

Title of meeting:	Culture, Leisure and Economic Development Decision Meeting
Date of meeting:	6 October 2023
Subject:	Strategic Outcomes Plan for Sport and Physical Activity in Portsmouth
Report by:	Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services
Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To present the Strategic Outcomes Plan for Sport and Physical Activity in Portsmouth. This document takes a structured approach to demonstrating the evidential basis for capital investment decisions in Portsmouth. It uses the Sport England Strategic Outcome Planning Guidance (SOPG) methodology which has been widely used across England since its launch in July 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the cabinet member adopts the Strategic Outcomes Plan as the council's strategic basis for capital investment in sports and leisure facilities in Portsmouth. This does not commit the council to any specific expenditure but is of significant value because it demonstrates that a citywide strategic vision has been developed to inform sound investment decisions by the council and its funding partners.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Covid-19 pandemic was devastating for communities and made abundantly clear the importance of providing an active environment which supports physical and mental health. The recovery of grassroots sport, physical activity and wellbeing is still ongoing and has resulted in a change of focus for public sector sports and leisure facility providers and operators.
- 3.2. Sport England responded by launching their new 10-year strategy 'Uniting the Movement' which placed the emphasis on active environments (rather than just facilities) and addressing the under-represented groups (eg women and girls, older people, young people, people with disabilities and people with low income).
- 3.3. As other councils are doing, Portsmouth City Council acknowledges that the sports and leisure service needs to adapt to meet the needs of the city's communities and it is now more important than ever that the council's resources are most effectively deployed given the financial challenges faced today.

- 3.4. Sport England's SOPG model describes the stages and approach needed to ensure investment best meets local strategic outcomes and the needs of the community, but importantly recognises the challenges faced in terms of resourcing. It is the gold standard for local authorities seeking to make impactful investments into the health and wellbeing of residents.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1. Sport England states that there has never been a more pressing need to secure a sustainable future for local authority leisure and wellbeing facilities and services. They go on to state that this will in many cases require significant reviews of current provision and the outcomes delivered.
- 4.2. This document lays the foundation for a long-term alignment of Portsmouth's sports and leisure facilities with the needs of the city's residents. It deals with the capital investment requirements to secure facilities for the next 10 or more years, and demonstrates that the investment decisions that have been made and will be made are sound ones with a strong evidence base.
- 4.3. It will be followed by refreshed strategy documents - the Sports Facilities Strategy and the Playing Pitch Strategy - once the current round of capital investment is complete. These documents will provide detail into how the council's sports and leisure service will be delivered. These strategies will incorporate action plans which will build on the strategic foundation developed in this plan and provide the basis for sport and leisure development activity for the following 10 years. The strategies will be brought to this committee for approval and adoption.

5. Integrated impact assessment

- 5.1. IIA (IA543462910) attached at appendix 2

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. The scope and purpose of the Strategic Outcomes Plan are described in the body of this report.
- 6.2. There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendation in the report as the Plan does not commit the Council to any specific new investment or expenditure in respect of particular projects or schemes at this stage.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1 Any proposals that are going to be taken forward as a result of the consideration of this strategy will be assessed from an operational and financial perspective. Any proposals that have financial implications will be appraised and any required funding will need to be identified. Capital bids can be put forward for funding towards delivering projects in line with the Strategic Outcomes Plan for Sports and Physical Activity.

.....

Signed by:
Stephen Baily
Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Strategic Outcomes Plan for Sport and Physical Activity in Portsmouth
Appendix 2 - Integrated Impact Assessment

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Sport England (2021). Strategic outcomes planning guidance.	https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/strategic-outcomes-planning-and-leisure-services

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

.....

Signed by:
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Economic Development