

## **Report to LED Monitoring Forum – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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### **Topic: Leisure Strategy's**

#### Background

The Council's last Leisure Strategy was produced some 15yrs ago at the time of the creation of Leisure East Devon (LED) as a trust and so now requires an up-to-date overarching strategy to highlight our ambitions, and give future direction for sport, leisure and physical activity provision and support across the District.

When considering what our Leisure Strategy should look like and achieve for the Council it is worth considering that we already have in place the following adopted plans and strategies that will feed into and overlap the scope of a Leisure Strategy:

- East Devon Public Health Plan
- EDDC Green Space Plan
- Public Open Space Strategy
- Play Areas Strategy (being reviewed)

The recent Cabinet meeting in January has agreed the development of a Leisure Strategy to be prepared using external Consultants

#### LED Monitoring Forum discussion

The following areas to lead into a wider discussion within the Forum:

- This work could form part of the contract work with Strategic Leisure Ltd who are currently carrying out the audit of LED's monthly income support claims to EDDC
- To discuss if this Strategy should consider what a future leisure provision should look like going forward and how it best serves our communities as well as our ability to provide long term financial support.
- To agree the process of monitoring, reviewing and adopting the preparation of a Leisure Strategy.
- To consider the 2 Strategy's attached to the Forum papers and provide a steer on which model best suits EDDC's purposes – a Leisure Strategy or a Leisure Facilities Strategy

#### Recommendation

It is proposed that the LED Monitoring Forum considers and recommends the process for developing a Leisure Strategy and the use of external Consultants to develop the document.