**Pitch Improvement Programme – Process Document**

**COST**

The cost of the assessment visit along with the report is £100 + VAT. There is currently a £50 + VAT charge for the revisit/closure report which would be conducted once advisories have been implemented (currently + 12months post initial inspection).

**Please note; we are anticipating the release of a digital assessment tool which will remove such costs in the coming months.**

**PROCESS**

**Step 1.** Club submits an Expression of Interest Form to Lancashire FA (LFA) Facilities & Investment team **rachel.owen@lancashirefa.com**

**Step 2.** LFA will Review this with a visit organised and coordinated with the club and a member of the **GMA** - Grounds Management Association *(Formerly Institute of Groundsmanship)*

**Step 3.** A visit will be carried out

**Step 4.** A report is produced by the GMA with a copy sent to the club and LFA. Feedback sought from club following an agreed timescale.

**Step 5**. Club reviews and discusses recommendations with LFA ensuring club know how to manage, maintain and develop their pitches.

**Step 6.** A revisit date is agreed with the GMA, LFA and Club to monitor progress made.

**Step 7.** Revisit report reviewed and if tangible improvement is evident then pitch can be classed as 'improved'.

**PITCH ASSESSEMENT VISITS**

The GMA will carry out site visits and offer practical and realistic advice on pitch maintenance based on a club’s budget, level of expertise, access to equipment and time available. Every participant will receive a summary report containing recommendations of how to progress the site’s maintenance programme.

**FUNDING GUIDANCE**

Pitch Assessment Visit reports may, where recommended, identify areas of need for further investment such as machinery or drainage. Where this is the case, we will support you to use the report as the basis for funding applications.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

To widen the benefit of the program we will also be delivering a series of interactive workshops where ground people and club officials will be able to gain more information on a wide range of areas as well as share ideas through a mixture of practical and theory -based content.

**The programme will consist of the following 3 main areas:**

**Please visit our Highlight Reel for PIP success stories.**