

Action Plans for the delivery of Playing Pitches Strategy Objectives

Objective 1 - Capital investment	Actions	Timescales
To invest in additional outdoor leisure facilities, addressing the shortfall in city supply and intensifying use	Currently being delivered as part of the prioritisation process	Phase 1 will be delivered over the period 2011-14
To invest in enhancing existing provision to intensify use and improve the quality of outdoor leisure provision	Currently being delivered as part of the prioritisation process	Phase 1 will be delivered over the period 2011-14
To invest in the quality of changing facilities at outdoor leisure provision, increasing provision for women and children	Currently being delivered as part of the prioritisation process	Phase 1 will be delivered over the period 2011-14
To begin discussions with Sport NI to develop partnership arrangements for assets planning, management and secured community access	Initial discussions have begun and a meeting will be organised with Sport NI to bring this forward	Process has commenced and ongoing
To work with education partners (schools, higher and further education) to deliver increased access to their outdoor leisure facilities, through secured community access agreements and investment in ancillary facilities such as floodlighting	Initial discussions have taken place with representatives with BELB and CCMS re wider community use of educational facilities. Further work is being under around this and reports will go to COMT and Committee in the coming months	Process has commenced and ongoing
To work with sports governing bodies, partners and other interested parties including sports clubs and the private sector to explore potential partnerships and to deliver increased access to outdoor leisure facilities	Discussions are currently taking place with representatives from a range of sports governing bodies and other partners. Work is also ongoing through the activities of the Leisure Development Unit	Process has commenced and ongoing

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To promote opportunities for shared space through multi-sport facilities	Currently being delivered as part of the prioritisation process	Phase 1 will be delivered over the period 2011-14
To create a repairs and renewals fund for the refurbishment of playing pitches and a rolling maintenance programme based on regular conditions surveys	Process to be developed and implemented by departmental business support and parks operation staff	To be established by March 2012
To begin discussions with the Planning Service for Northern Ireland	Initial discussions have begun and a further meeting will be set up to bring this forward	Process has commenced and ongoing

Objective 2 – Management	Actions	Timescales
To complete the review of existing Facility Management Agreements (FMAs)	A review of FMAs has commenced and a report will be brought to Committee in late 2011	To be completed by March 2012
To develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for all pitches which includes regular consultation with pitch users to establish trend data in relation to satisfaction, quality rating and common pitch issues	A framework will be developed by the Outdoor Leisure Unit in conjunction with the Policy and Business Development Unit	To be completed by March 2012
To undertake a review of the current fees and charges	A review will be undertaken by departmental business support	To be completed by March 2012
To roll out a programme of 'shared space' training to all sports clubs across Belfast, firstly targeting clubs using our pitches and obtaining funding from us	A programme of training to be developed and delivered	To be developed by March 2012 with delivery thereafter
To update the supply and demand information collated in 2 years from implementation of the strategy to fit in with the area planning process and any proposed boundary changes for the city and every 5 years thereafter	The first re assessment of supply and demand will take place 2 years from the implementation of the strategy	Anticipated that the review will commence in late 2013
To work with transport providers and Department for Regional Development to maximise connectivity to and between pitches sites including cycle and pedestrian paths	A meeting will be organised with DRD's Transport Unit to discuss possible options in relation to this issue. Representatives from the department are also currently involved in the development of DRD's Active Travel Plan	Process to commence by September 2011

Objective 3 – Sports development	Actions	Timescales
To work with Sport NI and community-based partners, including the Active Communities programme, to develop and deliver a sports development programme that will maximise people’s participation in team sports activity particularly those from under represented groups	This will be delivered through the ongoing work of the Leisure Development Unit	Ongoing
To align the funding provided through Support for Sport for pitch sports to any future priorities identified around pitches such as increased participation from under represented groups	This will be considered as part of the ongoing review of Support for Sport	Ongoing
To ensure the leisure development programme is aligned to the Playing Pitches Strategy including Clubmark programme and annual sports conference	This will be delivered through the ongoing work of the Leisure Development Unit	Ongoing
To work with Sport NI and community-based partners, including the Active Communities programme, to deliver increased access to and improved connectivity between outdoor leisure facilities	This will be delivered through the ongoing work of the Leisure Development Unit	Ongoing
To deliver a programme of high-profile events to promote outdoor leisure venues as accessible, safe and welcoming	This will be delivered through the ongoing work of the Active Living and Open Spaces Unit in conjunction with the Leisure Development Unit	Ongoing
To provide programmes at outdoor facilities which improve access for people from those neighbourhoods with high levels of health deprivation	This will be delivered through the ongoing work of the Leisure Development Unit	Ongoing