

1. What is the Playing Pitch Strategy and how was it developed?

Ans: The [Playing Pitch Strategy \(PPS\)](#) is a strategic assessment that provides an up to date analysis of supply and demand for outdoor playing pitches (grass and artificial) in West Berkshire. This leads on to a set of recommendations for the future development of sports facilities in our area. Our PPS was prepared by [4global consulting](#) following a successful application for grant funding and was based on the 2013 Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance as recognised best practice. Following detailed discussions, the PPS was signed off in December 2019 by Sport England, the Football Association (through the Berks and Bucks FA), the England and Wales Cricket Board, England Hockey and the Rugby Football Union. The PPS was approved by Executive at its meeting on 13 February 2020.

2. How will the PPS be monitored and reviewed and how will its recommendations be delivered?

Ans: The last stage of the strategy, Stage E, is the ongoing monitoring and review – this we will do at least on an annual basis with the national Governing Bodies. For example, football will be represented in the process by the Football Association, through the Berks and Bucks FA (as the representative body for football in this area). They will bring to the table any changes in requirements they identify within their sport. We will seek the right quantity and the right quality of playing surfaces, as far as available resources allow.