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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members' comments are sought on the issues identified in the report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To outline the main shortfalls identified in the South Derbyshire element of the Derbyshire Facility Strategy

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 The third draft of the strategy has now been received from consultants. The 'needs' identified in the strategy are based on both qualitative and quantitative analysis and covers both indoor and outdoor provision. The major 'needs' are identified in the report together with how it is intended to utilise the main findings of the strategy

4.0 Detail

4.1 As part of a Derbyshire Sports Facility's Strategy, the Derbyshire and Peak Park Sport and Recreation Forum (DPPSRF) have commissioned Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP) to undertake research into the adequacy of sports facility provision in South Derbyshire. Similar strategies are being produced for each local authority in Derbyshire

4.2 The main purpose of the strategy is to provide a framework for the provision and development of facilities and a basis for applications for external funding. The strategy is also an up to date audit of what facilities exist in the District. The South Derbyshire Facility Strategy fits into a hierarchy of strategies. These are identified in Annexe A.

4.3 The strategy has been based on both qualitative and quantitative analysis. Quantitative data has been obtained through questionnaires to sports clubs and, in some case, interviews with individuals involved in sports provision. This data was collected between April and August 2001. The National Playing Field Association's

(NPFA) 6-Acre Standard has been used as the basis for the qualitative data. This is a nationally accepted standard that is used by many authorities as a means of calculating open space and play provision on new developments.

4.4 The strategy looks at current provision for 11 sports. In addition to identifying needs based on existing demand the strategy also seeks to identify 'needs' based on likely future demand. The main 'shortfalls' identified in the strategy are detailed in Annexe B.. Also included are details of actions already taken, or proposed, to address these shortfalls.

4.5 The DPPSRF have recently appointed, on a short-term contract, a Facilities Officer, whose brief includes working with local authorities to address 'needs' that may have a wider County perspective. An initial meeting has taken place with this officer and suggested areas of possible joint working are as follows:

- Assistance in improving access to school facilities particularly in areas where shortages of pitches is a problem

- Awareness of our priorities in terms of built facilities in the hope that these could be linked to County Facility Provision e.g. Centre of Excellence based at Etwall .

- Joint County wide working on improving the quality of sports pitch provision. Poor quality pitch provision, particularly for football is a major problem that is causing blockages in development initiatives.

4.6 In terms of how we utilise the strategy the following options are being explored:

- Use by the recently established South Derbyshire Sports Forum to lobby for improved facilities for the voluntary sports sector

- A number of Service Development proposals submitted during this year's budget process are based on issues identified in the strategy

- The strategy has been used as a basis for Key Tasks in Service Development Plans i.e. provision of an All Weather Training Pitch in the Swadlincote urban area.

- The possibility of putting a monetary value on the shortfall to enable a 'one off' pre-set levy to be charged on new developments

- As a guide for negotiating with major developers in future

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 The production of the strategy, together with the recent Participation Survey, has been funded by an additional contribution of £2,500 to the DPPSRF.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 See comments on guiding requirements on new developments

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 Addressing the identified shortfalls in facility provision would have a major impact on community involvement in sport

8.0 Conclusions

- 8.1 The South Derbyshire Facility Strategy is a useful tool in informing facility shortfall in South Derbyshire. With other similar documents it allows a more objective needs analysis to be made. It does not contain a timetable action plan that commits Members to certain actions. Once the final strategy has been received, Members may however wish to establish priorities and consider a timetable for addressing identified shortfalls in facility provision

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 Third draft South Derbyshire Facilities Strategy

