

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	Thursday 27 July 2023
Subject:	Approval of the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy		
Report of:	Assistant Director of Place (Economic Growth and Housing)	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Planning and Building Control Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing		
Is this a Key Decision:	Yes	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To purpose of this report is to approve the 2023 Sefton Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy (PPOSS), to replace the 2016 Playing Pitch Strategy which is out of date according to Sport England guidance.

The PPOSS looks at current and future need and provision for outdoor sport in Sefton. It provides a robust and objective justification and a strategic framework to make sure that Sefton will be able to best meet existing and future need for outdoor sport. This will help the Council to protect sports sites from loss due to development, help justify developer contributions including compensatory provision, provide a strategic context for sports asset provision and management and support and justify investment decisions including external funding bids. It will also support Sefton’s corporate health and other initiatives.

The PPOSS has been prepared by consultants for a Steering Group comprising officers across relevant Council departments, Sport England and sports’ National Governing Bodies, in line with Sport England guidance.

Recommendation(s):

(1) That Cabinet approve the 2023 Sefton Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy, to replace the 2016 Playing Pitch Strategy.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

National planning and Sport England guidance requires the Council to have a robust and up-to-date assessment of outdoor sports provision. This guidance states that any Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy (PPOSS) which has not been revised for more than 3 years old should be considered out of date. Sefton’s previous Playing Pitch Strategy dates from 2016.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

The alternative would be not to have an up-to-date PPOSS. This would make it more difficult to protect outdoor sports sites from development through the development management process, to justify the need for developer contributions including compensatory provision or to justify the policy approach in any Local Plan review. There would be no up-to-date strategic context for sports asset provision and management (including 3G pitches) or support for Sefton's corporate health and other initiatives. Having no up-to-date PPOSS would severely constrain the ability of sports clubs and site managers (including the Council) to access external funding. The lack of an up-to-date PPOSS could also lead to a poor relationship with other Steering Group members and partners, such as Sport England, the Football Association and Football Foundation.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no direct revenue costs arising from the adoption of the PPOSS, although there would be additional costs for the Council in implementing some of its recommendations. It may be that the PPOSS would lead to increased use of Council pitches, to offset to a limited extent maintenance and other revenue costs.

(B) Capital Costs

There are no direct capital costs arising from the adoption of the PPOSS, although there would be costs for the Council in implementing some of its recommendations. However, an up-to-date PPOSS is considered to increase the ability of sports clubs and site managers (including the Council) to access external grant funding.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
There may be new resource implications arising from the adoption of the PPOSS and its implementation. Any costs for the Council in implementing some specific recommendations of the PPOSS would come from existing departmental resources, any external funding drawn down, and s106 monies from the planning process where appropriate (for example for compensatory provision for pitches lost to development). Implementation of other recommendations would be largely the responsibility of other Steering Group partners, clubs or other organisations. An up-to-date PPOSS is considered to increase the ability of sports clubs and site managers (including the Council) to access external funding.
Legal Implications:
None.
Equality Implications:
The PPOSS helps to protect open space used for outdoor sport from development. This includes sites used by youth, women's and girls teams, across the Borough. There are health benefits from participating in outdoor sport. The PPOSS also seeks to encourage and enhance participation in outdoor sports, as a means of improving community

cohesion, educational attainment and self-confidence, recognising that this may be especially important for disadvantaged groups, older people, those in poor health and those who do not traditionally participate in such activities including women and girls. Appendix 2 of the PPOSS refers to policy documents of Steering Group partners which will influence the Strategy, and which refer to inclusivity, for example the FA: Survive, Revive, Thrive strategy (2020-24) and the Rugby Football Union Strategic Plan (2021). Future provision or capital improvements by the Council would take account people with varying access and other needs.

Impact on Children and Young People: Yes

The PPOSS deals with pitches, tennis courts and bowling greens used by children and young people as well as adults. It includes an assessment of current and future need and provision for these age groups, and as such is considered to have a positive impact.

Climate Emergency Implications:

The recommendations within this report will

Have a positive impact	Yes
Have a neutral impact	No
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes

The Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy helps to protect open space used for outdoor sport from development, and sets a strategic framework for outdoor sports asset management. Outdoor sports sites are part of Sefton’s network of green and blue infrastructure. As such they provide climate change benefits such as flood risk and surface water management, and in terms of the microclimate of the immediate locality. The outdoor sports sites also provide other green and blue infrastructure benefits, notably recreation and health benefits, and the wider sites may also include tree planting and provide nature benefits.

As there is a network of outdoor sports sites across Sefton, there is a reduced need to travel long distances to play sport (although it must be recognised that most of the leagues for these team sports include an element of home and away matches.

Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable:

The PPOSS helps to protect open space used for outdoor sport from development. This includes sites used by youth, women’s and girls teams, across the Borough. There are health benefits from participating in outdoor sport.

Facilitate confident and resilient communities:

The PPOSS provides a strategic framework for the enhancement of outdoor sports sites and provision of new sites or facilities, whether managed by the Council, clubs or other organisations.

Commission, broker and provide core services:

N/a

Place – leadership and influencer:

The PPOSS sets out a strategic framework, to be delivered through Steering Group

partners including the Council, Sport England and National Governing Bodies of sports, working also with clubs and other site managers.

Drivers of change and reform:

N/a

Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:

The health & well-being, community cohesion, educational attainment and other benefits of participating in outdoor sport will contribute to a health workforce and to sustainable economic prosperity. Protection and enhancement of open space improves environmental quality which helps encourage new investment. The PPOSS helps support and justify investment decisions including external funding bids.

Greater income for social investment:

The PPOSS highlights the role of sports clubs in delivering opportunities for participation in sport, and helps support and justify external funding bids from clubs.

Cleaner Greener:

The PPOSS helps to protect open space used for outdoor sport from development, and sets a strategic framework for outdoor sports asset management. Outdoor sports sites are part of Sefton's network of green and blue infrastructure, and may provide wider climate change and other benefits as well as recreation and health benefits.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

During the preparation of the PPOSS, Planning has provided the day-to-day lead and liaison with the consultants and other Steering Group partners. Planning officers have been supported by an internal working group of officers drawn from key departments including Green Sefton, Communities and Education. Cabinet Members for Health & Well-Being and Planning & Building Control have been briefed regularly through the PPOSS preparation process and have supported the development of the recommendations within the PPOSS and this report.

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.7294 /23) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5494/23) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

The PPOSS has been prepared by consultants on behalf of a Steering Group which includes officers from Sefton Council, Sport England, Liverpool County FA, Lancashire FA, the Football Foundation, England and Wales Cricket Board, Lancashire Cricket, the Rugby Football Union, England Hockey, the Lawn Tennis Association and the British Crown Green Bowls Association. During the PPOSS preparation process, the consultants and/or above National Governing Bodies have consulted with local outdoor sports clubs and leagues, and schools.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix 1: The draft Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy for Sefton

Background Papers:

The 2016 Playing Pitch Strategy is available at

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/media/3933/sefton-pps-final-strategy-aug16.pdf>.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Sefton Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy (PPOSS) is a corporate strategy. It looks at current provision and current and future needs in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility for the pitch sports of football, cricket, rugby union and hockey (including 3G pitches – third generation artificial turf pitches) and the non-pitch sports of tennis and bowls. The PPOSS provides a robust and objective justification for current and future provision throughout Sefton and sets a strategic framework to make sure that Sefton will be able to best meet existing and future need for outdoor sports within the constraints of limited resources.
- 1.2 National planning and Sport England guidance requires the Council to have a robust and up-to-date assessment of outdoor sports provision and sets out a detailed methodology. Notably, this says that any Playing Pitch Strategy which has not been revised for more than 3 years is considered to be out of date. Sefton's Playing Pitch Strategy dates from 2016.
- 1.3 An up-to-date PPOSS for Sefton is necessary to:
 - Help the Council to protect pitch sites from loss due to development, help justify developer contributions including compensatory provision and to inform any future review of the Local Plan
 - Provide a strategic approach and context for sports asset provision and management
 - Support and justify investment decisions including external funding bids (not just for the Council but also clubs and other organisations)
 - Support Sefton's corporate health and other initiatives.
- 1.4 The PPOSS has been prepared by specialist consultants for a Steering Group including the Council, Sport England and relevant sports' National Governing Bodies, in line with Sport England guidance. The Planning Service has provided the day-to-day lead, managing specialist consultants, supported by an internal officer working group including Green Sefton, Communities and Education.
- 1.5 The Sefton PPOSS is based on national methodology and, largely, national assumptions, for example linking pitch capacity (ideal number of games per week) to pitch quality. Some of the Strategy's recommendations reflect the national expectations and/or priorities of other Steering Group partners.
- 1.6 The preparation of the PPOSS started in summer 2021, covering summer and winter sports with visits to each site and consultation with Sport England, National Governing Bodies, clubs and schools. The resultant supply and demand assessment informed the preparation of the final Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy for which Cabinet approval is currently being sought.

2. Short overview of the Sefton PPOSS

- 2.1 In short, the PPOSS includes a Strategy Report setting out:
 - A Vision, 3 Aims and 10 Strategic Recommendations relating to these Aims

- Sport-specific overviews, including assessments of provision compared to need, key challenges and ‘scenarios’, and Recommendations for each of football (grass pitches) (10 recommendations), 3G pitches (third generation artificial turf pitches) (11 recommendations), cricket (8 recommendations), rugby union (8 recommendations), hockey (4 recommendations), tennis (8 recommendations) and bowls (5 recommendations)
- Strategic action & implementation plans for each of Sefton’s 5 settlement areas (Bootle & Netherton, Crosby, Formby, Sefton East and Southport), with area recommendations for each sport, and information and recommendations for each site
- Recommendations for on-going implementation, monitoring and review of the PPOSS.

This supported by spreadsheets and GIS information.

2.2 The **Vision** of the PPOSS is that “Sefton will be able to best meet the needs for pitches and outdoor sport facilities in quantity, quality and accessibility terms within the constraints of limited resources”.

2.3 The **Aims and Strategic Recommendations** of the PPOSS are:

AIM 1: To protect the existing supply of outdoor sport facilities and ancillary facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs.
<i>Strategic recommendations:</i> a. With reference to the PPOSS, protect outdoor sports facilities through the planning process. b. Secure tenure and access to sites for high quality, development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements. c. Maximise community use of education facilities where needed.
AIM 2: To support the enhancement of outdoor sports facilities and ancillary facilities within available resources through improving quality and management of sites.
<i>Strategic recommendations:</i> d. Maintain quality and seeks improvements where necessary. e. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites. f. Encourage and enhance participation in outdoor sports. g. Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding. h. Secure developer contributions where appropriate to enhance provision.
AIM 3: To support the provision of new outdoor sports facilities , within available resources, where there is current or future demand to do so.
<i>Strategic recommendations:</i> i. Rectify quantitative shortfalls through improvements to the current stock. j. Explore opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.

2.4 The **sport-specific recommendations** can be linked to the strategic recommendations.

2.5 The PPOSS focusses on sites available for community use, including public pitches use by clubs and club and other sites. However, the PPOSS also records school or other provision not available for community use.

- 2.6 Football is by far the most popular sport in Sefton (especially south Sefton), with 147 clubs supporting 645 teams, mostly playing on grass pitches but with a small but increasing number of full size 3G football pitches in the last couple of years. By contrast there are 13 cricket clubs (7 in Southport) supporting 86 teams, 3 rugby clubs supporting 42 teams, and 3 hockey clubs with 26 teams. Sefton has 14 tennis clubs (7 in Southport, none in Bootle & Netherton) with around 2000 members. There are 39 bowls clubs, with over 1,500 members, although there has been a reduction locally in the number of clubs and greens over some years. These team figures include women's and girls' teams (with more proposed in the future), and reflect strategic recommendation 2 f for increased participation, corporate Council inclusivity and health priorities and priorities of Steering Group partners set out in Appendix 2 of the PPOSS. For example, the Football Association's National Game Strategy includes participation in women and girls' football, disability football and futsal.
- 2.7 In terms of the quality of community use pitches, over half of football pitches are considered to be standard quality, though with more of the rest being of poor rather than high quality. Almost two thirds of cricket squares are good quality, as are all three hockey pitches. For rugby the situation is more mixed. Most community use tennis courts (club sites) and bowling green are high quality.
- 2.8 In terms of current and future provision compared with need, broadly for Sefton as a whole the PPOSS identifies:
- Shortfalls in football (except for mini pitches), 3G, rugby
 - Sufficient supply for cricket - except peak time men's cricket
 - Sufficient supply for hockey (subject to greater access to Greenbank High School), tennis, bowls.
- Within this overall picture there are area- or site-specific or timing issues and variations. The PPOSS summary of provision and shortfalls is set out in Annex A.
- 2.9 The **strategic action & implementation plans for each of Sefton's 5 settlement areas** set out area recommendations for each sport and information and recommendations for each site. These are in line with recommendations or comments elsewhere in the Strategy.
- 2.10 The **recommendations for on-going implementation, monitoring and review of the PPOSS** stress the need for regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the PPOSS; which should be led by the Council and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the Steering Group.

3. Key issues and challenges

- 3.1 In line with Sport England guidance, the PPOSS states that each member of the Steering Group should use it within their area of work and influence. The PPOSS makes frequent reference to the context of limited resources (for example in the Vision and Aims), and it must be recognised that for the Council the implementation of some recommendations will depend on the availability of resources. Due to successive budget reductions and consequential service budget reductions, restructures and changing staff priorities and resource deployment, there is limited capacity across the organisation to drive this agenda

forward. The Council and partners are heavily dependent upon the availability of external grant funding. Therefore, the implementation role of Sport England and sports' National Governing Bodies, and indeed clubs, leagues and other organisations, is welcomed. It is individual clubs who would have a key role in driving forward increased participation and inclusivity in groups traditionally underrepresented in outdoor sports, for example. It is understood that officers are already in discussion with relevant Steering Group partners and others to update the Local Football Facility Plan, as recommended.

- 3.2 The context of limited resources is particularly the case for Green Sefton, whose remit includes most of Sefton Council's grass pitches, parks' tennis courts and bowling greens. It is also the case for Communities whose remit includes pitches (including 3G pitches) associated with indoor sports centres and with sports participation and development; Education; and the Planning Service who protect existing pitches through the development management process and may seek new provision in relation to new development, notably in any Local Plan review.
- 3.3 While the PPOSS identifies current and future shortfalls in a number of sports or time slots used by leagues, and a number of poor quality sites, it also makes clear (strategic recommendation 3i) that shortfalls can be rectified through improvements to the quality of current stock, rather than by provision of additional new sites. Improving the quality of existing pitches of standard or poor quality can increase their capacity and reduce the identified shortfall. Ancillary facilities or site improvements may help too, both in terms of capacity, and participation (for example, improved disability and gender specific changing facilities). The same is true for club tennis courts and bowling greens, though more of these are currently of high quality. The PPOSS identifies 20 priority sites for football grass pitch improvements, mostly Sefton Council pitch sites, for example, and a number of sites for improved ancillary facilities.
- 3.4 The emphasis on improving provision by improving quality is broadly welcomed, although not without its challenges given existing resource constraints, for example for pitch maintenance. However, PPOSS recommendations F3 and F4 refer to the role of the Football Foundation (FF)'s PitchPower app to assist in the improvement and ongoing maintenance of provision, and to support for clubs which maintain their own pitches to access support through the FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund, respectively. The PPOSS also provides a strategic context to help direct or justify the spend of s106 monies linked to development.
- 3.5 It should be recognised that the provision shortfalls identified in the PPOSS are based on national assumptions. Even if there is an identified Sefton shortfall and some sites are seen as overplayed, in practice almost all the relevant matches do take place on these pitch sites (weather or other considerations aside): few Sefton clubs use facilities outside Sefton because of Sefton shortfalls.
- 3.6 An exception to the PPOSSs emphasis on improving provision by improving quality, rather than providing new, is in relation to 3G pitches – mostly for football, but also relevant to rugby. The PPOSS identifies a current shortfall of thirteen 3G pitches in Sefton (and a 13.5 future shortfall); 4 in Bootle & Netherton (4.5 in future), 2 in Crosby, 3.5 in Formby, 1 in Sefton East and 2.5 in Southport. This reflects the long-term ambition of the Football Association (FA) to provide every FA-affiliated team in England with the opportunity to train once a week on a sports lit 3G

surface, secured through a community use agreement. The assumption used in the PPOSS is that one 3G pitch can support 38 teams.

- 3.7 The PPOSS identifies around 20 sites which could, in theory, be suitable to meet the identified shortfall of 3G pitches. These are mostly school sites but include some playing fields, shown in Annex B to this report. However, it must be noted that this list is a starting point for discussion and should not be seen to mean that any 3G site listed would be funded or supported by the Council or others through to 3G implementation.
- 3.8 The PPOSS itself states that a full range of 3G feasibility assessments would need to be made. The range of matters would include site characteristics (for example ground conditions, flooding), sports, financial, planning (for example, highways impacts, impacts on neighbours) and other issues (for example, Sport England have strict national criteria for the replacement of a grass pitch with a 3G pitch). The PPOSS is also clear that these assessments should be in consultation with the sports' National Governing Bodies, Sport England and the Council, and that this list of sites and should be updated as the PPOSS is reviewed.
- 3.9 The PPOSS also identifies a shortfall in rugby pitch provision. World Rugby [WR] compliant 3G pitches have a different, more costly, specification to 3G football pitches but can be used for rugby and football. The PPOSS recommends that opportunities be explored with Firwood Waterloo and Southport rugby clubs and providers of existing or new 3G pitches to secure WR compliant 3G provision.
- 3.10 It is considered to be the role of future more focussed work to set out a 3G pitch implementation strategy in Sefton. The relevant Council departments also may wish to take forward and further consolidate other relevant PPOSS recommendations (for example, grass pitch quality, or parks' tennis court initiatives and improved disability and gender specific changing facilities and infrastructure to encourage greater female and disabled participation) as a series of focussed reports, plans and/or priorities.
- 3.11 Sport England guidance emphasises the need for on-going monitoring and review of PPOSSs to keep them up to date. The guidance recommends annual review, and states that this should not be seen as a particularly resource intensive task (especially compared to the preparation of a full PPOSS). The guidance indicates that where such a review finds only minor changes with little impact on the PPOSS, a very short Progress and Update paper could be provided. Alternatively, the changes identified may suggest a need for a partial review and update focussing on a particular sport, pitch type and or sub area. The guidance states that if annual reviews are carried out it should become clear when changes significantly affect the Strategy; at this stage a full review may be required.
- 3.12 It is recommended that the Council should make an on-going commitment to lead regular Steering Group meetings, monitoring and annual review of the PPOSS, with a lead officer of Assistant Director or similar level, supported by the cross-departmental working group involved in the preparation of the PPOSS. This is of course subject to the agreement and participation of other Steering Group partners. It is considered that monitoring and annual review would be the most cost- and resource-effective approach moving forward, to make sure that the

PPOSS remains up to date for as long as possible, to fulfil its purposes set out in paragraph 1.3 above.

4. Next steps and recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approved the recommendation to:
 - 1) Approve the 2023 Sefton Playing Pitch and Open Space Strategy, to replace the 2016 Playing Pitch Strategy.
- 4.2 Key service areas with responsibilities for delivery of elements of the PPOSS, notably Green Sefton and Communities, will play an active role in the ongoing engagement and outputs with Steering Group partners, within the context of resources available to deliver.

ANNEX A: PPOSS: overview of the assessment of provision compared to need (supply/demand balance) (from Tables 1.2 & 1.3, PPOSS report)

Settlement area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Football (grass pitches)			
Bootle & Netherton	Adult	Shortfall of 7	Shortfall of 7
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 4	Shortfall of 8.5
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 5.5	Shortfall of 5.5
	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2	Spare capacity of 2
Crosby	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.5
	Youth 11v11	At capacity	Shortfall of 2
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 2	Shortfall of 2
	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 8	Spare capacity of 8
	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Formby	Adult	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.5
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 5	Shortfall of 6.5
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 6.5	Shortfall of 6.5
	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Sefton East	Adult	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 1.5
	Youth 9v9	At capacity	At capacity
	Mini 7v7	At capacity	At capacity
	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Southport	Adult	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 1
	Youth 11v11	At capacity	Shortfall of 1.5
	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 1.5	Spare capacity of 1.5
	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 1	Spare capacity of 1
	Mini 5v5	At capacity	At capacity
Sefton as a whole	Adult	Shortfall of 11	Shortfall of 11
	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 10	Shortfall of 20
	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 12.5	Shortfall of 12.5
	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 9	Spare capacity of 9
	Mini 5v5	Spare capacity of 2	Spare capacity of 2

Football (3G pitches)		
Settlement area	Current supply/ demand balance (number of full size pitches)	Future supply/ demand balance (number of full size pitches)
Bootle & Netherton	Shortfall of 4	Shortfall of 4.5
Crosby	Shortfall of 2	Shortfall of 2
Formby	Shortfall of 3.5	Shortfall of 3.5
Sefton East	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 1
Southport	Shortfall of 2.5	Shortfall of 2.5
Sefton as a whole	Shortfall of 13	Shortfall of 13.5

Settlement area	Pitch type	Current supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)	Future supply/ demand balance (match equivalent sessions)
Cricket			
Bootle & Netherton	Saturday	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 12
	Sunday	Spare capacity of 37	Spare capacity of 37
	Midweek	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 12
Crosby	Saturday	Shortfall of 24	Shortfall of 24
	Sunday	Spare capacity of 1	Spare capacity of 1
	Midweek	Spare capacity of 97	Spare capacity of 97
Formby	Saturday	Shortfall of 17	Shortfall of 17
	Sunday	Shortfall of 17	Shortfall of 17
	Midweek	Shortfall of 17	Shortfall of 17
Sefton East	Saturday	At capacity	At capacity
	Sunday	Spare capacity of 21	Spare capacity of 21
	Midweek	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 6
Southport	Saturday	Shortfall of 41	Shortfall of 41
	Sunday	Shortfall of 30	Shortfall of 30
	Midweek	Shortfall of 9	Shortfall of 9
Sefton as a whole	Saturday	Shortfall of 70	Shortfall of 70
	Sunday	Spare capacity of 12	Spare capacity of 4
	Midweek	Spare capacity of 95	Spare capacity of 49
Rugby union			
Bootle & Netherton	Senior	Shortfall of 3	Shortfall of 3
Crosby		Shortfall of 3	Shortfall of 3
Formby		At capacity	At capacity
Sefton East		At capacity	At capacity
Southport		Shortfall of 6.25	Shortfall of 6.25
Sefton as a whole		Shortfall of 12.25	Shortfall of 12.25
Rugby league			
Sefton as a whole	Senior	No demand so no provision required	No demand so no provision required
Hockey (sand AGPs)			
Sefton as a whole	Full size	No shortfall	No shortfall if additional access to Greenbank High School is sought.

Current picture for Sefton as a whole	Future picture for Sefton as a whole
Tennis	
Tennis: There is a theoretical shortfall of capacity for Formby Village Tennis Club at its current venue. In addition, there is a requirement to focus on informal activity at non-club courts and improving the recreational tennis offer (e.g., at town and parish council sites).	Tennis: Position remains the same unless recreational improvements are undertaken. Southport and Birkdale TC and Formby LTC could also have theoretical capacity issues if future recruitment aspirations are achieved.

Current picture for Sefton as a whole	Future picture for Sefton as a whole
Bowls	
Bowls: A sufficient supply of greens exists in Sefton to accommodate existing levels of demand. There are currently 13 known unused bowling greens at eight sites across Sefton.	Bowls: A sufficient supply of greens exists in Sefton to accommodate future levels of demand. There are 13 known unused bowling greens at eight sites across Sefton, unless any are lost for development or become used.

ANNEX B: Potential site options for new 3G pitches (from Table 5.12, PPOSS report): see the explanation in paragraphs 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9 of the main Cabinet Report

Bootle and Netherton

Litherland Sports Park
 LCFA Sefton
 Netherton Activity Centre
 Savio Salesian College
 Stuart Road Playing Field

Crosby

Holy Family High School
 Sacred Heart High School
 St Michaels Church of England High School

Formby

Deansgate Lane Playing Fields
 Formby High School
 Range High School

Sefton East

Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School, Aintree
 Maghull High School
 Sandy Lane Playing Field, Lydiate
 Maricourt Catholic High School, Maghull

Southport

Birkdale High School
 Christ the King High School
 Meols Cop High School
 Stanley High School
 Ferryside Lane/ Bank End Park