AFC has used this pitch for 20/21. Match days are played at the pitch however winter evening training has moved elsewhere due to the poor pitch drainage and lighting. • Large changing facilities (in poor condition)/clubhouse. • Single tennis court next to play area; open access; no record of use.	Support for: • measures to increase football activity. • enhancement and floodlighting of tennis court to increase usage, subject to planning • Remedial work to help improve drainage of football pitch • Refurbishment of pavilion, changing facilities and showers • Remaining field area could accommodate a youth pitch, requires improvem		1 (this is defined as Short term (1-3 years))	Parish or Town Council; clubs	Low-Medium (Low<£50k) (Med (£50k-250k))	

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Page 22 of 29					<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bowling green: Morchard Bishop Bowls Club: 50 members. Quality of green surface is inconsistent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ent to drainage and grass surface• New or upgraded floodlights would increase winter usage (existing floodlights are for Air Ambulance Landing Site and do not suit existing playing pitch)						
	<p>Black text = what is in the draft document at the moment (Site Action Plans, page 18/19), red text = MBPFA responses</p>											
24	Uffculme School	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>I write in respect of the recently published draft Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid-Devon District and would like to begin by thanking the Council for their work on behalf of the community and commitment to this important aspect of the community. We have given careful consideration to the proposals and broadly support the thrust of the proposals in terms of identifying the need for increased capacity and improved quality of facilities. This will help the District to cope with population growth and will hopefully lead to greater participation levels by bringing old and tired sporting amenities up to modern standards.</p>							<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed through the assessment of pitch provision and engagement with Town and Parish Council’s schools / colleges and known local sports clubs across the district. This included a response provided by Uffculme School in early 2020. The information gathered is a snap shot in time in 2020/early 2021, but has provided a detailed understanding for the purpose of shaping recommendations in this Playing Pitch Strategy for the improvement of pitch sport facilities across the district.</p>			

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		<p>On a more specific basis, we welcome the identification of our own Astro-Turf community multi-sport project in the strategy.</p> <p>In terms of improvements in the strategy, we believe that the Consultants have not necessarily understood the fluid geographical linkages in respect of sporting participation between the population centres in our rural area.</p> <p>We also believe that, following recent negotiations, the deliverability of our Astro-Turf community multi-sport project is understated, and we believe it is of a far more central and strategic importance than is currently implied by the strategy. Attached is our submission to the consultation which includes evidence of our assertions that the strategic role and importance of the Uffculme School project should be reinforced in the report.</p> <p>We very much hope that our submission will be taken into account and are happy to answer any questions or provide further details if requested.</p> <p>Best wishes,</p> <p>Response to draft Mid-Devon Playing Pitch Strategy from Uffculme School. Prepared by– Headteacher 20 November 2021 Overview</p> <p>Uffculme School welcome the publication of a new draft Playing Pitch Strategy for Mid-Devon District. In the context of extensive development across the</p>	<p>The comments provided in the response to this consultation on the draft Playing Pitch Strategy are noted, including the use of Uffculme School's facilities by the wider community, and the view held by Uffculme School of the artificial grass pitch community multi-sport project having a more central and strategic importance than implied in the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used</p>

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		<p>District and many sporting facilities becoming increasingly unfit for purpose, we believe that the Council have shown great community leadership in commissioning this report.</p> <p>We broadly support the thrust of the proposals in terms of identifying the need for increased capacity and improved quality of facilities. This will help the District to cope with population growth and encourage greater participation levels by bringing old and tired sporting amenities up to modern standards. On a more specific basis, we welcome the identification of our own Astro-Turf community multi-sport project in the strategy.</p> <p>In terms of improvements in the strategy, we believe that the Consultants have not necessarily understood the fluid geographical linkages in respect of sporting participation between the population centres in our rural area. We also believe that, following recent negotiations, the deliverability of our Astro-Turf community multi-sport project is understated, and we believe it is of a far more central and strategic importance than is currently implied by the strategy.</p> <p>The following section provides some bullet points to evidence our assertions that the strategic role and importance of the Uffculme School project should be reinforced in the report.</p> <p>Evidence statements</p> <p>1. The school is benefiting from Section 106 monies from local developments which, subject to Governors' approval, should enable the school to deliver the project within the next 12 – 18 months.</p>	to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.

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		<p>2. The school is already at the centre of well-being of its community, with extensive public use of its facilities across sports and the arts.</p> <p>3. The existing facilities which have established hire arrangements with a wide range of community bodies include gymnasias, studios, sports hall and classrooms / meeting rooms / community rooms immediately adjacent to the proposed new facilities – adding significant value to the venue in terms of whole family participation and cross fertilisation of sporting activity. Effectively this provides the Club House mentioned in the strategy as being desirable at Culm Valley and potentially could link in with our on-site catering facilities.</p> <p>4. The proposed multi-sport sand dressed Astro-Turf surface will allow for Hockey, Football, Netball, Tennis, as well as supporting all weather training for the local Athletics and Rugby clubs.</p> <p>5. Recent feasibility work instigated on the back of the identification of the Section 106 funding for the project has scoped a further three (3) adjacent new hard surface tennis and netball courts in addition to the main Astro-Turf. All of these facilities will be fully available to the public outside of school hours.</p> <p>6. Netball is not mentioned in the PPS, but a recently formed Uffculme based Netball Club, is having to travel to Blundells to get court space and we believe the club has a waiting list for those wanting to play.</p> <p>7. The project will therefore support the additional Tennis Court capacity cited as being required by the PPS for Cullompton, East Cullompton and Culm Garden Village.</p>	

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		<p>8. The report states that there is insufficient demand for more than 2 Astro pitches for Hockey in the Cullompton area. We would question this assertion which depends somewhat on the definition of area.</p> <p>9. There are 3 main Hockey clubs, none of them have their own pitch or their own clubhouse in their own location – making use instead of a range of sites.</p> <p>10. Tiverton White Eagles (Ladies and Juniors) would call their home pitch Exe Valley Leisure Centre.</p> <p>11. Tiverton men do not have a home pitch and float between Exe Valley Leisure Centre and Blundells. Tiverton men set up as a separate club from White Eagles to cope with the demand of men playing hockey and to have somewhere for the junior boys to go after they leave the White Eagles.</p> <p>12. It is unclear where Exeter and Culm Valley Hornets would call home now as the Culm Valley Leisure centre pitch in Cullompton is so poor: Due to the poor pitch the adults moved to Exeter to train and play on better pitches.</p> <p>13. Uffculme as a location would cover a wider area of the rural population than two in close proximity in Cullompton, while still servicing the Cullompton area. Uffculme is closer to villages like Westleigh, Burlescombe, Sampford Peverell. Hemyock and Culmstock.</p> <p>14. There is demand for Hockey pitches in the areas surrounding Uffculme: Tiverton men's team currently have no home ground. Cullompton Hockey Club members have to travel to Exeter to use pitches. Training capacity is used at</p>	

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		<p>Blundells private school in the evening, but there is no public access to pitches for matchday fixtures at weekends.</p> <p>15. The statement of sufficient capacity is based on the pitch at Exe Valley Leisure Centre, Tiverton being available. However, the terrible standard of this pitch is well known locally, and the future of the pitch is under threat because of the proposed relocation of Tiverton High School. There is no guarantee that the pitch will be replaced or that it will not be converted to 3G, making it unsuitable for Hockey.</p> <p>16. Even if it can be shown beyond doubt that there is enough capacity with the Exe Valley pitch and that it 100% will be replaced like for like, the report confirms the likelihood of a 'short-term' shortfall during relocation of the school. This could be at least a year or two and regaining participation levels after such a gap will take several seasons, with both clubs experiencing hardships following drop of in participation following Covid lockdowns.</p> <p>17. The Hockey pitch at Culm Valley Leisure Centre, Cullompton is in a similar state of disrepair and, as identified in the strategy, needs funding for resurfacing. There is a risk of a downtime period for this pitch too, whether because the surface becomes unfit for use prior to funding being available, or at the very least during its refurbishment.</p> <p>18. In respect of points 8-17, the Uffculme pitch will ensure that there is sufficient capacity for Hockey at all times going into the future and can service the Culm Garden Village. Our Uffculme project will protect the community against any loss of capacity at private facilities such as Blundell School or due to strategic decisions or lack of funding in respect of the pitches at Cullompton or Tiverton High School.</p>	

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		<p>19. The Uffculme pitch will provide capacity to allow for clubs and teams who need a new or better home pitch, such as Tiverton Men's Hockey Club and Cullompton Hockey Club. It will mean players do not have to travel to Exeter to train and play, which is a deterrent to participation. These situations would not exist if there were sufficient capacity in the area and it is true that poor facilities suppress demand and participation in any sport.</p> <p>20. The geographic location of Uffculme makes it ideal for providing community sporting facility in support of Culm Garden Village, Cullompton, Tiverton and of course Uffculme itself. All of these locations already service each other across different sports and clubs and this is further evidenced by the School's catchment area. In fact, Uffculme School is already a hub for several primary schools that come to use facilities for P.E and also play mini tournaments across a range of sports. The Astro will provide increasing primary sports capacity, and competitions. compared to what is already achievable with the sports hall and grass pitches. Participating Primary Schools include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uffculme Primary school • Willand • Culmstock • Hemyock • Kentisbeare 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burlescombe • Webbers (in Holcombe Rogus) • Sampford Peverell • Uplowman <p>21. In respect of Football, the School note the reference to the proposed 3G pitch at Magelake Meadows in Uffculme. There are however real challenges to this being deliverable and this is providing great challenges to the local youth football club – Culm Sampford Youth F.C, who have to travel to train at Blundells and Sampford Peverell due to the lack of local facilities: The current Astro area at Magelake needs refurbishment and is not a full-size pitch. It is a long narrow rectangular area shaped as two (2) end-to-end 5-a-side courts only. Replacing this with a 3G may involve repayment of funding received for the Astro courts and would erode at least 1 full size grass pitch on site, which is likely to be unacceptable to Sport England.</p> <p>22. The School Astro project will provide desperately needed full size training facilities for junior football in and around Uffculme. We are also investigating the feasibility of providing additional sports field space as an optional site for a future 3G pitch to satisfy the strategic location of Uffculme in the LFFP, should Magelake be confirmed as not being deliverable. This strategic location of Uffculme identified in the LFFP - leading to it being chosen as a location for a 3G pitch, is equally true of other sports not just football.</p> <p>Summary</p>	

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Page 237		<p>In summary we have a deliverable Community Sports project, which can satisfy and safeguard capacity for Hockey and Tennis and support local youth football. The project will promote participation in a range of sports, not just those mentioned in the PPS, and further improve community well-being in an established public venue.</p> <p>We would like to see these factors brought out in greater depth and importance in the strategy in recognition of the unique location of Uffculme School in the context of the PPS and its corresponding ability to provide solutions to many of the challenges identified in the draft strategy for the Culm Garden Village, Cullompton, Tiverton and Uffculme area.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <p>We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss the points we have raised in this response.</p> <p>We would ask to have a representative of the School on the PPS Steering Group which we note is to be formed to steer and monitor the delivery of the strategy on a twice-yearly basis.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>	
25	Elmore AFC	<p>I would firstly like to explain Elmore AFC thoughts - we currently are on a 3.75 acre site at Horsdon Park with only one grass pitch. We have been on this site since 1947 . Over the last fifteen years the football club has expanded and now have three adult teams and two youth teams . We obviously can not accommodate all the teams on one pitch so we have to use other facilities where ever we can which are limited in Mid Devon.</p>	<p>The comments made are noted, including the potential for funding restrictions for 3G football turf pitches in areas that are at risk from flooding. This will require further investigation.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G</p>

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		<p>We have considered in principle the possibility of changing the ground to a 3g pitch to improve the usage. But we are in flood zone three and the neighbouring sports field likewise at Amory Park are in the same flood zone three. With this in mind we are aware that sports England could not support a change to a 3g upgrade and therefore the football Foundation the Devon county FA and other sporting bodies would not fund such in facilities flood zone 3</p> <p>We made the decision several years ago to look for a potential site that could accommodate Elmore AFC and our partners Moors youth under one facility. We are FA community Development club and feed youth teams into Elmore AFC every year and other players from the greater community that want to progress into u16 18s and men's football.</p> <p>We feel we are currently restricted at Horsdon Park due to the lack of sports pitches. Horsdon Park is a very damp site and has the river Lowman running around around two sides of the ground and Ailsa Brook River cuts across the bottom of the site to join the River Lowman. When the rivers are high we have to cancel matches on a regular basis in the winter as it is not fit for purpose.</p> <p>The car park cannot cope with the demand of additional teams. We are turning away youth players that want to play for a structured club at the highest level. The site that we have identified is a fourteen acre site and is adjacent to the Eastern urban development. This would be a perfect site to accommodate multiple pitches close to the community. With a 3g pitch provision and mini soccer pitches it would generate income and provide facilities for the greater community. We would also like to add a community hub for the benefit of other sporting clubs and groups. We looked long and hard for a site in Tiverton which was flat and more importantly outside flood zone three for potential funding and which would allow growth in the future.</p>	<p>football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy identifies an opportunity for accommodating matchplay on a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton and it points to several potential / proposed sites at the town, including Amory Park, Tiverton High School and Blundell's School. Further feasibility work will be required regarding; planning, management, maintenance, access, floodplain, partnership funding, and delivery timetable.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. This can include discussions regarding the suitability of the potential alternative locations for a 3G football turf pitch at Tiverton which have been identified in this Playing Pitch Strategy for consideration.</p>

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Page 239		<p>We finally found a site close to Crazelowman that has been identified in the pitch strategy. We are currently pursuing its potential and are close to submitting an application through potential planning from Bristol . If this comes together we will have achieved our objectives and leave a legacy for Elmore AFC and Tiverton Adding another pitch at Amory on a wet site without additional changing facilities is questionable.</p> <p>The number of new pitches required in the strategy would be an improvement but is well short for the demand with the expansion of Tiverton in development underway . Sports does not seemed to be a priority in Mid Devon but it is so important to the well being of the greater community and the well being of young children and there development physically and mentally. (Healthy body healthy mind)</p> <p>(chairman of Football)</p>	<p>The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue with the providers of pitch sports facilities and sports clubs across the district, which will assist in keeping information up to date and can also be used to help inform a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p>
	Tiverton Harriers	<p>I am commenting on behalf of Tiverton Harriers. Our club has been established over 70 years, we are primarily a road running club - but mainly due to the fact that we have never had the use of a running track. In the summer months we do use the Tiverton High School track (if it has been marked out), sometimes it has only been marked out as a 200metre track which is not ideal.</p> <p>When the old swimming pool and New Leisure Centre site was redeveloped - at the time money was left and promise of a running track was planned into that site - but it never happened.</p> <p>As a club we set up a junior section 15 years ago, initially we had a huge response with upto 50 young athletes coming along to our training evenings. Our coaches are volunteers and have worked tirelessly over the years to provide a safe environment for the young athletes to train. We have had to use various facilities to train in a safe enclosed space (high school field, leisure centre astro pitch), it meant that several months of the year we did not have a facility and the leisure centre astro pitch was</p>	<p>The comments provided are note, including the need for athletics track facilities in Tiverton.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy is focused on pitch sports, including football, rugby, cricket, and hockey and has also considered tennis and bowls. The assessment of built sports facilities, including swimming pools, athletics facilities, sports halls, running tracks and other facilities is outside the scope of this technical work. However, it is acknowledged that sports pitches can include provision for running.</p> <p>The Council (at its Cabinet meeting on 28th September 2021) has identified potential scope for a further study to be undertaken of built sports facilities in Mid Devon, which could be used</p>

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		<p>far from adequate to continue to run around so we only used it over the winter months - but quite often if it was frosty it was closed and or slippery.</p> <p>Due to COVID we had to cancel training for the juniors, we have not been able to start up and the lack of facilities has not encouraged us to re-start the junior training. We feel we cannot offer the proper training and coaching on the facilities we have to hire! We often lose talented young athletes to Exeter where they can train and compete on a full size athletics track.</p> <p>Our adult athletes are in the same position, having to meet in car parks, have no club house or use of toilets - mainly train on busy roads, and the high school track is far from ideal as it is bumpy and has potholes and is usually covered in rubbish when we come to use it in the summer. I have been an athlete for over 40 years and trained in and around Tiverton, when I was a youngster the Harriers used a marked track which was on the Astro Turf site, and this was the site that the Harriers were promised an athletics track for the future.</p> <p>Again the strategy is all about other sports, it would be wonderful if there was a sports hub where there were facilities to use for various sports. I was also involved in setting up Moors Youth Football club and they have grown hugely in the 16 years that I was with the club - they have been lacking facilities for years and the youth need to be able to train and develop on good safe facilities, the same as our athletes.</p> <p>I hope provision will be made for all sports, the strategy outlines the needs of Mid Devon but we have been lacking facilities for 20 years - we need to have action and actual facilities being developed especially with the population in the towns getting bigger.</p> <p>Treasurer and Coach Tiverton Harriers</p>	<p>alongside the Playing Pitch Strategy to inform the preparation of a Sports Supplementary Planning Document. This will require investigation by officers to find out what technical study may be needed and how this can be used to inform the preparation of a new Local Plan. A study of built sports facilities would be subject to consideration of prioritisation with other work streams, the resources needed and being available, and its timing.</p>

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27	Crediton United & Youth FC	<p>Please see my points for consideration.</p> <p>I have probably covered most rolls in local football. In my playing days, I was a Mid Devon based player, who went onto manage and be a club officer & committee member for many years in the adult game. I then ran my twin sons youth team for the entirety of their time in youth football. I am a past Crediton Youth FC chairman, who instigated the return of girls football to the club, and current club secretary and boys youth development officer. I am a coach with the newly formed ladies football team at Crediton and committee member of Crediton United FC. Plus, my two sons both attended QE school.</p> <p>Main points as I see it:</p> <p>Crediton like many other towns needs at least one additional grass pitch with changing rooms, to meet the needs of an expanding & successful youth set up and to also cater for the adolescent age group in both male & female football. The game is losing too many players in the 16-18 year old age group in the town. We desperately need U18 football in the town. In the long term we will probably need U18 girls football as well, with the number of girls playing football at Crediton. Crediton Youth FC is probably amongst one of the larger youth set ups in the County and has a large girls section that many other clubs do not cater for. Our lack of pitches is definitely starting to effect our growth.</p> <p>Ideally, Crediton should have pitches to support a third men's team as well. Not one of my ex U16 players is playing in their home town. Fortunately, the vast majority are still actively playing, but sadly they have to rely on lifts to village sides out of the town. We all know that the Crediton United & Youth pitches are on poor draining clay soil. In a wet winter we lose too many home fixtures and continuity and player development suffers and sadly often a loss of interest in football. Personally, I</p>	<p>Crediton United & Youth FC was consulted in early 2020 and the preparation of the Playing Pitch Strategy has taken into consideration the information that was provided at that time. The comments provided in response to this consultation are noted, including the need for a 3G football turf pitch at Crediton, and the health and well-being benefits of sport, together with the need for additional grass football pitches in Crediton .</p> <p>The technical specification of a 3G football turf pitch means that it can accommodate year-round play which is not weather dependent and thus such facilities may have the capacity to accommodate adult and / or youth matchplay either on a regular or occasional basis.</p> <p>There is currently no full size floodlit 3G football turf pitch in the district and the lack of such provision has been highlighted for many years.</p> <p>The Local Football Facilities Plan for Mid Devon, published by the Football Foundation in September 2019 has identified the need for three full size 3G football turf pitches in the Mid Devon area (one in Tiverton, one in Cullompton and one in Crediton) but it has not specified potential sites.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy paragraph 3.18 comments on potential sites for a 3G football turf pitch at</p>

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		<p>absolutely dread a wet winter. It was so frustrating having to tell young players, sadly no game on Saturday- our pitches our under water and that was on a Thursday night.</p> <p>Although the Astro pitches at Lords Meadow have been a major asset for the community & local football, it would be great to see investment in a full size 3G to support the growth & development of football and other sports in the town.</p> <p>Crediton United FC are a step six side using a cramped mini court for training. I spent years using those courts, it is hard to take a technical session on those courts. A full size 3G pitch in the winter/spring would also allow continuity of fixtures.</p> <p>There are a host of local village sides based around Crediton that use the courts at Lords Meadow and other cramped facilities around the area. Many of these sides as well have poorly draining pitches that suffer through spells of wet weather.</p> <p>We all know, any future project would probably need to be linked to QE school usage to be financially viable. As a parent who had two sports mad kids go through QE school, I often asked the question - why was QE one of the few/only secondary schools with no 3G in the area? How many full size pitches 3G are there in nearby Exeter? Surely, Crediton is a rapidly growing town that will need additional school and recreational facilities to meet the growing needs of the increased population. Other towns I visit in the County have football 3G hubs, with a sister partner that helps administer the running of them. Could this be an option in Crediton?</p> <p>We continually hear about, child obesity, mental health issues & isolation etc, I personally know the advantages and benefits that sport can bring. Surely, the time has come for Crediton to get the much needed facilities it needs.</p> <p>Best regards</p> <p>Crediton United & Youth FC</p>	<p>Crediton, including Crediton AFC's ground (replacement for grass pitch there) or the Lord's Meadow artificial grass surface (replacement for two / three full size sand based surface and four tennis courts). Queen Elizabeth's School also has proposals for sand based and 3G football turf pitch provision under its rationalisation plans.</p> <p>The Site Action Plans at site MDCR.35 (page 18) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Lords Meadow, and MDCR.91 (page 21) refers to potential for a 3G football turf pitch at Pedlarspool.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The establishment of a Delivery Group can help provide the opportunity for a continued dialogue</p>

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28	Tiverton Town Councillor Cranmore Ward.	<p>Submission to Playing Pitches Consultation:</p> <p>As a Town Councillor for Cranmore Ward in Tiverton I will contain my submission to the Tiverton area.</p> <p>I note that the consultation states that, within the plans for the new High School in Tiverton, there is scope for expansion of facilities. However, it also states that these would not be available during the development.</p> <p>In fact the playing fields at the High School are consistently in use by local teams, almost every afternoon and evening, and at weekends. They are also used by many Primary Schools for Sports Days and Competitive matches. They will still be available for public use during the redevelopment, none of them will be unavailable during redevelopment with the exception of the rugby field where the new school is to be built.</p> <p>There is therefore great scope for expansion of the facilities at the High School for community use, both presently, and most certainly after the new School is built, should the money ever be forthcoming for it to be built.</p> <p>I do not believe the strategy should place too much reliance upon public access to provision at Private Schools. Not only 'Independent' Schools like Blundells, but Academy Schools such as Wilcombe (And Uffculme) can easily refuse public access to</p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of the schools facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p>

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		<p>their facilities, as has happened recently with the closure of 'The Venue' - a publicly funded performance space at Uffculme School, which is now closed to the public.</p> <p>Any funding which Mid Devon raises should be used to provide facilities which will be guaranteed to be open to the public. If some of that also benefits local school children that should be seen as a bonus.</p> <p>Also the inclusion of the EUE in the Consultation assumes there is to be a School. Given DCC and the developers attempts to move the goalposts on this, if a School is not built, then the area should be earmarked clearly for playing field provision and not allowed for yet more housing development.</p> <p>The Consultation wrongly mentions the Petroc playing field as a potential site for use as a pitch. Mid Devon has granted outline planning permission for this to be built upon in spite of objections over loss of playing field space!</p> <p>It also mentions the potential relocation of Elmore AFC, and the redevelopment of the current site for playing fields. However, the relocation, as I understand it, is entirely predicated upon the sale of the existing site for a Supermarket development, so again, there would be no potential.</p> <p>I also see no mention anywhere in the consultation of the current multi-playing surface or 'Astro-turf' facility adjacent to the Leisure Centre, which is extremely heavily used, both by public clubs and the High School, and is well overdue for an upgrade or replacement. This should surely be contained in the strategy? It is vital particularly for youth football clubs in the winter months when lack of floodlighting rules out other facilities in the late afternoon and evening.</p> <p>Floodlighting of existing facilities at Westexe Rec, Amory Park and the High School should therefore also be a priority, and could also provide more night time landing sites for the Air Ambulance - something which should also be considered on the EUE.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy's Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential 'Gateway to Sport' area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing level of playing pitches and courts to be protected Further consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provision Potential site for a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent</p>

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Page 246			<p>including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 4 site MDTV.20 recommends support for the resurfacing of the AGP at the Exe Valley Leisure Centre in the next 2-5 years with a sand dressed surface.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p>

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29	Heathcoat Fabrics Limited	<p>Dear ,</p> <p>It is great to see such a detailed strategy for playing pitches in Mid Devon. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the consultation.</p> <p>As someone that has lived in Mid Devon for most of my life (except when at University and running a factory in the midlands) and having attended local schools including Heathcoat Primary School and Tiverton High School, played rugby and football for various clubs and casually plus tennis and other sports (as have my extended family) in mid Devon I hope my input will be useful. I also did some youth rugby and football coaching including on 3 European football tours with Twyford Spartans Youth football team when my son played for them.</p> <p>I am also a director of Heathcoat Fabrics and a Tiverton Town Councillor for Westex Ward.</p> <p>We need to get as many people of all ages, starting with the youngest, from all socio economic groups and ability levels playing team sports of all types (football, netball, rugby, tennis, cricket, basketball, hockey, you name it) for the fantastic physical and mental health benefits that it brings.</p> <p><u>Focus on building Tiverton High School as a Centre for Excellence and Inclusivity in Sport for Mid Devon</u></p>	<p>The comments provided are noted, including the availability of Tiverton High School's facilities for community use.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the ambition of Tiverton High School to relocate its campus and improve its facilities.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy TIV4 makes clear that development at the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension will make a contribution to new and improved facilities at the secondary school. Policy TIV15 makes clear the Council will work with partners to deliver expansion and improvement of primary and secondary education facilities at Tiverton and several areas of land are identified on its Policies Map as safeguarded for school expansion.</p> <p>Outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) was granted on 17th May 2018 for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School and the integrated development of Tiverton</p>

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		<p>I support [redacted] , Head of PE at THS, comments regarding the strategy in full as attached. In particular the MDDC pitch strategy should focus on supporting [redacted] and THS with the following;</p> <p>“THS currently has plans in place to relocate the school buildings across the roads in to the field next to the existing astro turf. This would essentially leave the current site a blank canvas. I have had conversations internally and with local businesses and sporting bodies around the potential to create a regional sports hub, where the Governing Bodies of each sport buy in the build a facility here. Can you imagine how much this would benefit Tiverton? To have badminton, football, rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, basketball, dance and gymnastics facilities all in one place.”</p> <p>That would be a fantastic outcome for Tiverton and all of Mid Devon, to have a regional sports hub in the heart of our district.</p> <p>Having this at THS is the best way to involve the maximum number of people from all socio economic groups in a way that facilities art Blundell’s or the other smaller towns and villages in the district could not. Having a sporting centre of excellence at THS would help to raise the spirits of Tiverton West (an area of low progress to higher education) and attract sports orientated pupils to THS.</p> <p>I am sure that the local sports clubs, businesses and perhaps some local charitable organisations such as the Heathcoat and Amory Trusts would support the creation of a multi-use sports hub at THS. This could include indoor sports such as basketball and combat sports (boxing, judo, kick boxing etc.) as well as outdoor sports.</p> <p>The big concern is that we are 11 years and counting since THS was meant to be rebuilt. MDDC needs to push for the rebuild to happen as part of the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The tennis courts would be particularly welcome as hiring courts at Exe Valley Leisure Centre is very expensive for lower income families and</p>	<p>Community Arts Theatre, on land at Tiverton High School and east of Bolham Road.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy’s Site Action Plan includes recommendations that are related to Tiverton School / college:</p> <p>Page 7 site MDTV.60 and MDTV.81 (east of Bolham Road) identifies the school as a potential ‘Gateway to Sport’ area in Tiverton in partnership with the Rugby Club, Tiverton Town FC and Exe Valley Leisure Centre. It acknowledges that pitches are overplayed. The Site Action Plan recommends support for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing level of playing pitches and courts to be protected • Further consideration to be given to high quality replacement facilities (football, rugby and tennis) and any additional provision • Potential site for a 3G football turf pitch in Tiverton, further feasibility work to be carried out. <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) has also identified there is a playing field owned by Petroc College opposite the college campus on Bolham Road [note this is located to the north of and adjoins the site where outline planning permission (application reference 17/01323/MOUT) has been granted for the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School]. This is no longer marked out as playing</p>

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		<p>Tiverton Tennis Club is not very welcoming or attractive to ordinary Tivertonians. Open or low cost courts at THS would encourage more people of all ages to play.</p> <p>Sand AGPs are preferred for hockey but are not suitable for football or rugby as they often cause abrasion wounds and longer term they cause knee, hip, back and ankle damage as I and many of my former team mates have experienced after playing or training on the Tiverton and Cullompton sand AGPs twice a week for many years.</p> <p>3G pitches are much better for playing on and minimising longer term damage, I did my rugby coaching lessons on Exeter University's 3G pitch which was fantastic. THS and Amory park must have 3G pitches to allow year round games and training without skin and joint damage.</p> <p>Some information you might be missing regarding former cricket teams and pitches.</p> <p>Until recent years Bickleigh fielded two cricket teams at the sports ground that is now only used for football, the wickets are no longer maintained. Stoodleigh also had two teams and Tiverton had a team that played at Blundell's and on the pitch opposite the Petroc College (and yes that pitch is really boggy, Heathcoat Fabrics, White Ball and others used to play Sunday League on it which was comical at times due to the standing water).</p> <p>Tiverton Rugby Club, Heathcoat Fabrics and Hepco and others in the town have causal cricket games in the summer when pitches can be found to play on.</p> <p>More people would play cricket if pitches were available and welcoming to all comers, pitches at THS would be ideal for all in Tiverton and the surrounding area.</p>	<p>pitches and has not been recorded as being used for some years. The playing field was subject to a recent outline planning application (reference 20/00832/MOUT) submitted on behalf of Petroc for up to 60 dwellings, but this was subsequently withdrawn on 8th October 2020 in light of consultation responses received and a need to resolve these. This includes an objection from Sport England to the loss of the playing field. The Playing Pitch Strategy (page 13) indicates the site could be brought back into use to meet future demand for additional pitches. The Site Action Plans (page 6, site MDTV.42) recommends support for the protection of a vacant playing field site at Petroc College to meet the future need for additional cricket pitch and / or youth football facilities and indicates that access to this field is required for a rebuild of Tiverton High School.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy is focused on pitch sports, including football, rugby, cricket, and hockey and has also considered tennis and bowls. The assessment of built sports facilities, including swimming pools, athletics facilities, sports halls, running tracks and other facilities is outside the scope of this technical work.</p> <p>The Council (at its Cabinet meeting on 28th September 2021) has identified potential scope for a further study to be undertaken of built sports facilities in Mid Devon, which could be used</p>

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		<p>Regarding the proposal for pitches at the proposed primary school site for Tiverton's EUE are you aware that DCC and MDDC are suggesting that the school isn't required as prospective pupils for the EUE can be accommodated at the various local schools including Halberton Primary School. This is what happened with the proposed primary school for the Moorhayes estate which still hasn't been built 30 years after it was promised. Several TTC councillors including myself are very much in favour of building the EUE primary school and making it the centre of the community.</p> <p><u>Blundell's isn't the solution.</u></p> <p>My son played youth cricket at Heathcoat Cricket Club but there were only 3 state school pupils to start with and by the U15s he was the only state school pupil left in the team, the rest of the team were Blundell's pupils as was the coach. The youth set up was very Blundell's orientated and not at all inviting to middle class state school pupils (Director, dentist and farmer parents) let alone the wider community, they didn't get a chance to open the bowling or batting despite being better players. Several THS pupils played for Samford Peverel CC instead of Heathcoat CC as it was more welcoming, of course they needed transport to get to home games. Heathcoat CC youth needs to be more inclusive to justify further investment.</p> <p>This is typical of my almost 50 years of sports experience in Tiverton. Blundell's always claim to want to engage with the wider community but it is just a shallow attempt to get funding and steal away a few bright prospects from state schools. They even discourage pupils from playing for sports teams in the town in case they get injured and miss games or get too friendly with Tivertonians.</p> <p>I played against Blundell's many times for THS, we had a 6th form back then, all the games were at Blundell's as they wouldn't play on our pitches. THS needs the funding and support from MDDC, Blundell's can fund their</p>	<p>alongside the Playing Pitch Strategy to inform the preparation of a Sports Supplementary Planning Document. This will require investigation by officers to find out what technical study may be needed and how this can be used to inform the preparation of a new Local Plan. A study of built sports facilities would be subject to consideration of prioritisation with other work streams, the resources needed and being available, and its timing.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022.</p>

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		<p>own pitches from fees, alumni and parents and needs to share them with the town anyway on a voluntary basis to help maintain their charity status. Even then I wouldn't trust Blundell's to open up their pitches to the wider community in a meaningful way to ordinary Tivertonians [comment redacted]. Also a change of head at Blundell's could usher in a totally different attitude to engagement with the town especially at the end of any agreement that helped facilitate investment.</p> <p>Please keep the focus on THS and the other state schools in MDDC rather than Blundell's which despite only having a miniscule proportion of the local pupils in MDDC (perhaps less than 5%) in the area had by far the most mentions of any school in the MDDC strategy (perhaps more than all of the state schools combined). Why is that?</p> <p>If you would like to discuss further please give me a call or send an email.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Director Woven Fabrics Heathcoat Fabrics Limited Tiverton Devon EX16 5LL</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>My name is [redacted] and I am the Head of PE at Tiverton High School.</p> <p>I am passionate about providing the best possible sporting opportunities to our students here at THS. Currently, we are surviving on old, worn and out of date facilities. Yet, we still cater a broad curriculum for a near 1300 students each week. We provide our students with a good range of extra-curricular activities; however we are again using facilities that are not up to standard.</p>	<p>The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement between the Council, Tiverton High School, Petroc college, and other relevant stakeholders in relation to the relocation and expansion of Tiverton High School, and the future use of the playing field at Bolham Road that is owned by Petroc College</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy recommends that a Delivery Group is established. This purpose of this will be to work towards the implementation of the actions and recommendations identified in the strategy where these are possible and are capable of being achieved, and to monitor their progress. This will be through engagement with all relevant stakeholders in Mid Devon, including providers of playing pitch facilities, sports clubs, Town and Parish Councils, schools and colleges, and representatives from Sport England and the national sports governing bodies. The Council will need to consider how a Delivery Group is established and resourced, including membership from other organisations and individuals.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy Site Action Plan page 3 site references MDTV.04 recognise there is also potential for the upgrading, improving and enhancing playing pitch facilities at the Blundell's School, including exploring and accommodating more community use on a regular basis and wherever possible.</p>

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		<p>As a Head of PE, I want our students to be inspired and enthusiastic by and about Sport. I want other schools who visit us for fixtures to be envious of our facilities - not the other way around. Presently, we do not have any adequate football/rugby pitches, we do not have any adequate netball/tennis courts. Yet we can still boast of helping to produce teams that progress deep into the National Cups, students who represent Devon at Athletics, Netball, Cricket and Rugby. Students who are in Youth Academies at football clubs. Students who compete Nationally in gymnastics.</p> <p>At THS, we have an existing department who look after external bookings for our current facilities (sports hall, fields and dance studio). We have a system and structure in place for facilities to be advertised, hired and maintained.</p> <p>I am currently working with the local tennis coach around gaining funding to resurface our 6 tennis courts, so they can be used by our students and the wider public. We want better facilities that will benefit the whole of Tiverton - not just us.</p> <p>For our near 1300 students, Tiverton is their town. It's where they spend their evening, weekends, half terms and summers. Students represent Twyford FC, Moors FC and Tiverton RFC. They are a part of Willow Tree, they attend Tiverton Gymnastics club and White Eagles Hockey Club. All of these clubs use our current facilities. Imagine the difference it would make to these clubs if they had updated and excellent facilities to use, without having to relocate.</p> <p>THS currently has plans in place to relocate the school buildings across the roads in to the field next to the existing astro turf. This would essentially leave the current site a blank canvas. I have had conversations internally and with local businesses and sporting bodies around the potential to create a regional sports hub, where the Governing Bodies of each sport buy in the build a facility here. Can you imagine how much this would benefit Tiverton? To have badminton, football, rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis, basketball, dance and gymnastics facilities all in one place.</p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy makes clear in its vision that provision of playing pitch facilities should promote inclusivity, and is objective 5 encourages and supports education establishments in embracing community use of their pitch sport facilities. This is also referred to in overarching theme T2.</p>

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	Culmstock Parish Council	<p><u>Culmstock Parish Council response to Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation</u></p> <p>Culmstock Parish Council is keen to have a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) built. This would be a community project which would benefit parishioners and the local school. The Parish Council has had a Feasibility Report prepared which we would be pleased to share with the district council - it is hoped that MDDC will support the idea of a MUGA in Culmstock.</p> <p>There is a grass football pitch located at Culmstock Community Gardens and Play Area which could be used for games, although this may only be available for limited use due to it being a grass pitch. Consideration could be given to building changing rooms at the back of the existing pavilion as well as consideration to the area being flood lit.</p> <p><i>Culmstock Parish Council – 22nd November 2021</i></p>	<p>The comments provided in the response are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed on informed through consultation responses provided by Town and Parish Councils and sports clubs to the consultant Bennett Leisure and Planning in early 2020. Culmstock Parish Council has indicated at that time it was in the early stages of the idea for a multi-use games area on part of the school field alongside a proper parking facility for both the games area and the school. The completion of a Feasibility Report will be noted in final version of the Playing Pitch Strategy in relation to Site Action Plan site reference MDCM.79 The Hams (page 15).</p>

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	Kentisbeare Parish Council	<p><u>Kentisbeare Parish Council response to Playing Pitch Strategy consultation</u></p> <p>Kentisbeare Parish Council is pleased to see that Mid Devon District Council have produced a Playing Pitch Strategy. It is clearly important to plan forwards for something that is of such fundamental importance to our communities. We have a number of comments as detailed below.</p>	<p>The comments provided and the query regarding the population forecasts are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy provides a Sport-England-approved framework for decisions making and sports planning for a period of 5 years (to 2027/28). It includes a longer term growth scenario</p>

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		<p>We would advocate new pitches being located near schools where possible, allowing for the sharing of space with the public out of school hours.</p> <p>We are puzzled about the statistics used to inform the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix 1 provides a base population number for Mid Devon in 2020 of 92,540 and then appears to project growth of 21,340 by 2033 which would take the total to 113,880. There is no proper attribution for these numbers but they are described as applying new homes to population estimates. This has limited logic as the new homes in the Mid Devon Local Plan are based off population estimates which would imply that the Strategy has seen double or even triple counting. The Office of National Statistics believes the population of Mid Devon was 83,553 in 2020 and projects a rise to 92,687 by 2033. Devon County Council has a number of 83,290 in 2020 rising to 90,600 by 2033. Mid Devon's Local plan forecasts a population of 91,534 by 2033. It also forecast that over 75% of the population growth would be in those aged 65 or over, so arguably the population numbers should be scaled back rather than the reverse. <p>Unless Appendix 1 is other than we think, the strategy appears to be catering for a population growth of around 30,000 in the next 12 years against general expectations of 7,000 to 10,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Appendix 4 the inflation is explained as future proofing and is justified by a potential further 700 houses to be built in the Culm Garden Village by 2033. This does not provide an adequate explanation for inflating the starting population point by 9,000. 	<p>to help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders and so that land and funding for future facilities may be safeguarded.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy uses a robust approach to assess the future demand for sports pitches. This includes Office for National Statistics population data, which has been adjusted using the Council's housing land supply data for the district. Taking into account planned housing developments is consistent with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance. The population forecasts have been used alongside research, and consultation with sports clubs, schools, the national sports governing bodies and town and parish councils to assess the future demands for sports pitches and inform the recommendations made in the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The pitch strategy scenario is based on population growth of around 20,800 people to 2033 using Office for National Statistics data (which is based on demographic models with an element of projecting forward past/current migration) and with adjustments made in relation to forecast planned housing development though the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan and a longer term assumption for planned new homes beyond 2026.</p>

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		<p>We would like to see much greater detail on how these numbers have been arrived at and feel that the strategy should not be approved without the opportunity to comment further once sensible detail has been provided.</p> <p>Turning to more specific points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On each of pages 157 and 180, reference is made to Cullompton Rugby Club investigating relocation to an area adjacent to Cullompton Cricket Club's new site in the Garden Village. The Parish Council has been led to believe that the relocation of Cullompton Rugby Club would be part of a broad master planning exercise undertaken for the Garden Village as a whole. We had also understood that the plan would attempt to locate it reasonably centrally. The wording in the strategy suggests that the Rugby Club is operating independently of that, to which we object. We have also made several representations that the Garden Village should not extend to the east of Horn Road, with the exception of the Cricket Club, whose application we opposed. This is both for topographical reasons and because of the damage it would be likely to cause to our rural community. The scale of the Rugby Club, with the lighting that is needed for non-daylight practise and play, the volume of traffic and the regularity of events expected to be held make it a threatening prospective neighbour. The Horn Road limit on any development (including sports clubs) is also in line with the only consultation that MDDC has undertaken with respect to the boundaries of the Garden Village, the results of which we hope the Council will respect. <p><i>Kentisbeare Parish Council – November 22nd 2021</i></p>	<p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been amended following its consultation, so that its Appendix 1 Population Estimates For Pitch Sport Planning includes an explanation of the method used for calculating population estimates. This appendix is detailed below.</p> <p>The playing pitch population estimate method uses a figure of 12,443 (rounded) new homes for the period 2011 – 2033 for the three sub-areas of the district – Crediton, Cullompton and Tiverton. This is derived from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> figures in the Council's published Annual Monitoring Report 2018 (table on page 29), which show that 533 new homes were completed in 2011 / 2013. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/352148/amr-2018.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the housing trajectory table included in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (page 18, Table 6: Housing Forecast 2013 – 2033). This shows provision for 9,234 new homes in the period 2013 – 2033. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/350631/local-plan-review-final-adopted-version_accessible.pdf</p>

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Page 257			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the potential for additional homes (2,675) coming forward from 2026 onwards on sites which might be planned through the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. For the purpose of modelling future pitch needs this has included 700 homes at the proposed Culm Garden Village at Cullompton which is now subject to the development of a masterplan, 875 additional homes at Tiverton, and 1100 new homes on several sites in the Crediton area. These sites formed part of draft consultation proposals intended for the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan which was being prepared at the time the modelling was undertaken for the Playing Pitch Strategy. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is no longer being progressed and the planning of strategic development sites across Mid Devon will now be undertaken through the preparation of a new Local Plan. While the sites used to inform the modelling work in the Playing Pitch Strategy have no planning status they can help future proof assumptions made about the need for sports pitches in the longer term across the district, and can help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders. This modelling work can be updated when a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy is undertaken.

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Page 258			<p>Team generation calculations are based on the Sport England calculator which uses a demographic profile (age and gender splits) which broadly corresponds to the ONS data.</p> <p>The comments made in relation to the relocation of the Cullompton Rugby Club are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been informed through engagement with sports clubs in Mid Devon. This has included the Cullompton Rugby Club, which responded directly to the consultants preparing the playing pitch strategy setting out its requirements and plans. The Playing Pitch Strategy (5.6, page 33) notes that the Rugby Club is currently considering relocating to an area adjacent to the Cullompton Cricket Club's new site in the Culm Garden Village and the Site Action Plans report (page 12) site reference MDCM.16 states that a possible site is under consideration adjacent to proposed cricket club site in Culm Garden Village (Horn Lane) However, the Playing Pitch Strategy does not itself specify any particular location. Kentisbeare Parish Council's concerns over the provision of sports pitch facilities to the east of Horn Road are noted.</p> <p>The Council is currently preparing a masterplan for the Culm Garden Village and will continue to engage Kentisbeare Parish Council in this work.</p>

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			The Playing Pitch Strategy includes technical evidence and recommendations which can be used to help inform the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. This work is currently in progress and an Issues Paper will be consulted on in early 2022. The preparation of the new Local Plan will provide an opportunity for continued engagement with Kentisbeare Parish Council over the future planning of the area, including proposals for the Culm Garden Village.
32 Page 259	Individual	<p>Dear</p> <p>I haven't yet seen a number for the actual housing delivered in Mid Devon between 2012 and 2020 as I requested. I would still like to see it.</p> <p>However in the interest of time I felt I should respond to the further detail you sent me.</p> <p>I continue to think that the projected housing and population numbers in the Playing Pitch Strategy are badly flawed.</p> <p>The housing numbers in the Local Plan were designed to broadly mirror the increase in population forecast by the ONS. It is circular to then use those same housing numbers to inflate the population projections.</p> <p>The new housing numbers themselves seem at odds with the Local plan, which is forecasting 7860 between 2013 and 2033 with a potential extra 700 referred to in Appendix 4 of the Playing Pitch strategy. This makes 8,560 in total. The total new homes in the analysis you sent me total 13,202 between 2012 and 2033. I can not understand where this number has come from but it bears no relation to any published housing number that I can identify for Mid Devon.</p>	<p>The comments provided and the query regarding the population forecasts are noted.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy provides a Sport-England-approved framework for decisions making and sports planning for a period of 5 years (to 2027/28) and also includes a longer term growth scenario to help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders and so that land and funding for future facilities may be safeguarded.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy uses a robust approach to assess the future demand for sports pitches. This includes Office for National Statistics population data, which has been adjusted using the Council's housing land supply data for the district. Taking into account planned housing developments is consistent with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance. The population forecasts have been used</p>

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		<p>If we assume 2.3 people per dwelling, the new housing of 3,930 (in your analysis) between 2012 and 2020 would account for 9039 people in new housing.</p> <p>I find it hard to believe that Mid Devon has delivered half the planned total of housing for the entire current MDDC plan in the first 8 years of the total 21 year span.</p> <p>The ONS was forecasting a population increase of 5,803 to 2020 and the playing pitch strategy has inflated this ONS number by 9,007 (eg a total of 14,810) This is significantly above what is reasonable even if we ignore the fact that some of the new housing will be destined for existing residents of Mid Devon. It suggests that the Strategy's starting population estimate for 2020 is at least 5,800 too high. If we use the ONS numbers it is around 9,000 too high.</p> <p>The strategy then uses inflated housing numbers of 9,272 for the balance of the Local Plan, although if we deduct the housing accounted for so far from the 8,560 figure that is meant to be the likely increased housing in the plan as a whole, MDDC's own numbers suggest the delivery of only 4,630 between 2020 and 2033.</p> <p>The net effect is that the agreed 2011 census number for Mid Devon's population of 77,750 has grown to 113,880 in your playing pitch strategy as opposed to ONS and Mid Devon estimates of a little under 93,000. The housing of 7,860 was catering for population growth to this latter number.</p> <p>To summarise these numbers suggest that the Strategy has taken an inflated housing number of 13,202 over the period compared to the enhanced Mid Devon Plan number of 8560. That in itself would inflate your 2033 population number by 11,000 using a multiplier of 2.3. This also continues to assume no relocation to new housing by existing Mid Devon residents.</p>	<p>alongside research, and consultation with sports clubs, schools, the national sports governing bodies and town and parish councils to assess the future demands for sports pitches and inform the recommendations made in the Playing Pitch Strategy.</p> <p>The pitch strategy scenario is based on population growth of around 20,800 people to 2033 using Office for National Statistics data (which is based on demographic models with an element of projecting forward past/current migration) and with adjustments made in relation to forecast planned housing development though the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan and a longer term assumption for planned new homes beyond 2026.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has been amended following its consultation, so that its Appendix 1 Population Estimates For Pitch Sport Planning includes an explanation of the method used for calculating population estimates. This appendix is detailed below.</p> <p>The playing pitch population estimate method uses a figure of 12,443 (rounded) new homes for the period 2011 – 2033 for the three sub-areas of the district – Crediton, Cullompton and Tiverton. This is derived from:</p>

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Page 261		<p>It is quite possible given the scale of building planned that the population of Mid Devon will be over 93,000 by 2033, but the number in the Playing Field Strategy is implausible and liable to lead to bad decisions if relied on to frame a strategy.</p> <p>Yours,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> figures in the Council's published Annual Monitoring Report 2018 (table on page 29), which show that 533 new homes were completed in 2011 / 2013. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/352148/amr-2018.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the housing trajectory table included in the adopted Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (page 18, Table 6: Housing Forecast 2013 – 2033). This shows provision for 9,234 new homes in the period 2013 – 2033. <p>https://www.middevon.gov.uk/media/350631/local-plan-review-final-adopted-version_accessible.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the potential for additional homes (2,675) coming forward from 2026 onwards on sites which might be planned through the preparation of a new Local Plan for Mid Devon. For the purpose of modelling future pitch needs this has included 700 homes at the proposed Culm Garden Village at Cullompton which is now subject to the development of a masterplan, 875 additional homes at Tiverton, and 1100 new homes on several sites in the Crediton area. These sites formed part of draft consultation proposals intended for the Greater Exeter

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Page 262			<p>Strategic Plan which was being prepared at the time the modelling was undertaken for the Playing Pitch Strategy. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is no longer being progressed and the planning of strategic development sites across Mid Devon will now be undertaken through the preparation of a new Local Plan. While the sites used to inform the modelling work in the Playing Pitch Strategy have no planning status they can help future proof assumptions made about the need for sports pitches in the longer term across the district, and can help with infrastructure planning and discussions with potential developers and stakeholders. This modelling work can be updated when a future review of the Playing Pitch Strategy is undertaken.</p>
<p>Response:</p> <p>Note to explain the playing pitch population estimate method:</p>			
<h2>APPENDIX 1: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PITCH SPORT PLANNING</h2>			
<p>Population Estimate Method</p>			

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1		For the purposes of modelling future sports provision, projections of population are required as input. For the Mid Devon Playing Pitch strategy it was agreed that the assessment of new demand would a) be calculated on a sub-area basis and b) calculated for both the pitch assessment period (to 2026) and the Local Plan period (to 2033).	
2		ONS Population Estimates are available for small areas and cover the period up to 2019/20. However, these estimates are based on a demographic model and an element of change from internal migration data (i.e. people moving from one district/locality to another based on changes to GP registers and other administrative data). These estimates do not fully account for recent major housing completions. Similarly, the ONS Population Projections going forward beyond 2033 are based on demographic models with an element of projecting forward past/current migration. These do not account for new housing development and in particular strategic developments.	
3		To create sub-area population scenarios for 2026 and 2033 for planning sports provision, we start with ONS modelled estimates and projections and adjust the demographic model by applying estimates of new housing. For the current population estimate we create sub-area based parish populations by aggregating the OA/LSOA census population estimate data to parish based sub area. This involves proportionally splitting allocating a few census area populations to two parishes.	
4		We then apply the housing growth set out in the Adopted Local Plan and include completions from monitoring reports. We then translate these new homes into population by applying the sub-area average household density to create a population base scenario for the sports pitch study.	
5		It is known that many new homes will go to newly-forming households already in the area, and there is an element of migration brought forward into the current population estimates. So there may be minor over-estimation. But given that new build estates tend to attract a younger demographic than surrounding populations and additional inward migration, for the purposes of planning for sports teams and participation no corrections are applied as it is felt these balance out. For the purposes of planning for sports pitch provision, these estimates provide a robust basis, <u>but these should not be used as a basis for spatial planning or planning for other infrastructure.</u>	
A	Population		
6		The Subnational ONS Population estimates (2018 Basis) for LSOAs were aggregated up to study subarea and used for the 2019/20 population base. Projection data is the 2018 Demographic-basis Population projections. These data are only available at the Local Authority Level, so for the population base at 2026 & 2033 we have applied a proportional population split by subarea.	
		(Note: ONS data are given for calendar years, whilst Local plan data is for accounting year. The 2020 date aligns with 2019/20 in the housing trajectory; 2026 aligns with 2025/26 and 2033 aligns with 2032/33).	

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Table Appx 1.1: SUMMARY OF ONS POPULATION BY SUB-AREA

	2011 Census	2011 Pop Estimate	ONS Population Projections (modelled, 2018 basis)			2011 District Pop Proportion split by sub-area
			2019/20	2025/26	2032/33	
Tiverton Sub Area	35,776	36,113	38,259	40,665	42,379	46%
Cullompton Sub Area	21,473	21,646	24,122	24,753	25,796	28%
Crediton Sub Area	20,501	20,177	21,152	22,985	23,954	26%

New Homes

7 To estimate new homes over the coming period we have taken the homes from the trajectory in the adopted local plan, along with 2011/12 and 12/13 completions from monitoring reports. For a robust estimate to 2033 (the plan period) we have added in some additional 2027-2033 completions which will likely arise following the required local plan review update sometime after 2026.

8 Some of these are continued build out of strategic allocations in the current plan. We have also added a few developments toward the end of the period based on evidence reported in the GESP studies, particularly in Crediton where only limited growth is provided in the current local plan.

Table Appx 1.2: SUMMARY OF NEW HOMES BY SUB-AREA
Published trajectories with post-2027 LP review assumptions

Respondent Number	Individual / Organisation	Consultation comment/s received			Response by Mid Devon District Council	
			New homes 2011 - 2020	New homes 2021 - 2026	New homes 2026/27 - 2033	average pop per dwelling (sub-area basis, 2011 census)
		Tiverton Sub Area	1284	1210	1722	2.27
		Cullompton Sub Area	1333	1439	2738	2.34
		Crediton Sub Area	794	823	1100	2.27

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Applying new homes to population estimates

The projected population is then adjusted for the new homes planned in the area and these populations are fed into the Sports Facility Calculate to generate the future number of teams which enables us to suggest the provision required. It must be stressed that these are robust estimates.

*Table Appx 1.3: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PITCH SPORT PLANNING
(By applying new homes to population estimates)
Figures may not add due to rounding*

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			Current pop estimate (adjusted for new homes 2012/2020)	Population Increase 2020 to 2026 (housing growth pitch scenario)	Population Increase 2027 to 2033 (housing growth pitch scenario)	2033 Population scenario	Total Population growth to 2033	New homes 2020 to 2026	New homes 2027 to 2033
	Tiverton Sub Area	41,170	2,750	3,910	47,830	6,660	1,210	1,720	
	of which.....								
	Eastern Urban Extension			3,240		3,240		1,420	
	Blundell's		450			450	200		
	Cullompton Sub Area	27,230	3,360	6,390	36,990	9,940	1,440	2,740	
	of which.....								
	North West Cullompton		1,690	1,460		3,160	730	630	
	East Cullompton/Garden Village		820	4,910		5,730	350	2,100	
	Crediton Sub Area	22,960	1,870	2,500	27,330	4,560	823	1,100	
	of which.....								
	Pedlerspool		450			450	200		
	CRE-Crediton South (next LP Review)			1,080		1,080		475	
	CRE- Newton St Cyres (next LP Review)			1,420		1,420		625	

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		TOTAL DISTRICT	91,360	7,980	12,800	112,150	21,160	3,472	5,560	

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MID DEVON DISTRICT PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

Summary of consultation comments received and
amendments to the Strategy

Abstract

The Mid Devon District Playing Pitch Strategy has been completed by consultants Bennett Leisure and Planning Limited (belap). This was published and consulted on in October / November 2021. A total of 32 individuals and organisations commented on the Strategy, and the comments received are included in this report, together with the responses by Mid Devon District Council

February 2022

Respondent Number	Individual / Organisation	Topic	Amendments to Strategy
01	Individual	Football in Tiverton	
02	Individual	Protect playing fields	
03	Moors Youth FC	Need for a 3G FTP in Tiverton	
04	Cullompton College	Comments on proposed MUGA on Meadow Lane	
05	Willand Tennis Club	Correction about Willand Tennis court ownership	Action Plan info amended
06	Bradinch FC	Updated information on the club and shortage of land	
07	Individual	Need for a 3G in Tiverton	
08	Dawlish United	Need for a 3G in Dawlish	(Outside Mid Devon)
09	Tiverton High School	Support for sports hub at THS	
10	Tiverton High School	Support for sports hub at THS	
11	Individual	Support for tennis courts at Lord Meadow Leisure Centre	
12	Tiverton High School	Support for sports hub at THS	
13	Tiverton High School	Support for sports hub at THS	
14	Individual	Support for sports hub at THS	
15	Individual	Support for sports hub at THS	
16	Tiverton High School	Support for sports hub at THS	
17	Tiverton High School	Support for sports hub at THS	
18	Copplestone Utd FC	Support for 3G FTP in Crediton	
19	Cushman & Wakefield for Petroc	Comments on behalf of Petroc	
20	Copplestone Recreation Assn	Information on David Pullen Recreation Field, Copplestone	
21	Bradinch Football Club	Update on Bradinch Football Club	Action Plan amendment noting aspirations
22	Tiverton High School	Support for sports hub at THS	
23	Morchard Bishop Playing Fields Assn	Update for Action Plan	Action Plan amendment as suggestions
24	Uffculme School	Support for Astro-Turf community multi-sport project	
25	Elmore AFC	Update on position with club	
26	Tiverton Harriers	Need for an athletics track in Tiverton	
27	Crediton United & Youth FC	Need for additional grass pitches and a 3G FTP in Crediton	
28	Tiverton Town Councillor Cranmore Ward.	Support for sports hub at THS	
29	Heathcoat Fabrics Limited	Support for sports hub at THS	
30	Culmstock Parish Council	Support for MUGA in Culmstock	
31	Kentisbeare Parish Council	Query about housing growth figures and other comments on masterplanning of new settlement	PPS amended: Appendix 1 Population Estimates for Pitch Sport Planning includes

Respondent Number	Individual / Organisation	Topic	Amendments to Strategy
			an explanation of the method used for calculating population estimates. This appendix is detailed below. (Does not affect totals in Appendix 4 (Garden Village) and Appendix 5 (EUE))
32	Individual	Further query on housing growth numbers	As above

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CABINET
5 APRIL 2022:

PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT

Cabinet Member Cllr Bob Deed, the Leader of the Council
Responsible Officer Matthew Page, Corporate Manager for People, Performance & Waste.

Reason for Report: To provide Members with an update on performance against the corporate plan and local service targets for 2021-22 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee reviews the Performance Indicators and Risks that are outlined in this report and feeds back any areas of concern.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: Corporate Plan priorities and targets are effectively maintained through the use of appropriate performance indicators and regular monitoring.

Financial Implications: None identified

Budget and Policy Framework: Produced in accordance with the Risk Management Strategy.

Legal Implications: None

Risk Assessment: If performance is not monitored we may fail to meet our corporate and local service plan targets or to take appropriate corrective action where necessary. If key business risks are not identified and monitored they cannot be mitigated effectively.

Equality Impact Assessment: No equality issues identified for this report.

Impact on Climate Change: No impacts identified for this report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Appendices 1-5 provide Members with details of performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets for the 2021-22 financial year.
- 1.2 Appendix 6 shows the higher impact risks from the Corporate Risk Register. See 3.0 below.
- 1.3 All appendices are produced from the Corporate Service Performance and Risk Management system (SPAR).
- 1.4 When benchmarking information is available it is included.

2.0 Performance

Please note that for some areas of the Council performance remains adversely impacted to some degree by the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. There are specific comments in this report and the attached appendices reflecting this.

Environment Appendix 1A

- 2.1 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: To increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste.

Both the recycling rate and residual waste rate are still slightly below target. The number of missed collections for recycling is on target for this year, the numbers remain low.

The number of households with chargeable garden waste collections remains above target with an additional 376 customers compared to January 2021.

The Council carried out a trial between July and October 2021 to measure the effect of residual waste being collected at three weekly intervals with the reduction in residual waste and an increase in recycling. The trial was piloted in both a rural and urban area to assess the impact of such a change being introduced in the district.

During the trial the percentage of residual waste reduced and the percentage of wet recycling (food) increased. Having wheeled bins in the trial areas improved the street scene and reduced the amount of residual waste. The Council approved the move to a three weekly waste collection, with food collected every week and recycling and payable garden waste will be collected every two weeks and residual waste (black bags) being collected every third week. An implementation plan will be discussed with members before the roll out begins later in the year.

Climate Change Appendix 1B

- 2.2 The electric car charger usage is well above the target, the installation and operation contract has now been procured by Devon County Council as the lead partner and 10 new charge point installations are expected to commence in May 2022 with the aim of completion by the end of 2022. Funding is through the joint EU funded Deletti partnership.
- 2.3 The corporate tree planting scheme has enabled 650 native British trees to be planted during 2021/2022. Volunteers have planted the trees, and restocked an ancient woodland and a community orchard. Click [here](#) for further information available on the Climate & Sustainability website
- 2.4 A technical design for the Post Hill development in Tiverton is being designed with the aim to make all of the social and affordable housing zero carbon.

Homes Portfolio - Appendix 2

2.5 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: Deliver Housing

Housing delivery against the Local Plan is monitored annually as part of the Annual Monitoring report published by Forward Planning and on the Government's DELTA system.

2.6 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: Private Sector Housing

In the last 12 months the team has carried vacancies and has been delivering a national pilot project relating to the enforcement of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards in the private rented sector. As a service we've clearly also been tasked with supporting our core Public Health role regards the Covid pandemic which has diverted resources across the team, especially in the last 12-months. This has meant that the focus of the team has not been on empty homes.

This decision to prioritise of statutory, high-risk duties versus lower risk and largely non-statutory work was taken at a corporate level in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders and was wholly consistent with regulatory guidance provided by Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government now known as the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities at the time.

Despite this we have continued to monitor properties and intervene where there has been a serious impact on neighbours. 2 properties that have caused problems have been listed for sale through our property auction partner this year. Going forward we are introducing a new role that will have a greater focus on empty homes work and we have a clear commitment to tackling empty homes from 2022/23 under the new Housing Strategy.

2.7 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: Council Housing

Repairs performance KPIs all remain at or above target. In terms of gas servicing compliance we continue just below target at 99.6%.

2.8 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: Support and grow active tenancy engagement as reported to the last committee the new Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Policy was approved at the Homes PDG committee on 18 January 2022.

Economy Portfolio - Appendix 3

2.9 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: Improve and regenerate our town centres

This includes a continued focus on Town Centre Regeneration, Empty shops; Mid Devon District Council continues to enjoy 100% occupancy in its own units.

The number of business rates accounts and business rates rateable value continue to increase and the number of empty business properties remains stable, this is encouraging in the light of the impact of the pandemic upon local businesses.

Community Portfolio - Appendix 4

- 2.10 The KPIs identified are mostly new PIs and performance on most have been affected by Covid 19. It is unlikely that much progress will be seen over the next few months. Several of the corporate plan aims will require partnership working with Devon County Council, the NHS and Town and Parish Councils and lobbying activity. Targets for these remain to be developed.
- 2.11 Referrals under the various schemes at the leisure centres remain well above target after suffering badly during the various lockdowns when the leisure centres were required to close or operate at reduced capacity. This is very encouraging.

Corporate - Appendix 5

- 2.12 The workforce statistics all remain favourable with the exception of staff turnover which is at 15.1%; an increase in workforce mobility (churn) post lockdown was widely predicted last year after recruitment stalled during lockdown. Recruitment remains challenging.
- 2.13 The Response to FOI requests have been 100% on time since April 2019. The additional requested FOI statistics have been added as a note against the KPI.
- 2.14 Council Tax percentage rate collected on a monthly basis is currently at 96.09%, the National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) is collected on a monthly basis at 95.65% and both will be above target at the end of the financial year.

3.0 Risk

Some risk scores have increased due to the Covid 19 pandemic especially as regards financing, homelessness and the economic outlook.

- 3.1 The Corporate risk register is regularly reviewed by Corporate Managers and Leadership Team and updated as required.
- 3.2 Risk reports to committees include strategic risks with a current score of 10 or more in accordance with the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy. (Appendix 6)
- 3.3 Operational risk assessments are job specific and flow through to safe systems of work. These risks go to the Health and Safety Group biannually with escalation to committees where serious concerns are raised.

4.0 Summary of current high risk status from SPAR

- 4.1 The risks below are extracted from the SPAR, the Corporate Service Performance and Risk Management system however the mitigation for each of these high risks can be found in the attached appendices.

4.2 Risk: Climate Change Declaration

The implications to the Council's strategic, budget and medium term financial plans are not yet fully explored and understood. This introduces an increased level of uncertainty. In recognition of that the Climate and Sustainability Specialist is prioritising work streams for future consideration. A report on budget options for climate investment went to Environment PDG on 11 January 2022. Impact of climate change on the financial viability of the Council.

The pending State of the District Debate seeks to highlight actions which individuals and businesses across our district can take to support relevant actions on a day to day basis at home, work and in leisure, recognising that local authorities cannot finance all steps which are appropriate. It is hoped that this can feed into future policy development.

- 4.2 Risk: Coronavirus Pandemic in particular the risk to MDDC's ability to conduct business as usual.

Staff absence rates are at present the highest they have been during the entire pandemic, although all services have been maintained. Business Continuity Plans have been reviewed in case they need to be invoked over the next few months.

4.3 Risk: Cyber Security

Inadequate Cyber Security could lead to breaches of confidential information, damaged or corrupted data and ultimately Denial of Service if the Council fails to have an effective ICT security strategy in place, there is a significant risk of monetary penalties and fines, and legal action by affected parties.

In order to reduce the risk, ICT are in the process of replacing the firewall and upgrading anti-malware software and have just secured a £75k Government grant to improve our Cyber-attack mitigation measures and controls.

4.4 Risk: Economic Development Service

The macro-economic position might necessitate a reactive response, impacting on the Council's resourcing and reducing its ability to deploy resources as planned. The pandemic has had a critical impact on the local, national and global economy; distribution of grant assistance is again being required following the impacts of the Omicron variant. The development of a longer term approach to recovery is currently being considered by the Economy PDG.

4.5 Risk: Economic Strategy Failure to deliver projects/outcomes in Economic Strategy.

Work is underway with regard to Economic Strategy actions with a number of projects being progressed; however many other actions will be reviewed as part of the longer term recovery plan work and the need for revised prioritisation.

4.6 Risk: Funding Insufficient resources (including funding) to deliver growth aspirations of Corporate Plan.

Given ongoing constraints on resource and the scale of the challenges to the Growth, Economy and Development team at this time there has been need to carefully prioritise project delivery. Funding opportunities are actively being pursued.

4.7 Risk: Homelessness

Insufficient resources to support an increased homeless population could result in failure to meet statutory duty to provide advice and assistance to anyone who is homeless.

The position has essentially remained unchanged from the previous review. The number of approaches continues to increase as a result of the economic instability and could rise from April 2022 with the current significant rising cost of living, fuel and energy prices as well as the more routine changes to National Insurance contributions

The temporary accommodation and homelessness strategy are being reviewed alongside wider housing policies to take account of the growing need for temporary accommodation of varying types to reduce the cost of using bed and breakfasts. Members are referred to the Affordable Housing risk for a wider update.

4.8 Risk: Infrastructure delivery inability to deliver, or delay in delivering, key transport infrastructure to unlock planned growth.

The Council is working closely with Homes England on both HIF schemes and looking to mitigate project risks as and when they occur. Update reports on progress on the Cullompton Relief Road project and funding have been reported to Cabinet and pending for the April Economy PDG.

Work on re-opening Cullompton Railway Station is progressing well, a report went before the Cabinet on 8 March 2022, discussion led to a shared view that some revisions to the current governance arrangements would be desirable and to transfer the project 'lead' to Network Rail given the intricate level of rail specific knowledge and expertise required to secure timely approvals and decisions in order to meet DfT requirements and key gateways. First passengers could be on board towards the end of May 2025.

4.9 Risk: Overall Funding Availability

This risk concerns changes to Revenue Support Grant, Business Rates, New Homes Bonus and other funding streams in order to finance ongoing expenditure needs.

The 2022/23 Finance Settlement was better than forecast, but failed to provide any information about the future funding for Local Government. A budget deficit is still forecast in future years that must be addressed. The 2023/24 progress will need to begin promptly and thoroughly review all aspect of the budget. All options identified will be considered by Cabinet and Policy Development Groups in the autumn 2022.

4.10 Risk: Reduced Funding

Budget Cuts we are subject to continuing budget reductions. If the Council concentrates on short term cost savings, the adverse long term impact of decisions may well be increased. The need for the Council to identify, consider and address future budget deficits as outlined in the preceding paragraph is also relevant to this risk.

4.11 Risk: SPV 3 Rivers Developments Ltd

Failure of the company is a potential risk, dependent upon economic factors and the company's success in the marketplace commercially. For MDDC the impacts would be an inability of the company to service and repay the loan from the Council; the Council not receiving the forecast additional income; and the company not supporting the corporate objectives which underlie its existence.

The Council's accounts (which includes the company within the Group Accounts) was audited and no issues were identified. The company's latest business plan was recently approved by Cabinet and continues in line with that plan.

4.12 Risk: SPV 3 Rivers Developments Ltd - Reputational Impact

With regular updates at cabinet continuing, alongside auditing, members have structurally embedded a range of mechanisms to give confidence in the governance, oversight and assurance process. The reputational risk from members bringing the company into disrepute is therefore very much in individual members' hands.

5.0 **Conclusion and Recommendation**

- 5.1 That the Committee reviews the performance indicators and risks that are outlined in this report and feeds back any areas of concern.

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Corporate Plan PI Report Environment

Priorities: Environment

Aims: Increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Residual household waste per household (measured in Kilograms) (figures have to be verified by DCC)</u>	379.8	362.0	33.9	62.8	93.9	125.2	155.5	186.7	215.0	245.9	276.0	312.9			Darren Beer	(April - January) a 1.96% increase compared to January 2021 (LD)
<u>Number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) Issued (Environment)</u>	10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		Darren Beer	(July) Enforcement staff have spent a proportion of their time carrying out container delivery duties on behalf of waste and recycling; staff normally carrying out these duties have been re-assigned to waste collection to ensure minimal disruption of the front line service to customers. (LD)
<u>% of Household Waste Reused, Recycled and Composted (figures have to be verified by DCC)</u>	53.5%	54.5%	52.1%	51.4%	53.7%	53.9%	54.0%	54.9%	54.7%	54.5%	53.7%	53.3%			Darren Beer	(January) Waste arisings have remained on par with January 2021 however household recycling tonnage has reduced by 27 tonnes. The increased tonnage in January 2021 was most likely due to strict lockdown conditions which were more relaxed in January 2022. (LD)
<u>Number of</u>	11,653	11,200	11,620	11,620	11,620	11,791	11,861	11,879	11,888	11,713	11,695	11,691			Darren	(January) An

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Corporate Plan PI Report Environment																
Priorities: Environment																
Aims: Increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste																
Performance Indicators																
Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Households on Chargeable Garden Waste</u>															Beer	additional 376 customers compared to January 2021. (LD)
<u>% of missed collections reported (refuse and organic waste)</u>	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%			Darren Beer	(January) Remaining on target for the year (LD)
<u>% of Missed Collections logged (recycling)</u>	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%			Darren Beer	(January) Remaining on target for the year (LD)

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Corporate Plan PI Report Climate Change

Priorities: Climate Change

Aims: Green Sources of Energy

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>New Solar Initiatives</u>	251	250	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	264	Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 4) Through the Devon Solar Together initiative, the number of solar panels installed is 246 so far; and 18 power storage battery installations so far. (JB)
<u>Electric Car Charger usage</u>	1,867	2,300	279	633	1,017	1,442	1,918	2,322	2,768	3,130	3,546	3,885			Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	
<u>Electric Car Charger Units</u>	0	8	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 4) The installation and operation contract for the Deletti partnership scheme has now been procured by Devon County Council (as the lead partner) and chargepoint installations are expected to begin in May 2022 (completion

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Aims: Green Sources of Energy																
Performance Indicators																
Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
																before end of 2022). (JB)

Aims: Biodiversity																
Performance Indicators																
Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Corporate Tree Planting Scheme</u>	0	500	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	35	n/a	n/a	650	Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 1) Winter 2020-2021 planned planting was deferred due to pandemic restrictions. Planting planned for winter 2021-2022 and we are working to secure funding. (JB)
<u>Community climate and biodiversity grants</u>	No	Agree funding. Options paper to be considered by Env PDG.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	

Aims: Retro-fitting measures																
Performance Indicators																
Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Corporate Renewable Energy Projects</u>	1	4	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	6	Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 4) 2020-2021: Carlu Close solar PV project completed. 2021-2022: Retrofit of ASHP (Air Source Heat Pump) at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre; retrofit energy saving light installations at all 3 leisure centres; retrofit energy saving lighting measures installed at Tiverton multi-storey car park. The hydro project is a live planning application at present. (JB)
<u>ECO Flex</u>	1,028	300	113	171	239	269	302	355	393	418	447	481			Simon Newcombe	
<u>Housing Assistance Policy</u>	5	5	0	0	0	2	3	6	7	7	13	15			Simon Newcombe	
<u>Home</u>	10	10	n/a	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	4	n/a	n/a		Simon	

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Priorities: Climate Change

Aims: Retro-fitting measures

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Improvement Loans</u>															Newcombe	

Aims: Other

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Community Schemes</u>	0	4	n/a	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	6	n/a	n/a	8	Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 4) Active liaison with at least 8 groups across the district, e.g. online workshops, correspondence, events, promoting their activities on the Climate and Sustainability website, and outreach to ask for their input on Council activities. (JB)
<u>Council Carbon Footprint</u>	19,407	18,250	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	

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Corporate Plan PI Report Homes

Priorities: Homes

Aims: Deliver Housing

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Net additional homes provided</u>	335	393	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Tristan Peat	
<u>Self Build Plots</u>	1	5	n/a	n/a	6	n/a	n/a	6	n/a	n/a	12	n/a	n/a		Tristan Peat	(Quarter 3) Permission granted on 1.10.2021 for a dwelling at Bow, Crediton (application reference: 21/01088/FULL), and 5 CSB plots at the Tiverton EUE (21/00128/MFUL) on 11.11.2021 (TP)
<u>Gypsy & Traveller Pitches delivered</u>	1	2	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a		Tristan Peat	(Quarter 2) Retrospective planning permission granted for one pitch at Yeoford (TP)
<u>Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)</u>	30	94	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Tristan Peat	
<u>New Social Rent Council Houses</u>	0	17	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		Andrew Busby, Simon Newcombe	(Quarter 2) 1 buy back in Q2 (CY)
<u>Number of Homelessness Approaches</u>	587		n/a	n/a	144	n/a	n/a	316	n/a	n/a	493	n/a	n/a		Simon Newcombe	

Aims: Community Land Trusts

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Community Land Trusts Assisted</u>	2	1	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		Tristan Peat	(Quarter 2) All town and parish council have been contacted in October 2021 to advise about support available from the Council to assist community-led affordable housing schemes (TP)

Aims: Private Sector Housing

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Deliver homes by bringing Empty Houses into use</u>	101	72	0	9	16	20	20	30	35	42	43	45			Simon Newcombe	(January) In the last 12 months the team has carried out a national pilot project relating to the enforcement of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards in the private rented sector. As a service we've clearly all been tasked with supporting our core Public Health role regards the Covid pandemic which has diverted resource across the team, especially the last 12-months. This has meant that the focus of the team has not been on empty homes. This decision to prioritise of statutory, high-risk duties versus lower risk and

Corporate Plan PI Report Homes

Priorities: Homes

Aims: Private Sector Housing

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
																largely non-statutory work w taken at a corporate level in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders and was wholly consistent with regulatory guidance provide by MHCLG (now DLUHC) at the time. Despite this we have continued to monitor properties and intervene where there has been a serious impact on neighbour 2 properties that have caused problems have been listed for sale through our property auction partner this year. Going forward we are introducing a new role that will have a greater focus on empty homes work and we have a clear commitment to tackling empty homes from 2022/23 under the new Housing Strategy. (SN)
<u>Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) investigations</u>	96%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			Simon Newcombe	
<u>Landlord engagement and Support</u>	14	9	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	10	n/a	n/a		Simon Newcombe	(Quarter 3) 4x pin point, MEES mailout, MEES online training (TW)

Aims: Council Housing

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Tenant Census</u>	34%	Develop action plan	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		Simon Newcombe	(Quarter 2 Customer Engagement and Tenant Involvement Officers not in place. Work has commenced on the Tenant Engagement Strategy which will take account of the preference of tenants as set out the tenant census. (CY)
<u>% Emergency Repairs Completed on Time</u>	104.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			Simon Newcombe	
<u>% Urgent Repairs Completed on Time</u>	99.9%	95.0%	99.0%	99.5%	99.7%	99.6%	99.6%	99.4%	99.4%	99.3%	99.3%	99.2%			Simon Newcombe	
<u>% Routine Repairs Completed on Time</u>	99.6%	95.0%	97.7%	98.3%	98.7%	98.8%	98.9%	98.9%	98.9%	98.5%	98.7%	98.6%			Simon Newcombe	
<u>% Properties</u>	99.4%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	98%	98%	100%			Simon Newcombe	

Corporate Plan PI Report Homes**Priorities: Homes****Aims: Council Housing****Performance Indicators**

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>With a Valid Gas Safety Certificate</u>																
<u>% Complaints Responded to On Time</u>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.5%	98.6%	97.6%	97.9%	98.2%	98.4%			Simon Newcombe	

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Corporate Plan PI Report Economy

Priorities: Economy

Aims: Incubator and start-up space

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Incubator and Start-up space</u>	0	2	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Adrian Welsh	(Quarter 4) This indicator is being reviewed informed by the emerging recovery plan work. (AW)
<u>Sites for Commercial Development</u>	0	2	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Keith Ashton, Andrew Busby	

Aims: Improve and regenerate our town centres

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year Annual End Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Number of business rate accounts</u>	3,356	3,358	3,362	3,366	3,375	3,381	3,384	3,405	3,429	3,436	3,424	3,426		Dean Emery	
<u>Business Rates RV</u>	£45,601,082	£45,614,697	£45,572,772	£45,572,772	£46,111,792	£46,092,812	£46,128,787	£46,258,944	£46,312,564	£46,354,264	£46,303,869	£46,384,114		Dean Emery	
<u>Empty Business Properties</u>	244				250	250	242	249	232	240	242	236		Dean Emery	
<u>Tiverton Town Centre Masterplan</u>		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Adrian Welsh, Angharad Williams	(2021 - 2022) Tiverton Town Centre Masterplan second round consultation

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Priorities: Economy

Aims: Improve and regenerate our town centres

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year	Annual End Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
																scheduled to follow outcome of CRF bid - Cabinet March 2022 (AW)
<u>Cullompton Town Centre Masterplan</u>	n/a				Yes		Yes	Yes							Adrian Welsh, Angharad Williams	(September) Delivery Plan being developed (CY)
<u>Crediton Town Centre Masterplan</u>	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Angharad Williams	(2021 - 2022) Procurement March 2022 (CY)
<u>Pannier Market Regular Traders</u>	53.2%	85%	63%	73%	75%	76%	78%	80%	81%	82%	82%	82%	82%		Adrian Welsh	(May) First full month after easing of restrictions (JB)
<u>West Exe North and South</u>	13		n/a	n/a	13	n/a	n/a	13	n/a	n/a	14	n/a	n/a		Keith Ashton, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 3) 100% Occupied (CY)
<u>Fore St Tiverton</u>	4		n/a	n/a	5	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	n/a		Keith Ashton, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 3) 100% Occupied (CY)
<u>Market Walk Tiverton</u>	14		n/a	n/a	14	n/a	n/a	14	n/a	n/a	15	n/a	n/a		Keith Ashton, Jason Ball, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 3) 100% Occupied (CY)

Aims: Community Land Trusts

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Community Land Trusts Assisted</u>	2	1	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		Tristan Peat	(Quarter 2) All town and parish council have been contacted in October 2021 to advise about support available from the Council to assist

Corporate Plan PI Report Economy**Priorities: Economy****Aims: Community Land Trusts****Performance Indicators**

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
																community-led affordable housing schemes (TP)

Aims: Digital Connectivity**Performance Indicators**

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Digital connectivity</u>			n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a		Adrian Welsh	(Quarter 4) Progress with the town centre wi-fi projects has been hampered by Covid 19, but is due to be delivered by 1st Qtr of 2022. Econ Dev Project Manager also working to ensure maximum uptake of FFTP through 2nd Phase CDR rollout through Airband (JB)

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Aims: Health and Wellbeing																
Performance Indicators																
Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Annual Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Action Plan</u>	12	12	1	3	5	7	11	13	13	15	15	15			Simon Newcombe	(November) Reclaim the night - promotion of issues around safe places and violence against women and girls Workforce Development Felt Trauma - training delivered to 10 staff (TW)
<u>Safeguarding standards for drivers</u>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				Simon Newcombe	
<u>Mental Health First Aiders</u>	0	5	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	15	n/a	n/a		Matthew Page	
<u>National and regional promotions</u>	7	9	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	4	4			Simon Newcombe	(December) Energy Efficiency grants and project (TW)
Aims: Community Involvement																
Performance Indicators																
Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>% of complaints resolved w/in timescales (10 days - 12 weeks)</u>	90%	90%	100%	99%	97%	97%	96%	95%	95%	93%	93%	93%	91%		Lisa Lewis, Brian Trebilcock	(February) 26 completed at 1st check (04/03/22) (RT)
<u>Number of Complaints</u>	273		38	78	116	145	179	214	235	269	292	320	355		Lisa Lewis, Brian Trebilcock	
Aims: Leisure Centres																

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Priorities: Community

Aims: Leisure Centres

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Health Referral Initiative starters</u>	6	15	3	7	17	25	39	48	48	54	56	74	87		Corinne Parnall	(February) 13 (K)
<u>Health Referral Initiative completers</u>	0	10	3	3	3	3	3	12	12	19	23	42	53		Corinne Parnall	(February) 11 (K)
<u>Health Referral Initiative conversions</u>	0	5	2	2	2	2	2	11	11	16	19	24	31		Corinne Parnall	(February) 7 (K)

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Arranged by Aims

Filtered by Aim: Priorities Delivering a Well-Managed Council
For MDDC - Services

Key to Performance Status:

Performance Indicators:

No Data

Well below
target

Below target

On target

Above target

Well above
target

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indicates that an entity is linked to the Aim by its parent Service

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Priorities: Delivering a Well-Managed Council

Aims: South West Mutual Bank

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>South West Mutual Bank</u>			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Andrew Jarrett	(April - September) An update went to Cabinet on 26 October. A further £125,000 investment was secured during the last financial year. The length of time to obtain a Banking Licence means it will be mid-2024 before the first product openings. (CY)

Aims: Commercial Opportunities

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>Tiverton Other</u>	8		n/a	n/a	8	n/a	n/a	8	n/a	n/a	8	n/a	n/a		Keith Ashton,	(Quarter 3) 100% Occupied (CY)

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Priorities: Delivering a Well-Managed Council

Aims: Commercial Opportunities

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
															Andrew Busby	
Industrial Units Cullompton	15		n/a	n/a	14	n/a	n/a	14	n/a	n/a	15	n/a	n/a		Keith Ashton, Andrew Busby	(Quarter 3) 100% Occupied (CY)

Aims: Other

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
Sickness absence %	2.10%	2.78%	n/a	n/a	2.08%	n/a	n/a	2.45%	n/a	n/a	2.96%	n/a	n/a		Matthew Page	
Appraisals completed	97%	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	94%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		Matthew Page	
% total Council tax collected - monthly	96.96%	96.00%	11.02%	19.86%	28.76%	37.56%	46.15%	53.43%	64.54%	72.60%	79.81%	91.20%	96.09%		Dean Emery	
% total NNDR collected - monthly	96.81%	97.00%	9.29%	15.07%	31.84%	39.83%	45.54%	57.36%	60.58%	69.36%	75.47%	84.72%	95.65%		Dean Emery	
New Performance Planning Guarantee	100%	100%	n/a	n/a	100%	n/a	n/a	100%	n/a	n/a	100%	n/a	n/a		Angharad Williams	

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Priorities: Delivering a Well-Managed Council

Aims: Other

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>determine within 26 weeks</u>																
<u>Major applications overturned at appeal (over last 2 years)</u>	5%	10.00%	n/a	n/a	7.14%	n/a	n/a	6.30%	n/a	n/a	5.81%	n/a	n/a		Angharad Williams	
<u>Major applications overturned at appeal % of appeals</u>	0.05%	10.00%	n/a	n/a	8.33%	n/a	n/a	4.51%	n/a	n/a	3.01%	n/a	n/a		Angharad Williams	
<u>Minor applications overturned at appeal (over last 2 years)</u>	2%	10.00%	n/a	n/a	0.43%	n/a	n/a	0.22%	n/a	n/a	0.36%	n/a	n/a		Angharad Williams	
<u>Minor applications overturned at appeal % of appeals</u>	1.66%	10.00%	n/a	n/a	0.70%	n/a	n/a	0.63%	n/a	n/a	0.71%	n/a	n/a		Angharad Williams	
<u>Response to FOI/EIR Requests (within 20 working</u>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		Catherine Yandle	(February) 1 late out of 62 (HF)

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Priorities: Delivering a Well-Managed Council

Aims: Other

Performance Indicators

Title	Prev Year End	Annual Target	Apr Act	May Act	Jun Act	Jul Act	Aug Act	Sep Act	Oct Act	Nov Act	Dec Act	Jan Act	Feb Act	Mar Act	Group Manager	Officer Notes
<u>days)</u>																
<u>Working Days Lost Due to Sickness Absence</u>	5.80days	7.00days	n/a	n/a	1.35days	n/a	n/a	3.20days	n/a	n/a	5.75days	n/a	n/a		Matthew Page	
<u>Staff Turnover</u>	24.5%	15.0%	n/a	n/a	5.8%	n/a	n/a	10.7%	n/a	n/a	15.1%	n/a	n/a		Matthew Page	

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Report for 2021-2022

Filtered by Prefix: Exclude Risk Prefix: OP, PR, EV

Filtered by Flag: Include: * Corporate Risk Register

For MDDC - Services

Filtered by Performance Status: Exclude Risk Status: Low

Not Including Risk Child Projects records, Including Mitigating Action records

Key to Performance Status:

Mitigating Action:	Milestone Missed	Behind schedule	In progress	Completed and evaluated	No Data available
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Risks:	No Data (0+)	High (15+)	Medium (6+)	Low (1+)
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Risk: Civil Contingencies Act Responsibilities Civil Contingencies Act 2004 set certain responsibilities for category 1 responders to have in place

Service: Public Health

Mitigating Action records

No Mitigating Action records found.

Current Status: Medium (12)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Simon Newcombe

Review Note: Contingencies and responses have been well tested over the last 18 months as a result of the pandemic. Severity remains high and likelihood increased as a result of the ongoing uncertainties around how the pandemic will impact communities with the easing of restrictions and entering the autumn months.

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Risk: Climate Change Declaration The implications to the Council's strategic, budget and medium term financial plans are not yet fully explored and understood. This introduces an increased level of uncertainty. Impact of climate change on the financial viability of the Council.

Service: Climate Change

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
Completed and evaluated	Climate and Sustainability Specialist	Appointment commenced in March 2021	Catherine Yandle	30/04/2021	10/01/2022	Fully effective (1)
Completed and evaluated	Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan	Was approved by Cabinet on 1 October 2020. The Handbook needs completing and publishing	Catherine Yandle	09/12/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Consideration by the Environment PDG	This PDG has been tasked with considering the Council's own policy response (s) to the Climate Change Declaration made at Full Council on 26 June 2019.	Catherine Yandle	19/07/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Completed and evaluated	Devon Climate Emergency – Tactical Group	MDDC are part of the tactical group for the climate emergency that has strategic links to our own plans.	Catherine Yandle	18/05/2020	10/01/2022	Fully effective (1)
In progress	Net Zero Advisory Group	This was approved by Cabinet on 23 April 2020 terms of reference to be progressed for the group, membership confirmed and first meeting held remotely.	Catherine Yandle	18/05/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Current Status: High (20)		Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High		Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High		

Service Manager: Jason Ball, Catherine Yandle

Review Note: The Climate and Sustainability Specialist is prioritising work streams for future consideration. A report on budget options for climate investment went to Environment PDG on 11 January 2022.

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Risk: Coronavirus Pandemic The risk to MDDC's ability to conduct business as usual

Service: Governance

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Business Continuity Planning (BCP)	BCPs have been reviewed. Regular updates are being obtained from Public Health England and the Local Resilience Forum. Meetings of managers and Leadership Team via Skype now monthly.	Catherine Yandle	06/03/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Completed and evaluated	Financial and Economic effects monitoring	To ensure that local authorities including MDDC are reimbursed in full for the Covid 19 response by Central government. Assurance has been received from Internal Audit reviews of our claims.	Catherine Yandle	13/05/2020	10/01/2022	Fully effective (1)
Current Status: High (20)		Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High		Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High		

Service Manager: Simon Newcombe

Review Note: Staff absence rates are at present the highest they have been during the entire pandemic, it is expected that BCPs may need to be invoked over the next few months.

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Risk: Culm Garden Village Possible discontinuance of Government funding support

Service: Planning

Mitigating Action records

Mitigating Action Record						
Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Funding opportunities	Lobby for the creation of further funding opportunities and for further rounds of the garden communities capacity funding	Adrian Welsh	03/02/2021	18/10/2021	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Further bids for capacity funding	To continue to secure external funding to support the project	Tristan Peat	29/03/2019	18/10/2021	Satisfactory (2)
Current Status: No Data		Current Risk Severity: 4 - High		Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium		
Service Manager: Tristan Peat, Adrian Welsh						
Review Note: Future bid opportunities unknown at this stage and will be announced by Government in due course						

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Risk: Cyber Security Inadequate Cyber Security could lead to breaches of confidential information, damaged or corrupted data and ultimately Denial of Service. If the Council fails to have an effective ICT security strategy in place.

Risk of monetary penalties and fines, and legal action by affected parties

Service: I C T

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Email and Protective DNS	ICT have applied the all levels of the government secure email policy, which ensures secure email exchange with government agencies operating at OFFICIAL. PSN DNS has been configured at the Internet gateway, which ensures the validity of websites and blocks known sites.	Lisa Lewis	06/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Completed and evaluated	Information Security Policy in place, with update training	Information Security Policy on LMS (online policy system) included in induction.	Catherine Yandle	22/10/2015	10/01/2022	Fully effective (1)
In progress	Regular user awareness training	Staff and Member updates help to reduce the risk	Catherine Yandle	03/01/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Technical controls in place	Required to maintain Public Sector Network certification	Lisa Lewis	03/01/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Current Status: High (20)		Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High		Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High		

Service Manager: Brian Trebilcock

Review Note: In the process of replacing the firewall and upgrading anti-malware software.

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Risk: Economic Development Service The macro economic position might necessitate a reactive response, impacting on the Council's resourcing and reducing its ability to deploy resources as planned.

Service: Growth, Economy and Development

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Distribution and processing of Gov business support funding.	To assist businesses during the Covid19 pandemic and to help sustain them during this time of national restrictions.	Adrian Welsh	12/05/2020	10/01/2022	No Score(0)
In progress	Hardship funding	To support individuals/households but also crucial for self employed and furloughed staff as a result of the pandemic.	Adrian Welsh	12/05/2020	10/01/2022	No Score(0)
In progress	Recovery plans	Work underway in partnership with other Devon and regional partners to develop economic recovery plans to assist positive outcomes on local economy.	Adrian Welsh	12/05/2020	10/01/2022	No Score(0)
Current Status: High (25)		Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High		Current Risk Likelihood: 5 - Very High		

Service Manager: Adrian Welsh

Review Note: The pandemic has had a critical impact on the local, national and global economy. Distribution of grant assistance again being required following the impacts of the Omicron variant. Development of a longer term approach to recovery is currently being considered by the Economy PDG.

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Risk: Economic Strategy Failure to deliver projects/outcomes in Economic Strategy

Service: Growth, Economy and Development

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Continue to seek out existing and new funding opportunities	To assist in ensuring adequate funding for delivery of COVID19 economic recovery work.	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	partnership working	Continue to work closely with delivery partners to gain advance warning of difficulties so as to seek to mitigate and also to develop joint responses to COVID economic recovery	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Project Management	Continue rigorous project management, monitoring and reporting of economic development projects	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Recovery Plans	Recovery Plans will be put in place to aid recovery.	Adrian Welsh	12/05/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Review and reprioritisation	Part of review of projects for Year 2 actions and a review of the likely impacts on the economy of the pandemic. This will consider maximising investment through external funding and prioritising officer time.	Adrian Welsh	31/01/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Current Status: High (20)		Current Risk Severity: 4 - High		Current Risk Likelihood: 5 - Very High		

Service Manager: Adrian Welsh

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Review Note: Work is underway with regard to Economic Strategy actions with a number of projects being progressed; however many other actions will be reviewed as part of the longer term recovery plan work and the need for revised prioritisation.

Risk: Funding Insufficient resources (including funding) to deliver growth aspirations of Corporate Plan.

Service: Growth, Economy and Development

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Actively pursue funding opportunities through Levelling Up Agenda/Shared Prosperity Fund	Work currently being undertaken to be in a state of readiness as opportunities become available	Adrian Welsh	03/02/2021	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Lobbying	Officers will continue to review funding opportunities and seek opportunities to work closely with local partners and the HotSWLEP to seek additional funding support for key infrastructure.	Adrian Welsh	12/05/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Officers have reprioritised work programmes to explore new funding opportunities	End of European funding sources	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)

Current Status: High (16)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High

Service Manager: Adrian Welsh

Review Note: Given ongoing constraints on resource and the scale of the challenges to the GED team at this time there has been need to carefully prioritise project delivery. Funding opportunities are actively being pursued.

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Risk: Health and Safety Inadequate Health and Safety Policies or Risk Assessments and decision-making could lead to Mid Devon failing to mitigate serious health and safety issues

Service: Governance

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Risk Assessments	Review risk assessments and procedures to ensure that we have robust arrangements in place. Risk training sessions in place.	Catherine Yandle	28/05/2013	26/08/2021	Satisfactory (2)
Completed and evaluated	Risk assessments	Group Managers receive monthly automated reminders to update any outstanding risk reviews	Catherine Yandle	20/09/2019	26/08/2021	Fully effective (1)
Current Status: Medium (10)		Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High			Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low	
Service Manager: Catherine Yandle						
Review Note: Covid working arrangements unchanged. RAs continue to be kept under review.						

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Risk: Homelessness Insufficient resources to support an increased homeless population could result in failure to meet statutory duty to provide advice and assistance to anyone who is homeless.

Service: Public Health

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Multi-skilled Staff	Due to an increase in homelessness approaches more applicants with complex needs are coming through the system that require far greater staff attention than normal. In order to mitigate this, staff are expanding their training around mental health, drug and alcohol awareness, and safeguarding, in order to create a more multi-skilled and adaptable workforce. This may require a greater allocation of resources as homelessness increases.	Michael Parker	21/12/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	RSI funding	The number of homeless approaches and the number of rough sleepers in the District are both likely to increase as a result of the economic instability and the current outbreak of Covid19. Our	Michael Parker	21/12/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)

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Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
		success in obtaining up to £6,400 in RSI funding to deliver services during the cold weather means that we can adapt to this increased caseload and better carry out early intervention and prevention options to aid rough sleepers and prevent returning to the streets.				
Completed and evaluated	Staff Support	Officers are trained and knowledgeable and the structure of Housing Options team reviewed to build resilience.	Michael Parker	22/06/2017	10/01/2022	Fully effective(1)
In progress	Temporary Accommodation	With the rise in homelessness applicants, the overall cost of homelessness provisions will increase and therefore there is a need to make use of existing stock as temporary accommodation, as opposed to more costly alternatives such as bed and breakfast.	Tanya Wenham	21/12/2020	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)

Current Status: High (16)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High

Service Manager: Tanya Wenham

Review Note: Position essentially unchanged from previous review. The number of approaches

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continues to increase. The temporary accommodation and homelessness strategy are being reviewed alongside wider housing policies to take account of the growing need for temporary accommodation of varying types. See also Affordable Housing risk for wider update

Risk: Information Security Inadequate data protection could lead to breaches of confidential information and ultimately enforcement action by the ICO.

Service: Governance

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Awareness and Training	Attend team meetings and other meetings such as Tenants Together to provide training and answer questions on request. Articles in the Link on an ad hoc basis. Annual Information Security training is mandatory for all network computer users	Catherine Yandle	09/08/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Completed and evaluated	Breach notification	Security breaches are logged via the helpdesk and monitored for developing trends. Training and advice is offered in response to items logged.	Catherine Yandle	09/08/2019	10/01/2022	Fully effective (1)

Current Status: Medium (12)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Catherine Yandle

Review Note: IS and IS Incident policies were reviewed and approved by Cabinet on 4 January 2022. Policies updated on LMS.

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Risk: Infrastructure delivery Inability to deliver, or delay in delivering, key transport infrastructure to unlock planned growth

Service: Growth, Economy and Development

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Close working with Devon County Council (delivery partner) over the HIF schemes	DCC is the delivery partner for the Council's HIF highway infrastructure project. Close working is taking place in order to ensure risks of project delay or cost escalation are reduced. DCC is undertaking robust project management of the projects. These actions seek to ensure the projects remain on track and any problems are raised at an early stage allowing for corrective action.	Adrian Welsh	13/01/2021	18/10/2021	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Close working with Homes England over the HIF schemes	Grant fund agreements over the HIF funding to deliver 2 highway infrastructure schemes. These include a range of requirements and project milestones. Close liaison with Homes England is taking place via monthly project update meetings and quarterly monitoring returns. This ensures Homes England is updated on both projects, is aware of issues as they arise and any corrective actions can be taken- for	Adrian Welsh	13/01/2021	18/10/2021	Satisfactory (2)

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Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
		example seeking the revision of project milestones to reflect the latest project programme.				
In progress	Partnership working	Close working with delivery partners to attempt to mitigate risks.	Adrian Welsh	12/05/2020	18/10/2021	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Partnership working with infrastructure providers and statutory bodies	Reduce risk of delays and communication.	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	18/10/2021	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	target funding opportunities	To seek to bring forward delivery	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	18/10/2021	Satisfactory (2)

Current Status: High (16)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High

Service Manager: Adrian Welsh

Review Note: We are working closely with Homes England on both HIF scheme and looking to mitigate project risks as and when they occur. The Cullompton Relief Road has now been granted planning permission. We await the outcome of the Levelling Up Fund bid to help bring forward the Cullompton Relief Road scheme. The SOBC for Cullompton Railway Station has been submitted to the DfT and has been well received. Further announcements from DfT expected shortly.

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Risk: Multi Storey Car Park ASB may result in injury, may also be reputational damage if not seen to be dealing with issues.

Service: Property Services

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
Completed and evaluated	Essential Maintenance / Improvement Project is underway	A full review of the MSCP structure and maintenance requirements has been fully assessed and works completed. New upgraded CCTV installed.	Andrew Busby	02/05/2020	10/01/2022	Fully effective (1)
Completed and evaluated	MSCP Improvement Project	A full review of the MSCP structure and maintenance requirements has been fully assessed and works are completed.	Andrew Busby	23/08/2020	10/01/2022	Fully effective (1)

Current Status: Medium (12)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Keith Ashton, Jason Ball, Andrew Busby

Review Note: Bi-monthly management group has been set up and met on 10 January 2022 to follow up reported ASB. Long list of actions to be followed. Detailed report to Community PDG in March 2022.

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Risk: Out of Hours ICT Cover Ineffective out of hours ICT cover for services (eg leisure and Pannier Market) runs reputational risk of not having full system functionality

Service: I C T

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
Completed and evaluated	Managed links in place and manual contingency plans available	to enable Leisure Centre continue to function outside of office house	Lisa Lewis	22/10/2015	06/09/2021	Fully effective (1)
Completed and evaluated	Managed links, remote access to resolve issues	Support all businesses within MDDC	Lisa Lewis	12/09/2017	06/09/2021	Fully effective (1)

Current Status: Medium (12)

Current Risk Severity: 3 - Medium

Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High

Service Manager: Brian Trebilcock

Review Note: Remote connectivity limits risk/access to staff. Mitigations in place at Leisure Centres, e.g. removing door access requirements and broadband for kit run off separate adsl lines.

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Risk: Overall Funding Availability Changes to Revenue Support Grant, Business Rates, New Homes Bonus and other funding streams in order to finance ongoing expenditure needs.

Service: Financial Services

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Engaging in commercial activities	To provide additional revenue streams	Paul Deal	28/09/2017	07/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Medium term planning	Work to close is on-going. A range of options are being considered but Covid, business rates and uncertainty over fair funding review make the situation extremely challenging	Paul Deal	28/09/2017	07/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	We continue to work with managers to reduce costs and explore new income streams	To close the budget gap and maintain services	Paul Deal	07/02/2019	07/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Current Status: High (15)		Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High		Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium		

Service Manager: Paul Deal

Review Note: The 2022/23 Finance Settlement was better than forecast, but failed to provide any information about the future funding for Local Government. At the time of review, the S151 is confident that we will balance the 2022/23 budget without significant management action required. However, a budget deficit is still forecast in future years than must be addressed. The 2023/24 progress will need to begin promptly and thoroughly review all aspect of the budget. All options identified will be Cabinet and PDG's in the Autumn 2022.

Corporate Risk Management Report - Appendix 6

Risk: Reduced Funding - Budget Cuts We are subject to continuing budget reductions. If we concentrate on short term cost savings, it may increase long term impact of decisions

Service: Financial Services

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Business Plans	Service Business Plans are reviewed each financial year with suggestions for revised performance targets based on budget to be agreed by Cabinet Member and PDG.	Paul Deal	28/05/2013	07/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Identify Efficiencies	Taking proactive steps to increase income and reduce expenditure through efficiencies, vacancies that arise and delivering services in a different way.	Paul Deal	28/05/2013	07/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
No Data available	Reserves	Cabinet have taken the decision to recommend a minimum general reserve balance of 25% of Net annual budget.	Paul Deal	28/05/2013	07/01/2022	No Score(0)
Completed and evaluated	Set Budget	Each year as part of the budget setting process, members are consulted via PDGs in time to evaluate savings proposals, ahead of the November draft budget.	Paul Deal	28/05/2013	07/01/2022	Fully effective (1)

Current Status: High (20)

Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High

Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High

Service Manager: Paul Deal

Review Note: At the time of review, the S151 is confident that we will balance the 2022/23 budget without significant management action required. However, a budget deficit is still forecast in future years than must be addressed. The 2023/24 progress will need to begin promptly and thoroughly review all aspect of the budget. All options identified will be Cabinet and PDG's in the Autumn 2022.

Corporate Risk Management Report - Appendix 6

Risk: Reputational damage - social media impact of reputational damage through social media is a significant risk that warrants inclusion on the Authority's risk register.

Service: Communications

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Monitoring social media	Two members of the communications team monitor the main corporate social media accounts on a rota basis. Alerts are also set up so the team receives notification of comments and can respond as appropriate. This is monitored in office hours only and the team does not provide 24 hour monitoring or a call out function. The Comms Team also works with other local authorities and takes part in social media training with other local authorities as the opportunities arise budgets permitting.	Jane Lewis	05/06/2019	30/06/2021	Satisfactory (2)

Current Status: Medium (10)

Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High

Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low

Service Manager: Jane Lewis

Review Note: A new SM governance group has been formed. SM will also be included in LMS and a database of those who access will be kept. IT have been contacted to put SM access on the leavers list too.

Risk: Resourcing Risk If the Council fails to recruit and/or retain sufficient, suitable staff it may not be able to maintain essential and/or statutory services.

Service: Human Resources

Mitigating Action records

No Mitigating Action records found.

Current Status: Medium (12)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Matthew Page

Review Note: The vacancy rate for the organisation is around 10% with turnover looking to come in at 18% for the 21/22 financial year. Sickness has been fairly low to date given the rise of the Omicron variant but we expect this to be more challenging in quarter 4.

Corporate Risk Management Report - Appendix 6

Risk: SPV - 3 Rivers - Failure of the Company This will depend on Economic factors and the Company's success in the marketplace commercially.

For MDDC the impacts will be:

3 Rivers are unable to service and repay the loan from MDDC

Not receiving the forecast additional income

Not supporting corporate objectives.

Service: Financial Services

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Cabinet	Regular meetings with Shareholder Representatives and updates to Cabinet on progress with the recommendations action plan and projects.	Andrew Jarrett	09/11/2020	07/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Regular monitoring	The Board of 3 Rivers deliver a half yearly report to the Cabinet which provides an update on their delivery against their business plan. We charge interest to them at a commercial rate in order to maintain an "arms-length" relationship and the interest provides some mitigation to the outstanding principal.	Andrew Jarrett	30/05/2019	07/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)

Current Status: High (16)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High

Service Manager: Paul Deal

Review Note: The MDDC accounts (which includes 3R within the Group Accounts) was audited and no issues were identified. The company's latest business plan was recently approved by Cabinet and continues in line with that plan.

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Risk: SPV 3 Rivers Reputational Impact That 3 Rivers' reputation is damaged by the actions of the council, threatening the long-term success of the company and potentially threatening the operational activity of the company through increased costs, reduced revenues, staff retention, or future claims against the council.

Service: Governance

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Work with Members	Sustained work with elected members to ensure that the necessary balance is struck between constructive challenge and debate, without bringing the company or its activity into disrepute. Awareness raising relating to the roles of the council's scrutiny committee in assuring governance outcomes, the audit committee providing assurance on risk and mitigation, and the cabinet in its decision-making as shareholder. Use of external advice when necessary to provided added assurance.	Stephen Walford	11/11/2020	12/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)

Current Status: High (15)

Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Stephen Walford

Review Note: With matters of governance now addressed, this risk sits predominantly with the actions of members who must work to balance the need for process checking, challenge and assurance, with the desire to use the company as a tool for political disagreement. As much as it might be (a point of political disagreement), the audit position is clear that such interventions are not beneficial to the company in commercial terms, and therefore unlikely to be in the long-term interests of the council in seeking to achieve its strategic objectives.

With regular updates at Cabinet continuing, alongside auditing, members have structurally embedded a range of mechanisms to give confidence in the governance, oversight and assurance process. The reputational risk from members bringing the company into disrepute is therefore very much in individual members' hands.

Corporate Risk Management Report - Appendix 6

Risk: Tiverton Pannier Market Failure to maximise the economic potential of Tiverton Pannier Market

Service: Growth, Economy and Development

Mitigating Action records

Mitigation Status	Mitigating Action	Info	Responsible Person	Date Identified	Last Review Date	Current Effectiveness of Actions
In progress	Continue to retain and prioritise market budget	To ensure most efficient use of resources	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	continue to work with traders on promotion	To increase footfall.	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Implement and review market strategy	Implementation of strategy will increase market's financial success and help fulfill its function as a key driver for the town.	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
In progress	Masterplan Implementation	To realise benefits from the Masterplan to increase visibility of market and increase footfall.	Adrian Welsh	10/06/2019	10/01/2022	Satisfactory (2)
Current Status: Medium (12)		Current Risk Severity: 4 - High		Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium		

Service Manager: Adrian Welsh

Review Note: Plans to maximise economic potential of the pannier market are being reviewed to reflect the current challenges and future opportunities arising from changing retail habits as a result of the pandemic. The Market Manager is embarking on a number of initiatives to attract more traders and customers to the market.

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Review of Continuous Improvement

Cabinet Members: Councillor Bob Deed – Leader and Councillor Chris Daw – Cabinet Member for Continuous Improvement

Responsible Officers: Deputy Chief Executive (S151) – Andrew Jarrett

Reason for Report: To provide Cabinet with an update on how this process is working after its implementation in March 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: That Cabinet note the report.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: Understanding when and where services/processes can be improved is critical for any learning organisation.

Financial Implications: There are no direct financial implications apart from the additional budget required for the extra Cabinet post. However, it is hoped that this can be offset by the service improvements that get identified

Legal Implications: No direct issues identified.

Risk Assessment: There are no direct risk issues emanating from this report.

Equality impact assessment: No equality issues identified from this report.

Impact on climate change: No direct climate change implications are included in the report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In order to introduce a more formal process for Members to deal with service and process related issues the Leader decided to create a new Cabinet post for Continuous Improvement. This addition to Cabinet was made in March 2021 and since its inception has been held by Cllr Chris Daw.
- 1.2 The new post was primarily created to act as a conduit between members and officers in order to identify service problems/delays and importantly identify how they could be remedied.
- 1.3 It is important to note that the Continuous Improvement regime was introduced as a new “value added” process, in addition and not to replace, our existing complaints procedure(s).

2.0 Continuous Improvement

- 2.1 All service related issues can be reported to Cllr Daw. These issues are then tabulated in a spread sheet, so progress can be tracked and then discussed with the senior Leadership Team on a rolling monthly basis. This then forms the basis of the structured monthly reporting back to Cabinet meetings
- 2.2 Further more focused meetings have been held with other senior managers in services that have had the highest number of issues raised (e.g. planning and housing).
- 2.3 As part of this new process Cllr Daw has provided regular updates to Cabinet and more sporadic updates to other Council meetings. In order to remind Members of the key rationale behind this new post, Appendix 1 has been attached, which summarises some of Cllr Daw's observations from the first Cabinet meeting that received a report on Continuous Improvement (CI).

3.0 Outcomes/Reflections

- 3.1 Since the introduction of the CI Cabinet post and the processes that have been implemented as a direct consequence, we have received 89 issues and the table below summarises the latest position.

As at 14/03/2022	<i>Richard Marsh</i>	<i>Andrew Jarrett</i>	<i>Jill May</i>
Total Tracker Cases	48	13	28
Open Cases	18	1	8
Closed Cases	30	12	20
% Closed	62.50%	92.31%	71.43%

- 3.1.1 The table above shows that the CI process has effectively dealt with 62 issues – which have either simply resulted in an outstanding issue being dealt with, or of even more benefit, meant a process had been improved or re-engineered to result in a long term business process improvement.
- 3.2 In addition to this more metric evaluation, we have also seen specific service changes/improvements in Planning Enforcement, car park income collection, abandoned vehicle enforcement, Public Health and Housing.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 Any learning organisation reflects on new ideas and business changes after an initial implementation stage and a “bedding-in” period.

- 4.2 Having a main point of contact and an issue tracking process for all service issues identified by our membership has been an effective addition to the operation of the Council. In addition, this new process, has helped to identify a number of service improvements that have now been embedded into our “business as usual” arrangements.
- 4.3 Another indirect benefit that has emanated from this new process, which has been commented on by both officers and members, is an improved working relationship between parties and a greater understanding of the practicalities of service provision.

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Circulation of the report: Cabinet and Leadership Team

Reflections from Cllr Daw on CI made to Cabinet in July 2021

Points to make

- This is my first Cabinet update since being appointed. My role is to drive business and process improvement in services across the entire span of Council activity.
- The aim is to ensure that the responsiveness and agility demonstrated by the Council throughout the pandemic is harnessed to deliver better outcomes for residents as the council transitions to the new normal.
- This is a new role, so I have been taking time to ensure that Members and Officers are engaged in the process and understand the outcomes we are trying to achieve. I have met with Directors and Officers to understand the deadlines and Performance Indicators across the Council's activity.
- In order to ensure customers are getting a high quality service, I have proactively engaged Members on a number of issues, whilst also taken forward a number of other cases in other areas that have been sent directly to me.
- To date, I have received 31 cases from Members and the public. 5 of which are now closed, and 5 of which have been actioned and I am monitoring the outcome of. The other 21 case are with Directors for action.
- Alongside this, I have agreed to receive and monitor monthly figures on planning enforcement, and separately looked at the Council's activity around Ash Die Back. Going forward I am hoping to review the number of voids in our housing stock and how quickly they come back into use and to review the Customer Service response times.
- Member engagement in this role is vital and I want to thank those Members who have sent me any outstanding cases. I would be grateful if Members could continue to pass me cases and to engage me in the issues they are hearing about from their residents. I am also grateful to the Officers who have been so helpful in the last few weeks and worked hard to resolve these cases.

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS

May 2022

The Forward Plan containing Key Decisions is published 28 days prior to each Cabinet meeting

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
North West Cullompton Masterplan To consider a revised masterplan for North West Cullompton	Cabinet	17 May 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Culm - Garden Village To consider a masterplan for consultation.	Cabinet	17 May 2022	Tina Maryan, Area Planning Officer	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Tiverton A361 Junction HIF Scheme To consider the outcome of the tender process.	Cabinet	17 May 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Part exempt

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Cullompton HSHAZ Public Realm Project - Consultation For consideration prior to consultation.	Cabinet	17 May 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Cullompton - Town Centre Public Realm Enhancement To consider the Town Centre Public Realm Enhancement	Cabinet	17 May 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road - update To receive (as required) an update with regard to the project.	Cabinet	17 May 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document To consider an Air Quality SPD	Cabinet	17 May 2022	Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard)	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
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Economic Recovery Plan To receive the draft Local Economic Recovery Plan	Economy Policy Development Group Cabinet	26 May 2022 14 Jun 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Meeting Housing Needs SPD To recommend a draft for consultation to the Cabinet	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	31 May 2022 14 Jun 2022		Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open
Private Sector Housing Fees and Charges To consider revised fees and charges.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	31 May 2022 14 Jun 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open
Housing Assistance Policy To consider a revised policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	31 May 2022 14 Jun 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Unauthorised Encampment Policy To receive the 3 yearly review of the Unauthorised Encampment Policy	Community Policy Development Group Cabinet	7 Jun 2022 12 Jul 2022	Andrew Busby, Corporate Manager for Property, Leisure and Climate Change Tel: 01884 234948	Cabinet Member for Community Well Being (Councillor Dennis Knowles)	Open
Town and Parish Charter To receive the 3 yearly review of the Town and Parish Charter	Community Policy Development Group Cabinet	7 Jun 2022 12 Jul 2022	Sally Gabriel, Member Services Manager Tel: 01884 234229/0785511492 1	Cabinet Member for Community Well Being (Councillor Dennis Knowles)	Open
Cullompton Town Centre Masterplan and Delivery Plan SPD To consider the masterplan	Cabinet Council	14 Jun 2022 6 Jul 2022	Adrian Welsh, Strategic Manager for Growth, Economy and Delivery Tel: 01884 234398	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Custom and Self Build Supplementary Planning Document To consider a draft SPD for consultation	Cabinet	14 Jun 2022	Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Tiverton EUE Area B Masterplan To consider the outcome of the playing pitch and sports provision review	Cabinet	14 Jun 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Non Statutory Interim Policy Statement on Planning for Climate Change To consider the policy statement	Cabinet	14 Jun 2022	Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Crediton Masterplan - Procurement To consider the procurement of services for the Crediton Masterplan.	Cabinet	14 Jun 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Part exempt
The Crediton Area History & Museum Society To receive business case from The Crediton Area History & Museum Society for financial support (tbc)	Community Policy Development Group Cabinet	7 Jun 2022 14 Jun 2022	tbc	Cabinet Member for Community Well Being (Councillor Dennis Knowles)	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Crediton NHS Hub Phase 2 To consider a funding request.	Cabinet	14 Jun 2022	Andrew Jarrett, Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Tel: 01884 234242	Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Andrew Moore)	Part exempt
Financial Outturn To receive the outturn for the 2021-22 financial year	Cabinet	14 Jun 2022	Andrew Jarrett, Deputy Chief Executive (S151) Tel: 01884 234242	Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Andrew Moore)	Open
Play Area Safety Inspection Policy To receive the 3 yearly review of the Play Area Safety Inspection Policy	Environment Policy Development Group Cabinet	19 Jul 2022 9 Aug 2022	Andrew Busby, Corporate Manager for Property, Leisure and Climate Change Tel: 01884 234948	Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change (Councillor Colin Slade)	Open
Shopfront Enhancement Scheme To receive a report regarding the Shopfront Enhancement Scheme	Economy Policy Development Group Cabinet	21 Jul 2022 9 Aug 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Market Environmental Strategy To receive a report regarding the Market Environmental Strategy	Economy Policy Development Group Cabinet	21 Jul 2022 9 Aug 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Neighbourhood & Community Standard Policy To consider a revised policy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	26 Jul 2022 9 Aug 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open
HRA Fees and Charges To consider fees and charges.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	26 Jul 2022 9 Aug 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open
Tiverton Town Centre Masterplan To agree the draft masterplan for public consultation.	Cabinet	Not before 6th Sep 2022	Richard Marsh, Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Review of Development Management - Discretionary Fees To consider a review of discretionary fees	Cabinet	6 Sep 2022	Director of Place	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration (Councillor Richard Chesterton)	Open
Asbestos Management Plan To consider a revised plan.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	20 Sep 2022 4 Oct 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open
Channel Access Policy To consider a revised Policy	Cabinet	4 Oct 2022	Lisa Lewis, Corporate Manager for Business Transformation and Customer Engagement Tel: 01884 234981	Cabinet for the Working Environment and Support Services (Councillor Clive Eginton)	Open
Strategic Allocations Policy & Strategic Tenancy Strategy To consider a revised strategy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	15 Nov 2022 29 Nov 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open

Title of report and summary of decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Officer contact	Cabinet Member	Intention to consider report in private session and the reason(s)
Empty Homes Plan To consider a revised plan.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	15 Nov 2022 29 Nov 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open
Housing Strategy update and annual review To consider a review of the strategy.	Homes Policy Development Group Cabinet	15 Nov 2022 29 Nov 2022	Simon Newcombe, Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing Tel: 01884 244615	Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Services (Councillor Bob Evans)	Open

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3 Rivers Developments Limited - Performance Update

Cabinet Members: Councillor Bob Evans – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing & Property/Councillor Andrew Moore – Cabinet Member for Finance

Responsible Officers: Deputy Chief Executive (s151) – Andrew Jarrett

Reason for Report: To provide Cabinet with an update on current project performance and any key risks.

RECOMMENDATION: That Cabinet note the update report on current performance and key risks and ratifies the company's decision to appoint Simpkins Edwards as their external auditors.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: 3 Rivers Developments Limited's (3Rivers) primary objective is to generate future returns in order to grow the business and to recycle monies made back to the Council to mitigate some of the cuts in Government funding.

Financial Implications: The Council has a duty to obtain value for money. All financial interactions between the Council and 3Rivers are carried out at commercially evidenced rates and subject to individual loan agreements.

Legal Implications: None to this report. However, this report is prepared in accordance with the Shareholder Agreement, Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and currently Approved Business Plan.

Risk Assessment: Detailed within the report.

Equality impact assessment: No equality issues identified for this report.

Impact on climate change: 3Rivers is a commercial organisation and where deliverable sustainable options are available they are utilised; however, as a commercial organisation it is acknowledged that where there is a significant cost differential and what the market will sustain that this plays heavily in the choices made.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This is now the 14th update report (excluding the detailed update provided as part of the Business Plan reviewed by Cabinet at its meeting on the 30/11/21) on the progress of 3 Rivers since the recommendations made by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 13 July 2020 and is now following the revised pattern of bi-monthly reporting. This report continues to provide the Council with a regular update on company performance, including associated risks and also

gives a progress update on the recommendations made at the aforementioned Cabinet meeting.

2.0 Company Update

- 2.1 Attached to this report is the commercial company update provided by the Directors of 3 Rivers Developments Limited for Cabinet's consideration. In order to provide members and the public more insight into the company's operations this report continues with the process of including an overarching part 1 summary of activities and a detailed part 2 report from the company.
- 2.2 In the last performance update received by this committee the company informed the Council that it had received the resignation of its Finance Director (FD). We have now been informed of the successful appointment to this role and more is included in a separate report to this Committee.
- 2.3 In addition to this new director appointment, the company has also notified us that they have now managed to secure external auditors. As this is a reserved matter, the Cabinet is required to agree the appointment of Simpkins Edwards, Exeter as the company's external auditors.
- 2.4 Below shows a brief overview of project progress and any associated issues as at the end of February 2022.

Current Projects

- 2.5 St Georges Court, Tiverton – 39 market flats/houses – work on site progresses well and estimated completion is still on schedule for May 2022. Discussions have been progressed with marketing agents and a revised revenue/costing schedule has been included as part of the part 2 papers.
- 2.6 Bampton – 9 market houses – groundworks now well advanced, including progress on the retaining walls. 4 weeks have been lost to the delivery schedule due to adverse weather.

Rental properties

- 2.7 Banksia Close/Cemetery Lodge, Tiverton – all rental payments up to date.

Future Schemes

- 2.8 Detailed planning discussions are continuing on a large site in Cullompton and a medium sized one in Tiverton. In addition there are a number of offers for new projects that are in progress and the company will update the Council as soon as it is in a position to do so.

Financial Overview

- 2.9 In 2021/22 the Company has now borrowed an additional £4.100m for further project payments and to fund working capital commitments. During the same period 3Rivers has paid the Council £1.209m from sales receipts and £0.414m to cover interest payments and recharges for services rendered/recharged by the Council.

Project and Company Risk Analysis

- 2.10 This information is provided within the company report and reflects on changing markets, land availability, changes to the prevailing economic position, etc.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 The company continues to provide the Council with its annual review of delivery/performance for 2021/22 at bi-monthly intervals to Cabinet meetings.

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3 Rivers Developments Ltd. business case for a new site and the consideration of changes to Council borrowing arrangements.

Cabinet Member Cllrs Bob Evans, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing & Property Services and Cllr Andrew Moore, Cabinet Member for Finance

Responsible Officer Andrew Jarrett, Deputy Chief Executive

Reason for Report: To review the request for further borrowing to support the attached business case and to consider the implications of recent changes to Council borrowing arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Cabinet give its support to the attached business case, but does not offer to provide finance for this project, or any others outside of the District boundary, based on the recent changes to Government lending.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: Being able to access cost effective borrowing during the life of the Corporate Plan supports and underpins the delivery of all of our priorities/aims included within it.

Financial Implications: Funding this business case could preclude the Council from access to the Public Works Loan Board for circa 3+ years.

Budget and Policy Framework: All new company business cases need to be considered and approved by Cabinet prior to their addition to their existing Business Plan.

Legal Implications: The Council has to comply with all guidance and legislation with regard to its financial activities/decisions.

Risk Assessment: Although all elements of the amended guidance/legislation are not explicitly clear, after giving it due consideration and seeking professional advice, the recommended course of action mitigates the Council's exposure to financial risk with regard to its future borrowing strategy/availability.

Equality Impact Assessment: There are no direct implications of this decision.

Impact on Climate Change: This decision has no direct impact on climate change.

1.0 Introduction/Background

- 1.1 In March 2022 the Council received a business case from 3 Rivers Developments Ltd. (3RDL) to consider an investment in a project outside of the District boundary. The current Shareholder agreement does not preclude such an investment decision.

2.0 The Business Case

- 2.1 The business case is attached as a part 2 annex to this report due to its commercial nature and Cabinet members are asked to consider its approval and then subsequent addition to the already agreed portfolio of projects in the company's Business Plan.
- 2.1 From a purely financial perspective this business case demonstrates a commercial return, based on a profit on cost of 12.16%.
- 2.2 The current Shareholder agreement dictates that any new projects, not included in the existing approved Business Plan must be considered by Cabinet.

3.0 Changes to Government Borrowing Arrangements

- 3.1 Over the past few years and in a direct response to years of austerity and Council Tax restrictions a number of Councils have made significant commercial investments for profit/yield, both inside and outside of their political boundaries. As a consequence and in order to positively discourage Councils from further borrowing to fund commercial investments, the Government have made a significant change to the Prudential Code (the Code) and the associated ability to borrow from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB).
- 3.2 With effect from 26 November 2020 the Code was changed to effectively restrict any access to the PWLB if a Council included any commercial projects, made primarily for financial yield, in its Capital Programme. Further amendments and guidance to this legislation was provided in August 2021.
 - 3.2.1 Preceding every new financial year the Council's S151 is required to complete a return that states whether any commercial projects are included within the Capital Programme. If there are any then the Council will not be able to access any PWLB borrowing over the next 3 years.
 - 3.2.2 On the basis that the Council's estimated capital programme for the next 3 years has been prudently estimated to require circa £72.3m of PWLB borrowing, then the risk attached to financially supporting any commercial projects is untenable.
- 3.3 The amended rules do however allow for certain activities, that may result in some potential profit/yield as long as they are for specific service related reasons and are within the Council's boundary, examples include; regeneration, housing, refinancing treasury etc.
 - 3.3.1 For Members information Appendix 1 to this report includes key points from the revised guidance issued in August 2021.

4.0 Conclusion/Recommendation

- 4.1 Based on the changes to Government lending criteria it is recommended that no further lending is made to 3 Rivers Development Ltd. for commercial projects outside of the Mid Devon District Council boundary.
- 4.2 This decision, if agreed, will need to be formally notified to the company at the earliest convenience and any associated revisions to the Shareholder Agreement and other governance arrangements considered. In addition, the Council's Shareholder representative will need to discuss with the company what short, medium and long term implications this decision will have on the company's profitability, pipeline of potential work and estimated break-even date.

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PWLB Guidance for Applicants – August 2021

[PWLB guidance for applicants \(updated\) V1.docx \(dmo.gov.uk\)](#)

- Each local authority that wishes to borrow from the PWLB must submit a high-level description of their capital spending and financing plans (whether it is financed through PWLB borrowing or another source) for the following three years (meaning any capital spending and financing for the whole current financial year and subsequent two financial years) including their expected use of the PWLB. (Para 12)
- The PWLB will continue to support service delivery, housing, economic regeneration, preventative action, and treasury management. (Para 19)
- Individual projects and schemes may have characteristics of several different categories. In these cases, the section 151 officer or equivalent of the authority should use their professional judgment to assess the main objective of the investment and consider which category is the best fit. (Para 20)
- Local authorities may also deliver policy objectives through a third party (such as a housing authority, joint vehicle or joint venture with a private sector investor, local authority-owned company etc.).
...the government would expect that spending to be reported in the most appropriate category (service delivery, housing, economic regeneration, preventative action, or treasury management) based on the eventual use of the money. (Para 21)
- Housing can include all spending on delivering new homes, maintaining or improving existing homes, and purchasing built homes to deliver housing services. This is the case irrespective of the financial arrangements of the housing project or housing delivery. However, the government expects that the location and value of any housing expenditure be appropriate to meet the local authority's housing needs. (Para 28)
- The investment assets bought primarily for yield would usually have one or more of the following characteristics:
 - a. buying land or existing buildings to let out at market rate
 - b. buying land or buildings which were previously operated on a commercial basis which is then continued by the local authority without any additional investment or modification
 - c. buying land or existing buildings other than housing which generate income and are intended to be held indefinitely, rather than until the achievement of some meaningful trigger such as the completion of land assembly
 - d. buying a speculative investment asset (including both financial and non-financial assets) that generates yield without a direct policy purpose (Para 44)

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CABINET 5 APRIL 2022

Directors Remuneration of 3 Rivers Developments Ltd.

Cabinet Member Cllrs Bob Evans, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing & Property Services and Cllr Andrew Moore, Cabinet Member for Finance

Responsible Officer Andrew Jarrett, Deputy Chief Executive

Reason for Report: To comply with the current governance arrangements under schedule 2 of the Shareholder Reserved Matters, the level of remuneration of a company Director is a reserved matter for the Shareholder, this is currently a Cabinet decision.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Cabinet consider the proposed new level of remuneration.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: There are none.

Financial Implications: As discussed within the report.

Budget and Policy Framework: A budget for this post is already included within the company's recently approved Business Plan.

Legal Implications: None directly arising from this report.

Risk Assessment: This post is critical to the ongoing delivery of the company.

Equality Impact Assessment: There are no direct implications of this decision.

Impact on Climate Change: This role has no direct impact on climate change.

1.0 Introduction/Background

- 1.1 In late February 2022 we received a formal request from 3 Rivers Developments Ltd. (3RDL) to consider the level of remuneration applied to the post of its Managing Director.
- 1.2 The report and associated market evidence, conducted by HAYS recruiting, is attached as part 2 attachments to this report.
- 1.3 The suggested new level of remuneration and its associated justification is shown in the part 2 papers and is for the Cabinet, in its role as the company Shareholder, to now determine.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the proposed new level of remuneration for the post of Managing Director of 3RDL be considered.

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