

## Report to LED Monitoring Forum:

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### **Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance (SOPG) DIAGNOSTIC final report**

#### **Report summary:**

The purpose of the SOPG Diagnostic is to provide a position statement for East Devon DC to illustrate where they are in the process of thinking about, and planning for physical activity and leisure provision over the next 5-10 years. The document attached to the report is the final version having been out to consultation and now been updated with those comments from the consultation process. It is now presented as a final version ready for the LED Monitoring Forum to recommend to Cabinet to formally approve to enable the Council to start the work on the Leisure and Built Facilities Strategy.

This is following Sport England's guidance on their recommended steps to developing a Leisure Strategy, the SOPG Diagnostic report will provide the scope and important baseline information towards East Devon DC's Leisure Strategy development.

The process and draft versions of the SOPG Diagnostic have been considered by the LED Monitoring Forum through previous meetings and the purpose of the report is well understood as a result by the Forum.

#### **Is the proposed decision in accordance with:**

Budget Yes  No

Policy Framework Yes  No

#### **Recommendation:**

Recommend to Cabinet to approve the Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance (SOPG) DIAGNOSTIC report.

#### **Reason for recommendation:**

To enable East Devon District Council to move onto preparing and developing its Leisure and Built Facilities Strategy in accordance with Sport England's guidance.

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#### Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Tourism, Sport, Leisure & Culture
- Democracy, Transparency and Communications
- Economy and Assets
- Finance

- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk;

**Links to background information** LED report on Cloakham Lawns

**Link to [Council Plan](#):**

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
  - Outstanding Homes and Communities
  - Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
  - Outstanding Council and Council Services
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## **Purpose of report**

### **The SOPG Diagnostic will:**

Provide an overview of the District:

- Headline demographic, health and socio economic review of the district
- Review of any existing needs assessment/supply/demand surveys
- Existing participation and activity levels and trends; what are the gaps? Who is inactive, where and why?
- Review of local and regional strategies and policies specifically relating to health and wellbeing, plus corporate plan and local plan (and any specific housing development proposals that may impact future demand)
- Identify local priorities and why these are important- what does East Devon DC want to achieve through the provision of physical activity and leisure and why?
- Identify the Shared Outcomes to be achieved in relation to health and well-being
- Identify gaps in existing evidence base

Describe what EDDC currently provides, where and how

- Site visits of all East Devon DC's facilities including dual use sites (Subject to Covid restrictions)
- Map all facilities by type and location
- Review the community outreach service
- The current arrangements with Leisure East Devon (LED)
- What that delivers in terms of throughput and social value
- The current cost of the service
- Review of each facility in relation to key strategic factors: meeting local need; community capacity; usage; whether adjacent/competition with other provision; financial (cost, investment, income generation); building condition; catchment areas; key users e.g. schools for curriculum delivery; dual use management arrangements/operating hours etc
- Run Sports Facility Calculator (SFC) to assess indicative future need

Stakeholder consultation

- engage with identified key strategic stakeholders to get their views on the challenge and opportunities for East Devon DC in terms of physical activity and leisure provision

Assess where East Devon DC is now in terms of provision compared to need and opportunities and where it is compared to the SOPG process; this will identify key elements of work that are needed to underpin a future strategic approach to provision and delivery

On the basis of the above:

- Identify the scope for the Leisure Strategy
- Identify the focus for the Leisure Strategy- what are the key issues to be explored?
- Develop headline options
- Identify suggested timeline and next steps
- Draft and final report

### Summary

This process has now been completed and the SOPG Diagnostic report has now been finalised and is ready for approval.

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### **Financial implications:**

This report has been discussed prior to its publication through a presentation to the Forum. From this Cabinet and Council have approved and budget to progress with a Leisure and Built Facility Strategy.

### **Legal implications:**

It is for Cabinet to approve the SOPG Diagnostic Report. There are no other legal implications requiring comment.