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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

Newcastle has a vision to support the development of sport by providing a strategic approach to the provision and development of playing pitches.

This plan for Playing Pitches sets out the recommendations and approach to support that vision, incorporating the City Council's priorities and ensures the needs of sport are clearly embedded.

The Assessment undertaken in March 2015 set out the current use of facilities, the demands and pressures placed on some areas and the ambitions and priorities of the key sports governing bodies. This document builds upon the Playing Pitch Assessment and provides guidance on the demand for pitches as a result of the projected growth from future housing developments as set out in the Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan (adopted March 2015).

As with other large authorities, Newcastle City Council is under significant pressure to provide additional housing. With new housing comes growth in population and often demand for additional playing pitch provision. The Council is committed to ensuring that a network of high quality, sustainable playing pitches is provided for the residents of the City, based on a robust analysis of supply and demand. In some cases sites may be identified for redevelopment and the process set out in this document will be followed to ensure losses are mitigated against through re-provision or enhancement of existing facilities.

The report will build on the Assessment from March 2015 and present the additional requirements for playing pitch provision, as well as an indication of where investment should be focused. The Strategy will be capable of:

- ◀ Forming part of the evidence base for the Development and Allocations Local Development Document (DALDD);
- ◀ Informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing outdoor sports areas and playing fields (capable of accommodating pitches) across the City;
- ◀ Providing guidance for the provision and management of outdoor sports across the City;
- ◀ Supporting external funding bids to maximise support for outdoor sports facilities;
- ◀ Provide the basis for on-going monitoring and review of the use, distribution, function, quality and accessibility of outdoor sport.

The City Council's planning policies protect the supply of playing fields where they are needed for meeting current or future needs. The Council therefore places great emphasis on, and recognises the value of providing good quality playing fields and associated facilities. This is a citywide stance which is not restricted to the areas of significant housing growth.

The plan will provide a strategic approach to playing field provision in the City. During times of change for local authorities, the plan will provide direction for pitch based sports. A number of key drivers for the work include:

- ◀ Providing a robust evidence for capital funding. As well as proving the need for developer contributions towards pitch and facilities it will provide evidence of need for a range of capital grants.

- ◀ Indicating the extent to which current pitch provision will be adequate to meet estimated pitch demand over the coming decade.
- ◀ To assist NCC and its partners to plan to meet the demand for sports' pitches.
- ◀ To assist in securing external funding for the improvement of existing pitch facilities and the provision of new facilities.
- ◀ Provide the City with adequate planning guidance to determine proposals affecting playing fields.
- ◀ Establishing a clear prioritised list of actions, which will help to maintain and increase participation levels in sport and physical activity in the city and ensure the efficient use of resources.
- ◀ Establishing clear prioritised infrastructure requirements, including where new facilities are required and existing facilities should be enhanced, including ancillary facilities.
- ◀ To identify and promote good practice regarding the provision, management and maintenance of playing pitches in the city.
- ◀ Establishing a process to ensure the regular review and update of the Strategy and the information on which it is based.

Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) have been involved in the process and there is a need to maintain and further build these key partnerships as part of the ongoing process.

There is also a need to further build on relationships with schools, community clubs and private landowners to maintain and improve playing pitch provision. In these instances the potential for the City Council to take a strategic lead is more limited (except in terms of developer contributions). This document will provide clarity on requirements for pitches, and allow the City Council to focus on key issues that it can directly influence.

The actions for the Strategy have been developed via the combination of information gathered during consultation with clubs, providers, NGBs, etc., site visits and analysis, which in the main was collected as part of the Playing Pitch Assessment (March 2015), and which have been developed further through the analysis of additional demand as a result of housing growth across Newcastle.

The Playing Pitch Assessment was required to understand and address demand for space, help access funding and to support the Local Plan. Since the completion of the Assessment there have been a number of changes to the playing pitch stock which are highlighted later in this report.

The methodology employed for this piece of work has been based on pulling together two methodologies: A methodology for calculating future demand and pitch requirements due to new housing growth, and secondly, use of the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy guidance for updating the overall supply and demand analysis, and therefore action plan, within Newcastle.

In total there are four parts to the methodology which are explained in Parts 2-5 of the report. Firstly, Part 2: Additional demand from new housing growth - calculates future demand and the requirements from housing growth, Part 3: Playing Pitch Assessment Updates - looks at the playing pitch assessment (supply and demand) information and updates the shortfalls/spare capacity based on changes in supply as well as the additional requirements from housing growth. Part 4: Recommendations and Action Plan, sets out the framework for addressing the overall shortfalls identified in Part 3 and finally, Part 5: Keep the Strategy Robust and Up to Date - demonstrates the necessity of keeping

the supply and demand information current and up to date. All four parts link together and must be used as a whole in order to provide the evidence for decision making.

Housing developments and future growth

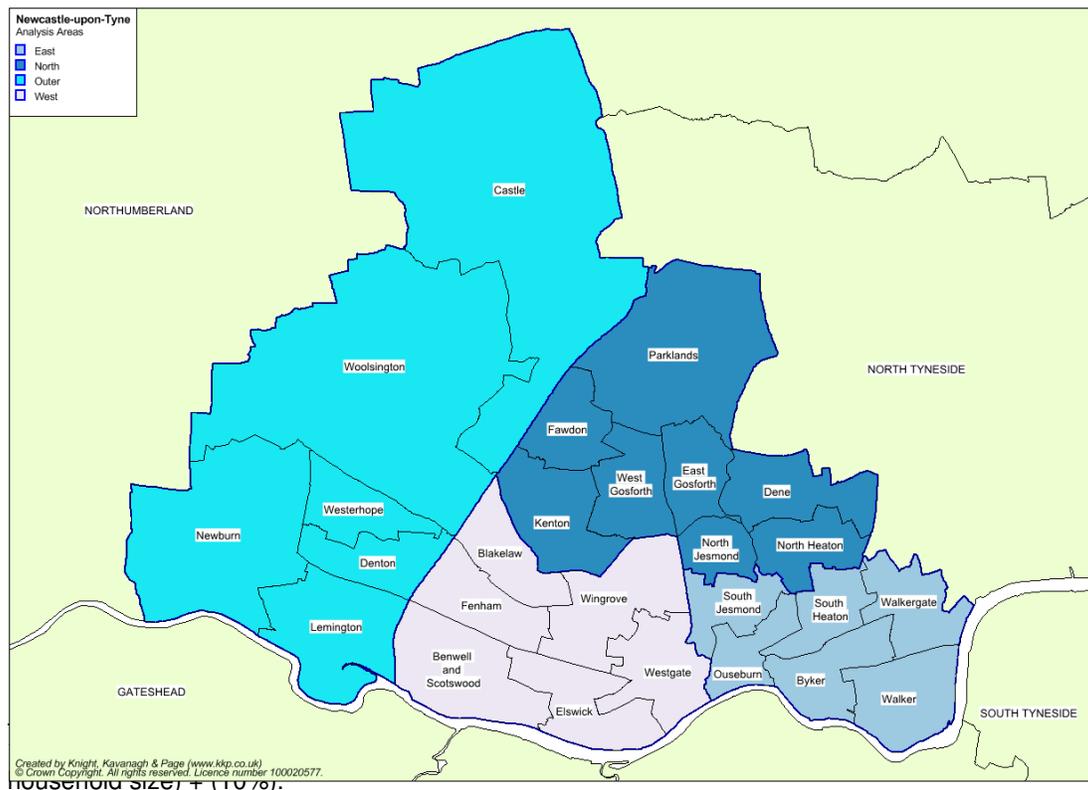
In order to accurately assess the future number of teams; and therefore pitch requirements, team generation rates (TGRs) have been used to predict future team numbers associated with the increase in housing. The table below identifies the growth rates that have been used to inform the TGRs:

Analysis Area	Proposed new dwellings	Average household size	Current population	Proposed population forecast ¹	Growth rate
Outer	9,719	2.26	60,208	24,472	40.6%
North	975	2.37	80,236	2,489	3.1%
East	2,028	2.04	61,559	4,578	7.4%
West	4,711	2.27	69,207	11,153	16.1%

Analysis areas

The City has been divided into four areas to allow best use of resources and to support the appropriate communities and their access to sport. The areas can be seen on the map below and also fit with those used in the Playing Pitch Assessment document (March 2015).

Figure 1: Analysis areas



Methodology

The methodology employed for this piece of work has been based on pulling together two methodologies: A methodology for calculating future demand and pitch requirements due to new housing growth, and secondly, use of the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy guidance for updating the overall supply and demand analysis, and therefore action plan, within Newcastle.

As highlighted in the introduction there are four parts to the methodology which are covered in Parts 2-5 of the report. Calculating future demand and pitch requirements due to housing growth is covered in Part 2, updating the playing pitch assessment (supply and demand) information is Part 3, Part 4 is the recommendations and action plan and Part 5 is keeping the document up to date.

Methodology for calculating future pitch requirements due to housing growth (Part 2)

NB: This methodology has been used across all four analysis areas in Newcastle. In order to demonstrate the mechanics of the methodology the North Area has been used as an example in the description below. Part 2 of the report details the requirements from the other three analysis areas.

In order to ensure that contributions sought from new development toward facility provision are fair and commensurate with the development, the contributions must be assessed using the statutory tests for the use of S106 planning obligations:

- ◀ Necessary to make development acceptable in planning terms
- ◀ Directly related to the development; and
- ◀ Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development

To ensure that the above tests are met, the impact of new development on playing pitch provision will be measured and contributions determined by this impact.

Calculating the Impact of New Development

Use of TGR's from the Playing Pitch Assessment Report:

Calculate the number of teams that will be generated through population growth due to new housing and the number of pitches required to meet the increased number of teams at peak time. The number of pitches will need to be rounded up because part of a pitch cannot accommodate a team.

The number of pitches required should be used by determining the quality/capacity provided by the NGBs in the appendices to the SE PPS Guidance e.g. good quality adult football pitch could accommodate 3 match equivalent sessions per week.

For each pitch type use the physical area of the pitch for the NGB pitch dimensions.

The table below indicates the area required for sports pitches based on average sizes, including a safety run-off area:

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Type of pitch	Dimensions	Hectares
Adult football	125m x 95m	1.2 ha
Youth football	101m x 65m	0.7 ha
Mini football	65m x 47m	0.3 ha
Rugby pitch	124m x 77m	1.0 ha
Cricket pitch	1.5ha	1.5 ha
Hockey AGP	100m x 60m	0.6 ha

Where team generation rates (TGRs) create team numbers which are not whole numbers the teams will be rounded as follows: .5 and above rounded up, .4 and below rounded down. Actual team numbers used will be displayed in brackets, e.g. 1.3 (1).

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Future requirements from housing – North Analysis Area

Sport	Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased housing	Match equivalents generated at peak time	Number of pitches required	Pitch requirement (Ha)
Football	Senior Mens (16-45)	19,077	46	415	19,669	47.4	1.4 (1)	0.5	1	1.2
Football	Senior Women (16-45)	18,325	3	6108	18,893	3.1	0.1	-	-	-
Football	Youth Boys (10-15)	2,881	19	152	2,971	19.6	0.6 (1)	0.5	1	0.7
Football	Youth Girls (10-15)	2,576	20	129	2,656	20.6	0.6 (1)	0.5	1	0.7
Football	Mini-Soccer Mixed (6-9)	3,374	114	30	3,479	117.5	3.5 (4)	2	2	0.6
Rugby Union	Senior Mens (19-45)	17,363	19	914	17,901	19.5	0.5 (1)	0.5	1	1
Rugby Union	Senior Women (19-45)	16,734	3	5578	17,253	3.1	0.1	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Boys (13-18)	3,210	12	268	3,309	12.3	0.3	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Girls (13-18)	2,940	1	2940	3,031	1.0	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Mini rugby mixed (7-12)	5,144	17	303	5,304	17.4	0.4	-	-	-
Cricket	Senior Mens (18-55)	23,251	17	1368	23,972	17.5	0.5 (1)	0.5	1	1.5
Cricket	Senior Womens (18-55)	22,642	1	22642	23,344	1.0	0.0	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Boys (7-17)	5,330	9	592	5,496	9.3	0.3	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Girls (7-17)	4,862	0	0	5,013	0.0	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Mens (16-45)	19,077	4	4769	19,669	4.1	0.1	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Womens (16-45)	18,325	8	2291	18,893	8.2	0.2	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Boys (11-15)	2,419	0	0	2,494	0.0	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Girls (11-15)	2,167	0	0	2,234	0.0	0.0	-	-	-
TOTAL:									5.7ha	

The table above indicates that a total of 5.7ha is required to meet demand generated by the population growth by 2030.

Using a combination of the PPS Action Plan and the location of housing sites, an assessment of where the additional 5.7ha of pitch space should be located can be undertaken.

Quality standards indicate that all pitches should be delivered in conjunction with appropriate car parking and changing accommodation. Guidance (The FA) suggests that 20% should be added to recognise this requirement. This takes the area of new playing field land required to 6.8ha (5.7ha plus 1.1ha).

To help the developer contribution process the 6.8ha playing field land requirement translates to 2.7ha per thousand population. This figure is spread across the increase in population (2489).

i.e. $6.8\text{ha} / 2.489 = 2.7\text{ha}$

Updating the playing pitch assessment (supply and demand) information (Part 3)

Once the additional requirements from housing growth have been established the next step is to update the overall supply and demand information and establish spare capacity and/or shortfalls in the Area. This involves factoring in any changes to supply, e.g. new pitches built or new access to pitches, following on from the Assessment Report (March 2015) as well as changes in demand. For example:

In the North Analysis Area the capacity of football pitches from the Assessment Report (March 2015) is shown below. It highlights where there are existing shortfalls (in red) or any spare capacity (green) in match equivalent sessions.

North area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)
Adult pitches	-8.5
Youth pitches 11v11	+4.5
Youth pitches 9v9	+1.5
Mini pitches 7v7	+4.5
Mini pitches 5v5	+5.5

Update the baseline figures: There were no changes to supply recorded but expected growth from housing of 0.5 match sessions on adult pitches, 1 on youth (split between 11v11 and 9v9) and 2 on mini pitches (split between 7v7 and 5v5). The table below then shows the updated figures for the Area which has also taken in to account existing shortfalls:

North area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Adult pitches	-8.5	-8
Youth pitches 11v11	+4.5	+5
Youth pitches 9v9	+1.5	+2
Mini pitches 7v7	+4.5	+5.5
Mini pitches 5v5	+5.5	+6.5

In the example above there were no changes to the supply of football pitches in the North Analysis Area, however, should changes in supply occur the following should be used to calculate the impact on shortfalls and/or spare capacity:

- 1) Opening up access on school sites will equate to one additional match session per pitch available
- 2) Improving pitch quality by one level, i.e. poor to standard, or standard to good, will increase capacity by one match equivalent session.
- 3) Reconfiguring a pitch will equate to one additional match session in the new format. E.g. reconfiguring an adult pitch to a youth 11v11 pitch will equate to one additional match equivalent session for youth 11v11.
- 4) One new pitch will provide one match equivalent session in the given sport/format.

Recommendations and Action Plan (Part 4)

Once the baseline figures have been calculated for all of the sports, across all four analysis areas, the next step is to provide recommendations, and a framework for reducing any match equivalent shortfalls identified, as well as a site by site action plan. The framework also sits alongside six key principles which should be adhered to in the decision making process.

The framework looks at three main options for reducing shortfalls/increasing capacity of pitches, these are; through gaining access to currently unavailable pitches, through the improvement of current pitches or by providing new pitches. In terms of costs, gaining access is the cheapest option, pitch improvements the next and providing new pitches is most costly. At a time when there is significant pressure on budgets, not only for the Council but also for NGBs and sports clubs it would be sensible to consider options for gaining access to current pitches as a starting point before considering the need to improve pitches or provide additional pitches, unless there are feasible opportunities to do so. The six key principles are listed below.

Each of the analysis areas has a series of characteristics which are underpinned by the following principles:

- 1) To provide good quality accessible playing field for sport in line with the requirements of sport i.e. Football, Rugby, Cricket and Hockey. Good quality facilities includes the provision of artificial grass pitches and floodlighting.
- 2) To ensure best use of available playing field by providing greater access to facilities not owned or managed by the City council.

- 3) By using developer contributions and other funding sources to improve those sites that are identified as requiring improvement, as long as it provides:
 - ◀ Greater capacity for matches to be played
 - ◀ Maintenance of quality to ensure existing use/number of matches played does not decline.

- 4) To create new playing pitches to meet the shortfalls across the City ensuring the following standards are met:
 - ◀ Must be larger than one pitch for football and rugby. For cricket must be equal to or larger than one ground (i.e. square and outfield) and include the provision of on-site changing/toilets
 - ◀ Be able to provide sustainable management arrangements for on-going site maintenance
 - ◀ Be reflective of Sport England and NGB guidance on pitch dimensions, pitch quality and technical specifications.

- 5) Where new developments are being assessed against this strategy any development which is required to provide over 2ha of playing field will normally be expected to provide new pitches/ facilities rather than upgrading existing provision.

- 6) There should be consultation with both Sport England and the NGBs to ensure that developments and improvements are in line with strategic priorities for each of the sports.

Keeping the document up to date (Part 5)

The final part of the methodology is the regular monitoring and review of the document. This is essential in making sure that the most accurate and up to date information is available when decisions need to be made. The focus of this part of the methodology is engagement with the NGBs and Sport England to ensure that any actions are in line with the current requirements and priorities of each of the sports. See Part 5 of this report for the full requirements.

PART 2: ADDITIONAL DEMAND FROM NEW HOUSING GROWTH

The methodology used for determining the additional demand from housing growth is explained in Part 1 of this report. The following tables give the overall requirements for each analysis area. For the full break down and calculations please see Appendix 1.

Outer Analysis Area

The Outer Analysis Area is set to see the largest increases in housing across the whole of the City. Team generation rates (TGRs) have been applied to highlight the increase in demand from the new housing. The majority of the additional demand for the Outer Area is expected to be for football:

Sport	Age Group	Potential new teams	Match equivalents	Number of pitches	Hectares
Football	Senior Mens (16-45)	11.8 (12)	6	6	7.2
Football	Senior Women (16-45)	1.6 (2)	1	1	1.2
Football	Youth Boys (10-15)	19.1 (19)	9.5	10	7
Football	Youth Girls (10-15)	2.0	1	1	0.7
Football	Mini-Soccer Mixed (6-9)	11.8 (12)	6	6	1.8
Rugby Union	Senior Mens (19-45)	2.8 (3)	1.5	2	2
Rugby Union	Senior Women (19-45)	0.4	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Boys (13-18)	0.8 (1)	0.5	1	0.5
Rugby Union	Junior Girls (13-18)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Mini rugby mixed (7-12)	1.2 (1)	0.5	1	0.5
Cricket	Senior Mens (18-55)	4.1 (4)	2	2	3
Cricket	Senior Womens (18-55)	0.4	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Boys (7-17)	0.8 (1)	0.5	1	1
Cricket	Junior Girls (7-17)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Mens (16-45)	0.8	0.5	1	0.6
Hockey	Senior Womens (16-45)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Boys (11-15)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Girls (11-15)	0.0	-	-	-

The table indicates a total requirement of **25.5 ha** across the analysis area. This equates to **1.25ha per 1000 population**.

West Analysis Area

The West Analysis Area is the second largest area of growth with 10,139 houses planned. Again football will see the highest growth but not to the extent of the Outer Area. It is also expected that there will be additional demand for cricket.

Sport	Age Group	Potential new teams	Match equivalents	Number of pitches	Hectares
Football	Senior Mens (16-45)	3.2 (3)	1.5	2	2.4
Football	Senior Women (16-45)	0.2	-	-	-
Football	Youth Boys (10-15)	4.8 (5)	2.5	3	2.1
Football	Youth Girls (10-15)	0.0	-	-	-
Football	Mini-Soccer Mixed (6-9)	2.6 (3)	1.5	2	0.6

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Sport	Age Group	Potential new teams	Match equivalents	Number of pitches	Hectares
Rugby Union	Senior Mens (19-45)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Senior Women (19-45)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Boys (13-18)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Girls (13-18)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Mini rugby mixed (7-12)	0.0	-	-	-
Cricket	Senior Mens (18-55)	1.3 (1)	0.5	1	1.5
Cricket	Senior Womens (18-55)	0.0	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Boys (7-17)	0.6 (1)	0.5	1	1
Cricket	Junior Girls (7-17)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Mens (16-45)	0.3	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Womens (16-45)	0.8	0.5	1	0.6
Hockey	Junior Boys (11-15)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Girls (11-15)	0.0	-	-	-

The table indicates a total requirement of **8.2 ha** across the analysis area. This equates to **0.9ha per 1000 population**.

East Analysis Area

The East Analysis area is expecting growth of just over 2000 homes. Limited additional demand is expected from football.

Sport	Age Group	Potential new teams	Match equivalents	Number of pitches	Hectares
Football	Senior Mens (16-45)	1.5 (2)	1	1	1.2
Football	Senior Women (16-45)	0.1	-	-	-
Football	Youth Boys (10-15)	1.6 (2)	1	1	0.7
Football	Youth Girls (10-15)	0.1	-	-	-
Football	Mini-Soccer Mixed (6-9)	0.6 (1)	0.5	1	0.3
Rugby Union	Senior Mens (19-45)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Senior Women (19-45)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Boys (13-18)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Girls (13-18)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Mini rugby mixed (7-12)	0.0	-	-	-
Cricket	Senior Mens (18-55)	0.3	-	-	-
Cricket	Senior Womens (18-55)	0.1	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Boys (7-17)	0.4	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Girls (7-17)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Mens (16-45)	0.1	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Womens (16-45)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Boys (11-15)	0.1	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Girls (11-15)	0.1	-	-	-

The table indicates a total requirement of **2.2 ha** across the analysis area. This equates to **0.6ha per 1000 population**.

North Analysis Area

As highlighted in the methodology section the North Analysis Area will see the smallest increase in housing. There will be an increase in demand from football and cricket.

Sport	Age Group	Potential new teams	Match equivalents	Number of pitches	Hectares
Football	Senior Mens (16-45)	1.4 (1)	0.5	1	1.2
Football	Senior Women (16-45)	0.1	-	-	-
Football	Youth Boys (10-15)	0.6 (1)	0.5	1	0.7
Football	Youth Girls (10-15)	0.6 (1)	0.5	1	0.7
Football	Mini-Soccer Mixed (6-9)	3.5 (4)	2	2	0.6
Rugby Union	Senior Mens (19-45)	0.5 (1)	0.5	1	1
Rugby Union	Senior Women (19-45)	0.1	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Boys (13-18)	0.3	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Junior Girls (13-18)	0.0	-	-	-
Rugby Union	Mini rugby mixed (7-12)	0.4	-	-	-
Cricket	Senior Mens (18-55)	0.5 (1)	0.5	1	1.5
Cricket	Senior Womens (18-55)	0.0	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Boys (7-17)	0.3	-	-	-
Cricket	Junior Girls (7-17)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Mens (16-45)	0.1	-	-	-
Hockey	Senior Womens (16-45)	0.2	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Boys (11-15)	0.0	-	-	-
Hockey	Junior Girls (11-15)	0.0	-	-	-

The table indicates a total requirement of **5.7 ha** across the analysis area. This equates to **2.7ha per 1000 population**.

The Newcastle Unitary Development Plan (UDP) (Saved 2007) Policy OS1.2 provides for a certain type and amount of provision. This should form the starting point for discussions regarding how these requirements are met (on-site/off-site), the precise type, form and location being determined by local circumstances. This assessment will assist with this process.

PART 3: PLAYING PITCH ASSESSMENT UPDATES

There have been a number of changes to the supply and demand data following investment based on the outcomes of the playing pitch assessment. In order to ensure that this report is now based on the most up to date information the following section highlights these changes on a sport by sport basis within each analysis area.

The Strategy impact of these changes, combined with the additional demand from housing growth (highlighted in Part 2 of this report) is also identified and this section now demonstrates the baseline figures for any shortfalls or surpluses across the City.

Football updates

North Analysis Area

- ◀ No change in supply but expected growth from housing equals demand of 0.5 match sessions on adult pitches, 1 on youth and 2 on mini pitches

Strategy Impact: Spare capacity on adult pitches reduced to eight match equivalents and over play would increase on youth pitches to 5 (11v11) and 2 (9v9) and mini pitches to 5.5 (7v7) and 6.5 (5v5):

North area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Adult pitches	-8.5	-8
Youth pitches 11v11	+4.5	+5
Youth pitches 9v9	+1.5	+2
Mini pitches 7v7	+4.5	+5.5
Mini pitches 5v5	+5.5	+6.5

Outer Analysis Area

- ◀ New pitches at Great Park. One good quality adult pitch (providing one match equivalent at peak time) and one good quality 7v7 pitch (providing two match equivalents at peak time).
- ◀ Expected growth from housing equals six match equivalents on adult pitches, 10.5 on youth pitches and six on mini pitches.

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will lead to increased demand across all formats of football (adult, youth and mini). Youth and mini shortfalls already evident will be further increased:

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Outer area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Adult pitches	-13	-8
Youth pitches 11v11	+5	+10
Youth pitches 9v9	+3	+8.5
Mini pitches 7v7	-3.5	-2.5
Mini pitches 5v5	+2	+5

East Analysis Area

- ◀ No change in supply but expected growth from housing equals demand of 1 match sessions on adult pitches, 1 on youth 9v9 and 0.5 on mini 5v5 pitches

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will reduce spare capacity on adult pitches to 2 and increase shortfalls on 9v9 pitches to 3 and mini 5v5 to 1.5 match sessions:

East area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Adult pitches	-3	-2
Youth pitches 11v11	+5.5	No Change
Youth pitches 9v9	+2	+3
Mini pitches 7v7	+1.5	No Change
Mini pitches 5v5	+1	+1.5

West Analysis Area

- ◀ No change but expected growth from housing equals 1.5 match sessions on adult pitches, 2.5 on youth 9v9 pitches, one on 7v7 and 0.5 on 5v5.

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will reduce spare capacity on adult pitches to 1.5. 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5 shortfalls are further increased:

West area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Adult pitches	-3	-1.5
Youth pitches 11v11	+1.5	No Change
Youth pitches 9v9	+0.5	+3
Mini pitches 7v7	+1	+2
Mini pitches 5v5	0	+0.5

Rugby Union updates

North Analysis Area

- ◀ Gosforth RFC moved from Druid Park in the Outer Analysis Area to Broadway West in the North.
- ◀ There are two additional senior pitches in the North Analysis Area (at Broadway West)
- ◀ The PPS assessment identified a shortfall of 17 match equivalent sessions (due mainly to training on match pitches).
- ◀ Expected growth from housing equals 0.5 match sessions

The additional capacity analysis is as follows for the new pitch at Broadway West:

Site name	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Match equivalent sessions (per week)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
Broadway Wes	M1/D1 Standard	1	3.5	3.5	0	Gosforth RFC playing at the Site has 2 mini teams, 2 junior and 3 senior. The pitch is therefore at capacity.

Analysis area	Capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Unmet demand	Latent demand	Future demand	Total
North	-	14	0.5	0.5	2	+17

Strategy Impact: Despite Gosforth RFC moving to the Area the Club has acquired a new pitch. The pitch is at capacity which does not therefore affect the overall shortfalls in the City. However, the additional demand from housing increases the shortfalls to 17.5:

North area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Rugby pitches	+17	+17.5

Outer Analysis Area

- ◀ Gosforth RFC moved from Druid Park in the Outer Analysis Area to Broadway West in the North.
- ◀ The senior pitch at Druid Park should not now be counted in the supply data as it is not available for community use.
- ◀ Expected growth from housing equals 2 match sessions

Analysis area	Capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Unmet demand	Latent demand	Future demand	Total
Outer	0.5	-	-	-	0.5	0

Strategy Impact: There is no change for rugby in the Outer Area as demand from Druid Park has moved and the pitch is no longer available. There is however additional demand of 2 match equivalents expected from housing growth:

Outer area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Rugby pitches	0	+2

East Analysis Area

- ◀ No additional demand expected from housing growth.

Analysis area	Capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Unmet demand	Latent demand	Future demand	Total
East	-	-	-	-	-	-

Strategy Impact: No impact

West Analysis Area

- ◀ No change and no additional demand expected from housing growth, however it should be noted that West End RFC are now looking to relocate from the Outer Analysis Area to the West.

Analysis area	Capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Unmet demand	Latent demand	Future demand	Total
West	-	-	-	-	-	-

Strategy Impact: No impact

Cricket updates

North Analysis Area

- ◀ Cochrane Park is a newly available site with one cricket pitch that is now in community use.

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will lead to demand for an additional cricket pitch, so despite access at Cochrane Park the shortfall will remain at three:

North area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Cricket grounds	+3	+3

Outer Analysis Area

- ◀ No changes but expected growth from housing equals potential demand for two additional cricket grounds

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will further increase shortfalls in cricket grounds to 3.5:

Outer area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Cricket grounds	+1.5	+3.5

West Analysis Area

- ◀ No changes but expected growth from housing equals potential demand for one additional cricket grounds

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will further increase shortfalls in cricket grounds to 2.5:

West area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Cricket grounds	+1.5	+2.5

East Analysis Area

- ◀ No changes but expected growth from housing equals potential demand for one additional cricket ground

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will further increase shortfalls in cricket grounds to 3.5:

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East area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Demand including housing growth (and change in supply)
Cricket grounds	-	+1

Hockey updates

North Analysis Area

Strategy Impact: No impact:

North area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Change - housing growth and change in supply
Hockey	-	-

Outer Analysis Area

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will lead to shortfalls in hockey pitch access of 0.5 match equivalents. I.e. one match every other week:

Outer area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Change - housing growth and change in supply
Hockey	-	+0.5

West Analysis Area

Strategy Impact: Housing growth will lead to shortfalls in hockey pitch access of 0.5 match equivalents. I.e. one match every other week:

West area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Change - housing growth and change in supply
Hockey	-	+0.5

East Analysis Area

Strategy Impact: No impact:

East area	Demand (match equivalent sessions)	
	Current status in Playing Pitch Document (March 2015)	Change - housing growth and change in supply
Hockey	-	-

3G AGP updates

Current status in Playing Pitch Assessment (March 2015)

The Playing Pitch Assessment (March 2015) identified that both the FA model, as well as the Sport England FPM (Facilities Planning Model) tool, suggested that there was a sufficient supply of 3G pitches across Newcastle to service demand. The FA model indicated a recommended need for eight full size 3G pitches based on 468 teams, and one AGP servicing 56 teams, with 10 currently available in Newcastle.

Change – housing growth and change in supply

As highlighted in Part 2 of this report the increase in housing growth and population is expected to increase the number of football teams within the City. The table below highlights where this increase is predicted:

Analysis Area	New teams from housing growth	3G requirement
Outer	47	(47/56) = 0.8
West	11	(11/56) = 0.2
East	5	(5/56) = 0.09
North	7	(7/56) = 0.1
NEWCASTLE	70	(70/56) = 1.3 (2)

The table above highlights that across Newcastle there would be new demand for at least one additional AGP. This is based on an FA aspiration which, in the main, concentrates on the demand from teams for training purposes.

Future role of AGPs for football

As highlighted in the FA National Game Strategy (2015-2019) the FA would like 50% of all mini and youth matches to be played on 3G surfaces. This opens up opportunities for shortfalls in mini and youth match equivalent sessions to be accommodated on 3G pitches. As long as an AGP is the correct size, is certified by the FA, and therefore able to accommodate competitive fixtures, all formats (i.e. adult, youth 11v11, youth 9v9, mini 7v7, mini 5v5) can be played on AGPs. **It is recommended therefore that the provision of AGPs is considered alongside new grass pitches as a way to reduce match equivalent shortfalls for football.**

The preference for football and the FA, in line with the above highlighted ambition of 50% of play on AGPs, is that sites are double AGP sites rather than single AGP sites. This allows for better coordination and means that sites are more sustainable.

PART 4: RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION PLAN

Part 4 considers the recommendations and actions necessary to accommodate the demand for playing pitches as a result of new housing developments and population growth in Newcastle, as identified through the calculations in Part 3 of this report.

To ensure that the drivers and required outcomes are met for Newcastle a list of six key principles has been designed. These principles describe the overarching approach to developing and improving playing pitch facilities within Newcastle:

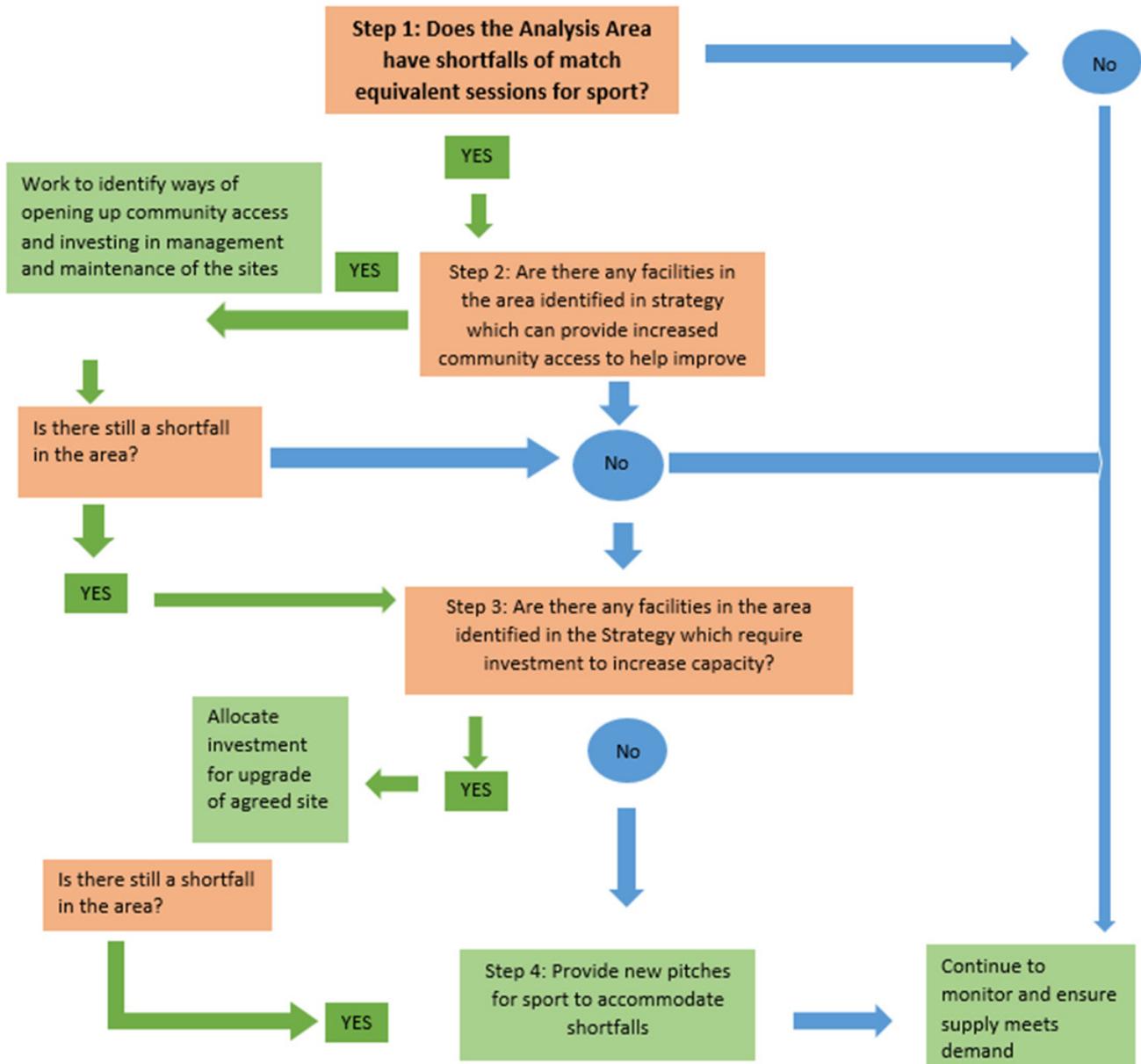
Six Key Principles:

Each of the analysis areas has a series of characteristics which are underpinned by the following principles:

- 1) To provide good quality accessible playing field for sport in line with the requirements of sport i.e. Football, Rugby, Cricket and Hockey. Good quality facilities includes the provision of artificial grass pitches and floodlighting.
- 2) To ensure best use of available playing field by providing greater access to facilities not owned or managed by the City council.
- 3) By using developer contributions and other funding sources to improve those sites that are identified as requiring improvement, as long as it provides:
 - ◀ Greater capacity for matches to be played
 - ◀ Maintenance of quality to ensure existing use/number of matches played does not decline.
- 4) To create new playing pitches to meet the shortfalls across the City ensuring the following standards are met:
 - ◀ Must be larger than one pitch for football and rugby. For cricket must be equal to or larger than one ground (i.e. square and outfield) and include the provision of on-site changing/toilets
 - ◀ Be able to provide sustainable management arrangements for on-going site maintenance
 - ◀ Be reflective of Sport England and NGB guidance on pitch dimensions, pitch quality and technical specifications.
- 5) Where new developments are being assessed against this strategy any development which is required to provide over 2ha of playing field will normally be expected to provide new pitches/ facilities rather than upgrading existing provision.
- 6) There should be consultation with both Sport England and the NGBs to ensure that developments and improvements are in line with strategic priorities for each of the sports.

The flow chart below describes the recommended process that should be followed in order to make decisions that will help to reduce any shortfalls identified. The six principles above must be adhered to within this process, particularly with regard to point 5 and new developments; which means that **those developments required to provide over 2ha will normally proceed directly to Step 4 of the flow chart.**

Figure 2: Process for reducing shortfalls:



Area by Area Action Plan

The action plans below provide guidance on suitable actions that will help to accommodate the increased demand associated with housing growth, as described in Part 3, and have been built upon the action plans identified in the Playing Pitch Assessment (March 2015). These include such actions as accessing currently unavailable sites and improving quality of pitches that currently have a low carrying capacity of match sessions. The actions are therefore related to the flowchart (figure 2) and should be used alongside one another.

Impact of actions

It is imperative that the impact of peak time availability, i.e. the time slot when pitches are in highest demand for matches, e.g. Sunday AM for adult football, is noted when considering the impact of making quality improvements to pitches:

EXAMPLE: A poor quality adult pitch (capacity of one match per week) is used for one match each week on a Sunday morning. Improving the quality of that pitch to standard or good will indeed increase its carrying capacity but **would not** reduce shortfalls for match equivalent sessions as no additional teams can access the pitch at peak time (regardless of the pitch's carrying capacity).

The table below highlights the capacity of a "good quality" pitch for each of the sports:

Sport	Pitch type	No. of match equivalent sessions per week.
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week
	Youth pitches	4 per week
	Mini pitches	6 per week
Rugby union*	Pipe and Slit Drained and a good level of maintenance (D3/M2)	3.5 per week
	Pipe drained and a good level of maintenance (D2/M2)	3.25 per week
	Natural (adequate) drainage and a good level of maintenance (D1/M2)	3 per week
Rugby league	Senior	3 per week
Cricket	One grass wicket	5 per season
	One synthetic wicket	60 per season

In terms of providing additional capacity the Sport England methodology guidance (table above), as well as the Playing Pitch Assessment (March 2015), should be referred to in order to calculate the impact of actions, however, the default position will be that any actions will only have an impact at peak time and therefore:

- 1) **Opening up access on school sites will equate to one additional match session per pitch available**
- 2) **Improving pitch quality by one level, i.e. poor to standard, or standard to good, will increase capacity by one match equivalent session.**
- 3) **Reconfiguring a pitch will equate to one additional match session in the new format. E.g. reconfiguring an adult pitch to a youth 11v11 pitch will equate to one additional match equivalent session for youth 11v11.**

- 4) **One new pitch will provide one match equivalent session in the given sport/format. Where pitches are also used for training (e.g. rugby union) one new pitch will provide match equivalents based on the table above.** This should be considered on a site by site basis as in some areas one new pitch might be able to accommodate more than one match equivalent, e.g. where a new pitch will be used on both Saturdays and Sundays.

It should also be noted that where a pitch is already over played, improvements to that pitch will reduce shortfalls before adding on any additional capacity:

EXAMPLE: An adult pitch is poor quality (capacity of one match per week), but currently has three matches on that pitch each week, meaning the pitch is over played by two matches. Improving the quality of that pitch to good (capacity of three matches per week) will mean that the pitch can now carry the three matches and has reduced the over play to 0, but the pitch improvements **have not** added any additional capacity to the site; they have only reduced over play.

Action Plan

The action plan below gives a current indication of where there are opportunities to get access to currently unused sites as well as potential sites for improvements. In order to quickly view where these sites are the words ACCESS or QUALITY are highlighted in the action columns.

It is important to acknowledge that future play across all of the sports is subject to change. The priorities of the NGBs (National Governing Bodies) may change, as well as the way in which people choose to participate, which in turn will mean that the priorities and future actions will need to change and be updated. This may mean for example that the growth rates from a sport point of view may be higher than those indicated through the population growth. Again this emphasises the need to work in partnership with the NGBs, and in some cases clubs, to ensure that the right provision is provided in the right places.

In a similar way to the March 2015 report the Action Plan looks at priority actions in the S (Short) M (Medium) and L (Long) term. The priority level of each action is highlighted in the far right column of each action plan table.

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EAST

Football

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Benfield Centre for Sporting Excellence	School	QUALITY. Some pitches are in poor condition. Investment will increase numbers of games able to played and improve quality of game.	Support school to develop greater community use	Increased number of games available	M
Eastfield Avenue	Council	QUALITY. Pitches poor quality - priority site for investment.	Support club to increase games on the site.	Existing capacity to allow increased games. Sustain site for strong local club.	S
Fossway Recreation Ground	Council	Poorly used pitches - increase capacity to provide more games and convert adult to youth 11v11.	Work with 11v11 teams to access site.	More capacity for youth 11v11 teams to access specific 11v11 pitches.	S
Harbottle Park	Council	Pitches are average but investment could grow opportunity. Reconfigure to 2 x 5v5 pitches.	Work with minis to access better quality pitches	Better offer to mini football in the short term.	L
Millers dene	Council	Consider site's long term future. Is drainage investment suitable for long term solution? If so, reconfigure to youth 11v11	Assess to understand impact if removed as a pitch and resource allocated elsewhere.	Long term removal of stand-alone facility	M
Monkchester Recreation Ground	Council	Review Lease to ensure security of tenure is appropriate	Continue to support Walker FC to maintain the site as self-contained and provides no additional local capacity	Sustained site for strong local club	L
Sam Smith's Park	Council	Consider site's long term future. Is drainage investment suitable for long term solution? If so, transfer play from Miller's Dene and reconfigure Miler's Dene to youth 11v11	Assess to understand impact if removed as a pitch and resource allocated elsewhere.	Long term removal of stand-alone facility	M

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Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Tyne View Primary School	School	9v9 pitch no community use	ACCESS: Work with school to encourage community use	Would provide more match provision	S
Walker Activity Dome	Council	Newly invested pitches.	No action required	-	-
Walker Park	Council	New pitches being installed in 2015 along with improved drainage	No action required	Provide additional match provision	S
Walker Technology College	School	No investment is required	Work with school to provide additional sports pitch.	Further capacity in the Area.	L
Welbeck Primary School	School	Pitches are new and no club use is recorded. 2 x 7v7 pitches	ACCESS: Work with school to encourage community use as currently non is provided	Additional match provision	S
Central Walker Primary School	School	1 x 7v7 pitch.	ACCESS: Work with school to encourage community use as currently none is provided	Additional match provision	S

Cricket

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Newcastle Cricket Club	Private	Pitches require no investment	Ensure pitches are maintained to ensure longevity of provision without need for investment	Cricket sustainable and secure in the Area.	L

Rugby

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Royal Grammar	School	No pitch investment of the three rugby union pitches.	ACCESS: Work with school to investigate community use.	Potential rugby site for new demand in the Area.	L

East Summary

Using the strategic framework the following is a summary of the current priorities that will have the most impact and should therefore be the current priority actions for the EAST are:

Sites and actions	Increase in match equivalent sessions
Tyneview Primary School (9v9), Welbeck Road primary School (2 x 7v7) and Central Walker Primary (7v7) should be approached to provide community use agreements which will provide 4 match equivalent sessions.	1 x 9v9 and 3 x 7v7
Improve quality at Harbottle Park and reconfigure to provide 2 x 5v5 pitches.	2 x 5v5
Improve pitch quality to standard at Sam Smith's Park and transfer play from Miller's Dene, then convert Miller's Dene to Youth 11v11	1 x youth 11v11
Improve quality and convert two adult pitches to youth 11v11 at Fossway Recreation Ground.	2 x youth 11v11

The tables below demonstrate the impact of the actions in the table above. The first column of requirements is taken from Part 3 and is the requirement (in match equivalent sessions) for the given pitch type, factoring in any increase in demand from housing growth. The second column then shows the impact of the identified actions, with the third column a conversion from match sessions to pitches:

Football:

East area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Adult	-2	-2	0	0
Youth 11v11	+5.5	+2.5	3	2.1
Youth 9v9	+3	+2	2	1.4
Mini 7v7	+1.5	-2.5	0	0
Mini 5v5	+1.5	-0.5	0	0

The table above shows that if the actions for the area are completed there would be a remaining shortfall for youth 11v11 and 9v9 match equivalent sessions which can be converted to three pitches (2.1 hectares) for 11v11 and two pitches (1.4 hectares) for 9v9.

Rugby:

East area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Rugby pitches	0	0	0	0

Cricket:

East area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Cricket pitches	+1	+1	+1	1.5

The current actions identified do not reduce shortfalls for cricket which means there is a requirement for one cricket ground (1.5hectares)

Hockey:

East area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration
Hockey pitches	+0.5	+0.5	0.5

Shortfalls in match equivalents for hockey should be discussed with the NGB and local authority.

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OUTER

Football

Facility Name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
All Saints College	Council	QUALITY: Improve quality to accommodate additional match equivalent sessions. Reconfigure one adult to youth 11v11.	Ensure community use is secured.	Better school offer as well as community use.	L
Brunswick Pavilion	Council	Reconfigure pitches to accommodate youth pitches to meet shortfall identified. Improve pitch quality.	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Additional youth 11v11 capacity	M
Bullocksteads Sports Ground (Northumbria University)	University	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality.	Seek to secure community use with University of Northumbria. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Secured community use and additional capacity of pitches	M
Cheviot First School	School	QUALITY: Would require pitch investment and maintenance.	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use in order to meet shortfalls identified in the Area.	Better school offer as well as community use.	S
Denton Dene	Council	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality and reconfigure adult pitch to youth 11v11 pitch. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to sustain quality.	Explore options to improve changing rooms.	Strong local club with improved facilities.	S
Dinnington Recreation Ground	Council	Consider best solution for community pitches on this site and review alongside those developments in the area.	No action	Consideration for different uses of the Site	M
Gala Field	Council	Consider pitch layout. Opportunity for reconfiguring adult pitch to accommodate youth pitches to meet shortfall identified. Improve pitch quality.	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Increased capacity for youth 11v11 in the Area.	M
Great Park	Council	One new adult and one new 7v7 pitch.	Ensure maintenance sustains the	Provision of additional	M

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Facility Name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
		No action.	quality of the pitches	good quality pitches in the area.	
Hazelrigg	Council	Consider the best long-term solution for the pitches on this site. Review against those within Outer Area to ensure suitable provision and appropriate location	This site will be impacted upon by increase in housing. Consideration needs to be given to either increase facilities on this site or link with development at new location which is able to provide improved facilities to serve the whole community. with clear management arrangements	New facilities could provide local community with a hub site	S
Kingston Park	Council	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality.	Maximise use and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Better offer for mini 7v7 in the Area.	S
Kingston Park Primary School	School	Increase pitch maintenance and mark out two 9v9 pitches.	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use in order to meet shortfalls identified in the Area.	Additional capacity provided.	S
Knoplaw Primary School	School	May require increase pitch maintenance.	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use in order to meet shortfalls identified in the Area.	Potential site for additional community use.	S
Newburn Activity Centre	Active Newcastle	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality.	No action	Improved football pitches.	L
Newburn Manor Primary School	School	May require increase pitch maintenance.	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use in order to meet shortfalls identified in the Area.	Greater community use	M
St John Vianney RC Primary School	School	May require increase pitch maintenance.	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use in order to meet shortfalls identified in the Area.	Greater community use	M
St. Marks RC Primary School	School	May require increase pitch maintenance.	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use in order to meet shortfalls identified in the Area.	Greater community use	M
Throckley Recreation Ground	Council	No current investment	Consider the long term future of this pitch and how it links with the adjacent PFI funded primary school.	Consider development opportunities to increase quality and amount of facilities available.	S

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Facility Name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Throckley Primary School	School	New pitch at school site. No action required	Explore opening up site for community use	Continued access for community	L
Valley View Pavilion	Council	Reconfigure one adult pitch to accommodate youth 11v11 pitch to meet shortfall identified. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	No action	Continuation of youth 11v11 at the site but play is on appropriately sized pitch.	S
Walbottle Campus Technology College	College	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to sustain quality.	ACCESS: Seek to secure community use through an agreement.	Greater potential for clubs to use the Site	L
Westerhope Community Recreation Centre	Council	Improve pitch quality. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Work with site management to understand best way forward to increase capacity	Potential for additional adult clubs to use the Site.	S
Red House Farm FC	Council	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Consider options for development of AGP on the site and management implications	Need to assess how the capacity of the Club can be accommodated.	S
Lemington Middle School (Closed)	Council	Investment secured to redevelop pitches open in 2017	Consider all options for use of the Site and research appropriate management model	New pitches will provide 11 v 11 and 9v9 pitches with supported changing	S
Site of former Chapel Park Middle School (Closed)	Council	Investment would be required to make pitches usable.	Consider all options for use of the site, including re-provision	Improved facilities for local area	L
Site of former Parkway School (closed)	Council	Investment would be required to make pitches usable.	Consider all options for use of the site, including re-provision	Improved facilities for local area	L

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Cricket

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority level
Walbottle Campus Technology College	College	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to sustain quality and accommodate current levels of usage.	Investigate security of tenure with college	Cricket use secured for clubs in the Area.	M

Rugby

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority level
Bullocksteads Sports Ground (Northumbria University)	University	Aim to provide access to dedicated training pitch in order to reduce pitch use and address overplay. If not available consider alternative venues	Work in partnership with the University.	Good quality facilities for University and community.	S

Outer Summary

Using the strategic framework the following is a summary of the current priorities that will have the most impact and should therefore be the current priority actions for the OUTER:

Sites and actions	Increase in match equivalent sessions
Assess the impact of the new housing developments directly effecting this area and provide adequate facilities to mitigate against shortfall. Consideration should be given to developing a new hub which will provide for all sports	-
Consider 3G AGP as a way to reduce football shortfalls	-
Cheviot School should be approached to provide community use agreements which will provide 1 match equivalent sessions on 9v9.	1 x 9v9
Investment for improvements should be in All Saints College (11v11) and Denton Dene (9v9) pitches to improve drainage and subsequently provide 2 match equivalent sessions	1 x youth 11v11 and 1 x 9v9
Reconfigure one adult pitch to youth 11v11 at Valley View Pavilion, Denton Dene, Gala Field, Brunswick Pavilion and All Saints College	5 x youth 11v11
At Kingston Park Primary mark out two 9v9 pitches and increase pitch maintenance.	2 x 9v9

The tables below demonstrate the impact of the actions in the table above. The first column of requirements is taken from Part 3 and is the requirement (in match equivalent sessions) for the given pitch type, factoring in any increase in demand from housing growth. The second column then shows the impact of the identified actions, with the third column a conversion from match sessions to pitches:

Football:

Outer area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Adult	-8	-8	0	0
Youth 11v11	+10	+4	4	2.8
Youth 9v9	+8.5	+5.5	6	4.2
Mini 7v7	-2.5	-2.5	0	0
Mini 5v5	+5	+5	5	1.5

The table above shows that if the actions for the area are completed there would be a remaining shortfall for youth 11v11, 9v9 and 5v5 match equivalent sessions which can be converted to four pitches (2.8 hectares) for 11v11 and six pitches (4.2 hectares) for 9v9 and five pitches (1.5 hectares) for 5v5.

Rugby:

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Outer area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Rugby pitches	+2	+2	2	2

A shortfall of two pitches (2 hectares) remains for rugby union in the Area.

Cricket:

Outer area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Cricket pitches	+3.5	+3.5	4	6

The current actions identified do not reduce shortfalls for cricket which means there is a requirement for four cricket ground (6 hectares)

Hockey:

Outer area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration
Hockey pitches	+0.5	+0.5	0.5

Shortfalls in match equivalents for hockey should be discussed with the NGB and local authority.

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NORTH

Football

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Gosforth Bohemians Association Football and Tennis Club	Club	QUALITY: Work to increase quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	No action	Improved facilities for Club.	L
Castle Farm/Paddy Freemans	Council	QUALITY: Pitch quality requires improvement. Convert one adult to youth 11v1 and improve drainage	Consider changing room improvements	Better football offer for adult and youth 11v11.	M
Cochrane Park	University	No investment required	Work to secure community use and retain spare capacity in order to retain quality.	Secured access for community use	L
Coxlodge Recreation Ground	Council	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality for football and consider adding cricket square to site.	Work with partner clubs to consider access site as well as other agencies such as cricket.	Improved football and cricket offer in the Area.	M
Gosforth Academy	School	Retain for school use.	ACCESS: Investigate opportunity to create greater community access	Good community access to sports facilities work further to access playing pitches	L
Heaton Sports Ground	Newcastle University	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to sustain quality.	No action	Good quality pitches at University	L
Heaton Stannington FC	Club	Work to increase quality and ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	No action	Improved pitches	L
Kenton Park Sports Centre	Council	No current investment	Consider value of sport centre managing the site	Potential opportunities for other uses through new management.	M
Kenton School	School	School to ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Seek to secure community use through an agreement.	Sustained school and community sport offer in the Area.	L
Little Benton Pitches	University	No action	Consider site as an option should future community use	Future options to use site	L

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Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
			demand require additional adult pitches.		
Manor Park, Benton	Council	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Maximise use	Continued use at a good site	M
North Fawdon Primary School	School	Potential requirement for pitch improvements if community access.	ACCESS: Investigate community use	7v7 pitch available for community use.	L
St Cuthbert's RC Primary School	School	Potential requirement for pitch improvements if community access.	ACCESS: Investigate community use	Additional pitch access	M
Wyndham Primary School	School	Potential requirement for pitch improvements if community access.	ACCESS: Investigate community use	2 x 5v5 pitches available for community use.	M

Cricket

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority level
Newcastle City Cricket Club (Broadway West)	Council	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality and ancillary facility.	Consider access to a second pitch if demand increases in the future.	Good quality cricket facility at a well-used site.	L
Heaton Sports Ground	Newcastle University	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Ensure current usage can be retained.	Continued cricket at the Site.	L
South Northumberland Cricket Club	Club	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to sustain quality and accommodate current levels of usage.	No action	Good quality cricket club in the Area.	L
Cochrane Park	University	No investment required	Ensure community use is secured to promote cricket	Increased cricket opportunities for community	M

Rugby

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Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority level
Broadway West Playing Fields	Council	QUALITY: Continue to improve pitch quality and provide two additional senior pitches	Work with club to expand both senior and junior sections and support plans for redevelopment	Full rugby section with good quality facilities.	S
Cochrane Park	University	Look to develop a dedicated rugby league pitch in order to release spare capacity for additional rugby union.	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality. Maximise community use in order to help reduce shortfalls in the Area.	Appropriate pitches for both codes of rugby with increased quality.	L
Heaton Sports Ground	Newcastle University	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve quality and increase capacity at the site.	Continue links with community clubs	Continued rugby use	L
Northern Football Club Limited	Club	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied and improve pitch quality.	Investigate feasibility for development of an IRB AGP in the Area for training	Overplay reduced.	L
Sutherland Park	Novos RFC	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied and improve pitch quality.	Investigate feasibility for development of an IRB AGP in the Area for training	Overplay reduced.	L

North Summary

Using the strategic framework the following is a summary of the current priorities that will have the most impact and should therefore be the current priority actions for the NORTH:

Sites and actions	Increase in match equivalent sessions
Provide two additional senior rugby pitches at Broadway West	$(3.5 \times 2) = 7$
Improve four adult football pitches at Castle Farm and improve changing. Convert one adult to youth 11v11	1 x youth 11v11
North Fawdon Primary (1 x 7v7) and Wyndham Primary (2 x 5v5) should be approached to provide community use agreements which will provide 3 match equivalent sessions.	1 x 7v7 and 2 x 5v5
Improve pitch quality of three senior rugby pitches at Sutherland Park	3
Improve pitch quality of three senior rugby pitches at Northern RFC	3

The tables below demonstrate the impact of the actions in the table above. The first column of requirements is taken from Part 3 and is the requirement (in match equivalent sessions) for the given pitch type, factoring in any increase in demand from housing growth. The second column then shows the impact of the identified actions, with the third column a conversion from match sessions to pitches:

Football:

North area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Adult	-8	-8	0	0
Youth 11v11	+5	+4	4	2.8
Youth 9v9	+2	+2	2	1.4
Mini 7v7	+5.5	+4.5	5	1.5
Mini 5v5	+6.5	+4.5	5	1.5

The table above shows that if the actions for the area are completed there would be a remaining shortfall for youth 11v11, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5 match equivalent sessions which can be converted to four pitches (2.8 hectares) for 11v11 and two pitches (1.4 hectares) for 9v9, five pitches (1.5 hectares) for 7v7 and five pitches (1.5 hectares) for 5v5.

Rugby:

North area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Rugby pitches	+17.5	+4.5	2	2

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A shortfall of two pitches (2 hectares) remains for rugby union in the Area. Two pitches is based on the majority of unmet demand being for training. Other solutions (i.e. floodlighting) might be a solution as well as additional pitches. Consult with NGB.

Cricket:

North area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Cricket pitches	+3	+2	2	3

The current actions identified reduce shortfalls for cricket which means there is a requirement for two cricket ground (3 hectares)

Hockey:

North area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration
Hockey pitches	-	-	0

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WEST

Football

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Blakelaw Park	Council	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality. Consider potential for developing a cricket square to site	Work with cricket clubs to see if the site would be appropriate for providing cricket. Consider additional AGP and plans to improve existing AGP	Additional capacity for cricket and improved football provision – possible hub site for floodlit football	L
Broadwood Primary School	School	Mark out youth 9v9 and 5v5 pitches and increase pitch maintenance.	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use in order to meet shortfalls identified in the Area.	Increased capacity for mini and youth play in the Area.	L
Centre For Sport	Council	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality in particular drainage. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Support club on site to provide appropriate numbers of matches	Pitch quality improved but no additional availability at peak time.	S
Excelsior Academy	School	Improve pitch maintenance and reconfigure one adult to youth 11v11	ACCESS: Investigate potential for developing community use	Improved offer for school and community.	L
Hilton Primary School	School	QUALITY: Improve quality and mark out two 7v7 pitches	ACCESS: Work with school to gain access and secure community use.	Additional capacity in the Area	M
King George V Playing Field	Council	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Consider investment in changing facilities	Improved provision for football	M
Mckendrick Villas	Club	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Ensure site is secured through agreement of appropriate lease from council and sub-lease for Cricket Club.	Secured use for Cricket club	S
Norwich Place	Council	No action	Consider long term future of the site	Potential opportunities for other uses	L

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Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Scotswood Sports Centre	Council	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve quality.	Support club to continue to develop	Improved provision for football	M
Slatyford Youth Centre	Youth Centre	Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	No action	Improved provision for football	M
Tyneside Badminton Centre	Council	Retain spare capacity in order to maintain quality of the pitches.	Support club on site	Community use secured and good quality pitches available.	L

Cricket

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Benwell Hill Cricket Club	Club	It is likely that the Site can sustain the additional match of overplay but is at capacity therefore improve quality and maintenance.	Any further expansion by the Club would require a second ground. Consider second site and potential joint use with other clubs.	Additional capacity for cricket in the Area.	M
Cowgate Sports Club (McKendrick Villas)	Club	QUALITY: Improve pitch quality. Ensure appropriate pitch maintenance is applied in order to improve/sustain quality.	Secure access as part of larger lease for whole site – See football above	Cricket secured at the Site and quality sustained.	S

Rugby

Facility name	Mgt type	Pitches Action	Development Action	Outcome	Priority Level
Mooracres Playing Fields	Royal Grammar School	Three unused senior pitches belonging to the Royal Grammar School.	Consider potential long term for accessing should demand increase	Community access	L

West Summary

Using the strategic framework the following is a summary of the current priorities that will have the most impact and should therefore be the current priority actions for the WEST:

Sites and actions	Increase in match equivalent sessions
Gain access to Broadway Primary School and mark out a 9v9 pitch and a 5v5 pitch.	1 x 9v9 and 1 x 5v5
One cricket square added to Blakelaw Park, but ensure pitch improvements are carried out in order that outfield can be used for both cricket and football.	1 x cricket ground
Gain access to Hilton Primary School and mark out two 7v7 pitches	2 x 7v7
Improve maintenance and gain access to Excelsior Academy. Reconfigure one adult to youth 11v11 and also use the second youth 11v11 already there.	2 x youth 11v11

The tables below demonstrate the impact of the actions in the table above. The first column of requirements is taken from Part 3 and is the requirement (in match equivalent sessions) for the given pitch type, factoring in any increase in demand from housing growth. The second column then shows the impact of the identified actions, with the third column a conversion from match sessions to pitches:

Football:

West area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Adult	-1.5	-1.5	0	0
Youth 11v11	+1.5	-0.5	0	0
Youth 9v9	+3	+2	2	1.4
Mini 7v7	+2	0	0	0
Mini 5v5	+0.5	-0.5	0	0

The table above shows that if the actions for the area are completed there would be a remaining shortfall for youth 9v9 match equivalent sessions which can be converted to two pitches (1.4 hectares).

Rugby:

West area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement (if one match is played at peak time) after any improvements/reconfiguration
Rugby pitches	-	-	0

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Cricket:

West area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration	Equivalent pitch requirements in hectares.
Cricket pitches	+2.5	+1.5	2	3

The current actions identified reduce shortfalls for cricket which means there is a requirement for two cricket grounds (3 hectares)

Hockey:

West area	Requirement before any improvements/reconfiguration	Requirement (match equivalent sessions) after any improvements/reconfiguration	Pitch requirement after any improvements/reconfiguration
Hockey pitches	-	-	-

PART 5: KEEP THE STRATEGY ROBUST AND UP TO DATE

Delivery

The Strategy seeks to provide guidance for decisions and investment made across Newcastle. By addressing the increased demand identified through housing developments and using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the sporting and recreational needs of Newcastle can be satisfied. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision of match equivalent sessions and identifies how best to resolve this in the future.

It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, is engaged with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of Council priorities.

The production of this Strategy should be regarded as the beginning of the planning process. The success of this Strategy and the benefits that are gained are dependent upon **regular engagement between all partners involved** and the adoption of a strategic approach.

Steering Group

A steering group of partners should be set up to take the lead to ensure the Strategy is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence.

To help ensure the Strategy is well used it should be regarded as the key document, alongside the Playing Pitch Assessment (March 2015), within the study area, guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch provision.

Monitoring and updating

It is important that there is **annual monitoring and review** against the actions identified in the Strategy. This monitoring should be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the steering group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the Strategy has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. This should form an on-going role of the steering group. It is possible that in the interim between annual reviews the steering group could operate as a 'virtual' group; prepared to comment on updates electronically when relevant.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the Strategy and the information on which it is based, to be out of date. If the Strategy is used as a 'live' document, and kept up to date, the time frame can be extended to five years.

Furthermore, the process of refreshing the Strategy would be much less resource intensive if changes and updates have been made throughout the five years. **If there are no updates to the document within the period the nature of the supply, and in particular the demand for playing pitches, is likely to have changed.**

An annual review should not be regarded as a particularly resource intensive task. However, it should highlight:

- ◀ How the delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g. the priority of some may increase following the delivery of others)
- ◀ How the Strategy has been applied and the lessons learnt
- ◀ Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g. the most used or high quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues
- ◀ Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport
- ◀ Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.

The steering group should regularly review and refresh area by area plans taking account of any improvements in pitch quality (and hence increases in pitch capacity) and also any new negotiations for community use of education or other sites in the future. Updating the action plans will make the task of updating the Playing Pitch Strategy much easier.