

Title: The Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy	
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Finance narrative: This report summarises the Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy and requests approval to progress this strategy through the decision making pathway to Cabinet for formal adoption. No financial implications or commitments arise at this stage from this strategy. Going forward, any consequent investment projects would be presented separately with fully developed business cases to include cost effective models for the future provision of facilities and service.

Finance Officer: Jemma Prince – Interim Finance Business Partner (10/10/17)

Summary of issue / proposal: The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet members that public consultation on the draft Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy has now been completed. The consultation received 125 responses and although a few individual comments were received, the overarching response was agreement with the key findings and strategic direction of the strategy.

Officers are now seeking for the final draft strategy to be formally adopted by the Council.

Summary of proposal & options appraisal:

1. The Playing Pitch Strategy will contribute towards the objectives in the new Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, and the outcome of achieving alternative and more cost effective models for the delivery of service provision. It will be used to secure external funding from Sport England and National Governing Bodies for Sport (NGB's) towards new and enhanced facilities.
2. There are no financial commitments arising from the development of this strategy. Any future investment decisions for playing pitches and ancillary facilities will be subject to an agreed business case and funding.
3. It will link directly to the emerging approach for parks and open spaces and contributes directly towards the Bristol:Sport4Life Strategy (Attractive City) of which its successful completion is identified as a priority outcome.
4. The current financial challenges see the Council under increasing pressure to deliver more cost effective and efficient services. For playing pitch provision this will mean working with providers such as schools and other organisations to ensure their grass pitches are accessible and available for community use.
5. Across parks and open spaces it will mean rationalising changing provision to ensure only relevant ancillary facilities are provided, strategically located and managed in the most cost effective way and where opportunities exist to provide alternative management arrangements
6. In developing the draft Playing Pitch Strategy, Sports Officers have followed the Sport England methodology to ensure a comprehensive overview of Bristol's pitches has been developed. This methodology is the preferred methodology followed by local authorities.
7. A project steering group has been set up to support the development of the work which includes council officers from sports, planning and parks, the regional planning officer from Sports England and regional National Governing Body (NGB's) officers from football, rugby, cricket and hockey.

8. A needs assessment has been undertaken in consultation with Clubs, NGB's and Sport England, to establish the quantity, quality, availability and accessibility of all playing pitches across Bristol (regardless of ownership) in order to fully understand and help evidence the strategic need for pitch provision. For example, questionnaires have been sent out to all sports clubs and schools. Telephone calls have taken place with some of the larger clubs and providers.
9. On-site quality assessments have been undertaken on all pitches, both public and private, in accordance with sports specific criteria set out in Sport England's guidance.
10. A twelve week public consultation has been completed where overwhelmingly the responses agreed with the contents in each section. Suggesting that the PPS has accurately reflected the situation in Bristol with regards to playing pitches.
11. An equalities impact assessment forms part of this strategy work.
12. The strategy supports the Council in providing the right combination of playing pitches to meet the current and future needs of the city's population and to increase participation in playing pitch sports through offering the best player/participant experience possible in terms of playing pitches and ancillary facilities at the most cost effective price to both the user and provider.
13. Bristol City Council faces significant budget pressures and as such must re-think how it delivers all aspects of playing pitch provision. The issues relating to BCC owned pitch provision are encapsulated in a "five point review".
14. The five point review will look at various scenarios that may include a combination of the following:
 - A reduction in the level of service provided by the BCC Parks team (for example, goal posts left out all season)
 - An increase in cost to the user for facility / pitch hire
 - An increase in the user undertaking tasks themselves (such as putting up goal nets and cleaning changing rooms)
 - Some changing facilities being closed
 - Some changing facilities being improved / invested in
 - Some teams moving to sites more suitable for their needs (for example changing rooms are not a league requirement for most of the youth leagues).
15. The above information is explicit in the draft Playing Pitch Strategy. Along with the wider data set, it lays the foundation to start planning changes to BCC pitch provision. The five point review is also consistent with the Parks public consultation.
16. In addition further benefits include:
 - Having evidence to help protect and enhance existing provision.
 - Being able to inform the assessment of planning applications and proposed developments, both within the city and the surrounding areas.
 - Being able to understand changes to the supply of provision due to education capital programmes (specifically primary school supply).
 - Being able to address budgetary pressures by seeking to ensure the most efficient and cost effective management and maintenance of playing pitch provision.
 - Identifying priority list of deliverable projects which will help to meet any current deficiencies, provide for future demands and feed into wider infrastructure planning work.
 - Being able to prioritise any internal and external capital and revenue investment.
 - Being able to adopt a 'strategic approach' to getting the right facilities in the right places, to maximise existing budgets and attract investment from other sources including NGBs and lottery funding.
17. The Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy reflects the current pitch provision situation but also provides a

structure and toolkit to repeat the process in coming years. This is important as Sport England has a policy of resisting the loss of all or any part of a playing field, unless one of five exceptions is met. One of these exceptions is that:

“A carefully quantified and documented assessment of current and future needs has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Sport England that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport.”

18. The current strategy has identified a decrease in adult football teams, an increase in artificial grass pitches and plenty of room to improve the current stock of playing pitches (which enables them to service more games in a week/year). If these trends continue and pitches are improved, there should be more flexibility in the facility stock in the coming years.

Recommendation(s) / steer sought:

- For Cabinet to formally adopt the draft Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy 2017-2022.

City Outcome:

Improved Health: Provision of playing pitches and their ancillary facilities.

1. Bristol will have the right combination of playing pitches to meet the current and future needs of the city's population.
2. Bristol will have increased participation in playing pitch sports through offering the best player/participant experience possible in terms of playing pitches and ancillary facilities at the most cost effective price to both the user and provider.
3. The Playing Pitch Strategy will contribute towards the objectives in the new Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, and the outcome of achieving alternative and more cost effective models for the delivery of service provision.

Health Outcome summary: This proposal supports the provision of outdoor playing pitches and contributes towards public health priorities and outcomes eg Healthy Weight

Sustainability Outcome summary: The scale of impacts of this proposal are not clear until final decisions are made. There will be potential travel impacts for both users (from relocating sports teams) and staff (reduced maintenance). Closing or refurbishing changing facilities could also reduce energy and water use, but may involve some waste during works.

Mitigation measures include considering travel when allocating teams to pitches, and maintenance, considering energy and water efficient appliances, and applying the waste hierarchy when refurbishing or demolishing changing rooms. Considering drainage, pollutant content, maintenance reduction, and waste when re-surfacing pitches is also important.

The net effects of the proposals are likely to reduce staff travel, maintenance, and resource use, but may increase user travel and waste. The overall impact is likely to be slightly beneficial.

Equalities Outcome summary: This proposal continues to support the provision of outdoor playing pitches and has no adverse impact on equality groups. There will be improved service delivery.

Impact / Involvement of partners: The strategy supports improved service provision in the most efficient and cost effective way. There should be a positive impact on partners such as the National Governing Bodies for Sport (NGB's) and their affiliated clubs who have been engaged throughout the development of the strategy.

Consultation carried out: *Sport England, NGB's, Clubs, Parks, Education, Public Health, Property, Planning, full public consultation*

Legal Consideration:

Consultation - the consultation responses must be taken into account in finalising the decision. The process has complied with the established consultation principles:

- Consultation should occur when proposals are at a formative stage;
- Consultations should give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit intelligent consideration;
- Consultations should allow adequate time for consideration and response;

Cabinet must demonstrate that it has considered the consultation responses, or a summary of them, before taking its decision.

Equality Act - the decision maker must also comply with the Public Sector Equality duty to consider the need to promote equality for persons with “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and have due regard to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation
- advance equality of opportunity
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

In order to do this Cabinet will need to have sufficient information about the effects of the proposed changes on the aims of the Equality Duty. The Equalities impact assessment is designed to assist with compliance with this duty and so Cabinet must take into consideration the assessment and the public sector equality duty before taking the decision.

Legal Officer: *Sinead Willis: Solicitor 12th October 2017*

Reputational Issues: The strategy has the potential to attract media interest and / or negative comment in terms of reduction in services. However these arguments are well rehearsed on the budget challenge and consultations.

Recommend a robust reactive line to take is drafted and agreed offering reassurance about how pitches and facilities are being protected and that the response of the public consultation was overwhelmingly supportive.

Policy/Comms Officer: *Kierstan Lowe*

DLT sign-off	SLT sign-off	Cabinet Member sign-off
Alison Comely (11/10/17)	[CEO] (17/10/17)	Mayor [date]

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	YES
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	YES
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix G – Exempt Information	NO

Appendix A (Essential Background)

Background & Context.

1. The availability of a sufficient number and quality of playing pitches to provide for the communities current and future sports needs is important in terms of encouraging participation in sport and physical activity, and for general health and well-being.
2. In December 2013 the new Bristol:Sport4Life Strategy was endorsed by the former Mayor and Cabinet as a city-wide strategy for sport and active recreation for the period 2013-2018, based on a vision that Bristol is a successful city of sport and active recreation where people are healthy and motivated to participate for life.
3. The Playing Pitch Strategy will contribute towards the objectives in the new Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, and the outcome of achieving alternative and more cost effective models for the delivery of service provision. It will be used to secure external funding towards facility enhancements.
4. There are no financial commitments arising from the development of this strategy. Any future investment decisions for playing pitches will be subject to an agreed business case and funding.
5. It will link directly to the emerging approach for parks and open spaces and contributes directly towards the Bristol:Sport4Life Strategy (Attractive City) of which its successful completion is identified as a priority outcome.
6. The current financial challenges see the Council under increasing pressure to deliver more cost effective and efficient services. For playing pitch provision this will mean working with providers such as schools to ensure their grass pitches are accessible and available for community use.
7. Across parks and open spaces it will mean rationalising changing provision to ensure only relevant ancillary facilities are provided, strategically located and managed in the most cost effective way. Where opportunities exist to provide alternative management arrangements these will be pursued.
8. The Playing Pitch Strategy solely focusses on playing pitches (natural and artificial), across the four main sports of rugby, football, cricket and hockey and their ancillary facilities such as changing rooms. Once complete it will provide a framework under which to help protect, enhance and provide the right combination of playing pitches and ancillary facilities in order to meet the current and future needs of the city's population in the most cost effective and efficient way.
9. There are a number of drivers for developing the Playing Pitch Strategy including:
 - The need to provide evidence in order to inform decision making where provision and planning assessments are concerned;
 - To help manage budgetary pressures to ensure the most efficient management and maintenance of playing pitch provision is in place;
 - To develop a priority list of potential projects which will help to meet any current deficiencies, provide for future demands and feed into wider infrastructure planning work

- To help prioritise limited internal resources and to secure external funding.
10. The Playing Pitch Strategy considers all c.500 pitches in the city regardless of ownership. It includes the Downs which provides c.30 football pitches. There are over 1100 teams which use the city's pitches.
 11. It primarily covers the Bristol boundary. It does however; also consider those teams who travel outside of Bristol and those teams which travel in to Bristol to play their matches, recognising that the catchment for sports pitches in some cases goes beyond administrative boundaries.
 12. The Playing Pitch Strategy will form part of the evidence base upon which planning policy relating to open space and recreation will be produced. The National Planning Policy Framework requires that planning policies should "*be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision*" (NPPF, para 73). Furthermore, under current planning policy designation, a large proportion of open space is protected as 'Important Open Space'. The Playing Pitch Strategy will be a key tool in defining future designation.

Methodology

13. In developing the draft Playing Pitch Strategy, Sports Officers have followed the Sport England methodology to ensure a comprehensive overview of Bristol's pitches has been developed. This methodology is the preferred methodology followed by local authorities (See Appendix 2)
14. A project steering group has been set up to support the development of the work which includes council officers from sports, planning and parks, the regional planning officer from Sports England and regional National Governing Body (NGB's) officers from football, rugby, cricket and hockey.
15. A needs assessment has been undertaken in consultation with Clubs, NGB's and Sport England, to establish the quantity, quality, availability and accessibility of all playing pitches across Bristol (regardless of ownership) in order to fully understand and help evidence the strategic need for pitch provision. For example, questionnaires have been sent out to all sports clubs and schools. Telephone calls have taken place with some of the larger clubs and providers.
16. On-site quality assessments have been undertaken on all pitches, both public and private, in accordance with sports specific criteria set out in Sport England's guidance.
17. An equalities impact assessment forms part of this strategy work.

Findings

18. The strategy and findings will form part of the Council's evidence base for sport and leisure. It will help frame the priorities for future investment and the continued provision and development of playing pitch provision across Bristol.
19. The evidence base created will be utilised by the Local Planning Authority when considering planning applications in consultation with Sport England as a statutory consultee, who in turn will consult with NGB's for sport as appropriate.

20. The analysis within the strategies will assist in determining the priorities for future work and investment, although playing pitch enhancements or developments will be subject to sources of funding (primarily from external sources) being made available.
21. In accordance with the findings from the needs assessment, potential capital projects have been identified in the event funding becomes available. Progression of any potential projects will be subject to funding being available and both council and sport's governing body criteria being met.
22. As an example, the types of criteria used to determine the priority of one project over another includes; whether the site is a single or multi pitch site, whether the site is in an area of high deprivation, whether the project has the potential to increase participation, whether the project is supported by the Parks department.

Vision, Strategy Recommendations & Action Plan

23. A summary of the vision, key findings, needs, opportunities and challenges is illustrated in Appendix 3.
24. Based on the data, summary comments on the key elements of the supply of sports pitches can be seen at Appendix 4.
25. The strategy provides a range of sport-specific recommendations to address the key issues identified through the assessment of needs and opportunities.
26. As an example, this includes for football, enhancing the large number of poor pitches and changing facilities- specifically the ones most heavily used. For cricket, increasing the number of 'pay and play' facilities to meet the demand from the BME cricketing population. For hockey the need to secure additional training time across the city and to secure additional playing and training time for the development of hockey in the south of the city; and for rugby, to improve the number of poor quality pitches in the city through alternative usage patterns, improved standards of maintenance and capital interventions.
27. The action plans sets out a range of different recommended actions for playing pitch sites in the city, within a defined level of priority. There are sport specific action plans, grouping the actions for the specific sports, as well as site specific action plans that look at each site individually.
32. The strategy and needs assessment will inform decision making and focus any future resources most efficiently and effectively.
33. The Council must re-think how it delivers playing pitch provision. The potential implications of this are addressed by the PPS and will include a five point review:
 - I. A review of the distribution of council-owned pitches. Single pitch sites are more expensive to maintain pro rata than the larger sites, so the PPS steering group will need to examine the levels of use of the smaller sites to confirm that all remain viable.
 - II. The delegated management of pitches and associated facilities to local clubs (asset transfer) offers some potential cost savings, although capacity building within the club sector will be important, to ensure that all clubs taking on the management of

pitches have the financial resources and technical expertise to sustain the operation. A review of possible sites will be undertaken.

- III. A review of all fees and charges related to pitch hire to ensure that these more closely cover the associated cost of delivering grass pitch provision.
- IV. A review of all sites to consider cost effective access systems which avoid disproportionate and expensive staff costs associated with unlocking changing provision at weekends.
- V. A review of existing changing provision which results in investment in and rationalisation of existing provision and where necessary more appropriate ancillary provision being provided.

34. The five point review will look at various scenarios that may include a combination of the following:

- A reduction in the level of service provided by the BCC Parks team (for example, goal posts left out all season)
- An increase in cost to the user for facility / pitch hire
- An increase in the user undertaking tasks themselves (such as putting up goal nets and cleaning changing rooms)
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- Some teams moving to sites more suitable for their needs (for example changing rooms are not a league requirement for most of the youth leagues).

28. The draft strategy has been to public consultation. In summary, partners and all interested parties were asked to consider:

- i. If they feel their sport is accurately represented in terms of the supply (quantity and quality) and demand (number of teams) for pitches in Bristol.
- ii. If the strategy has identified the key priorities and challenges for their sport.
- iii. If they agree with and /or have any views on the citywide overview and the challenges and opportunities identified.

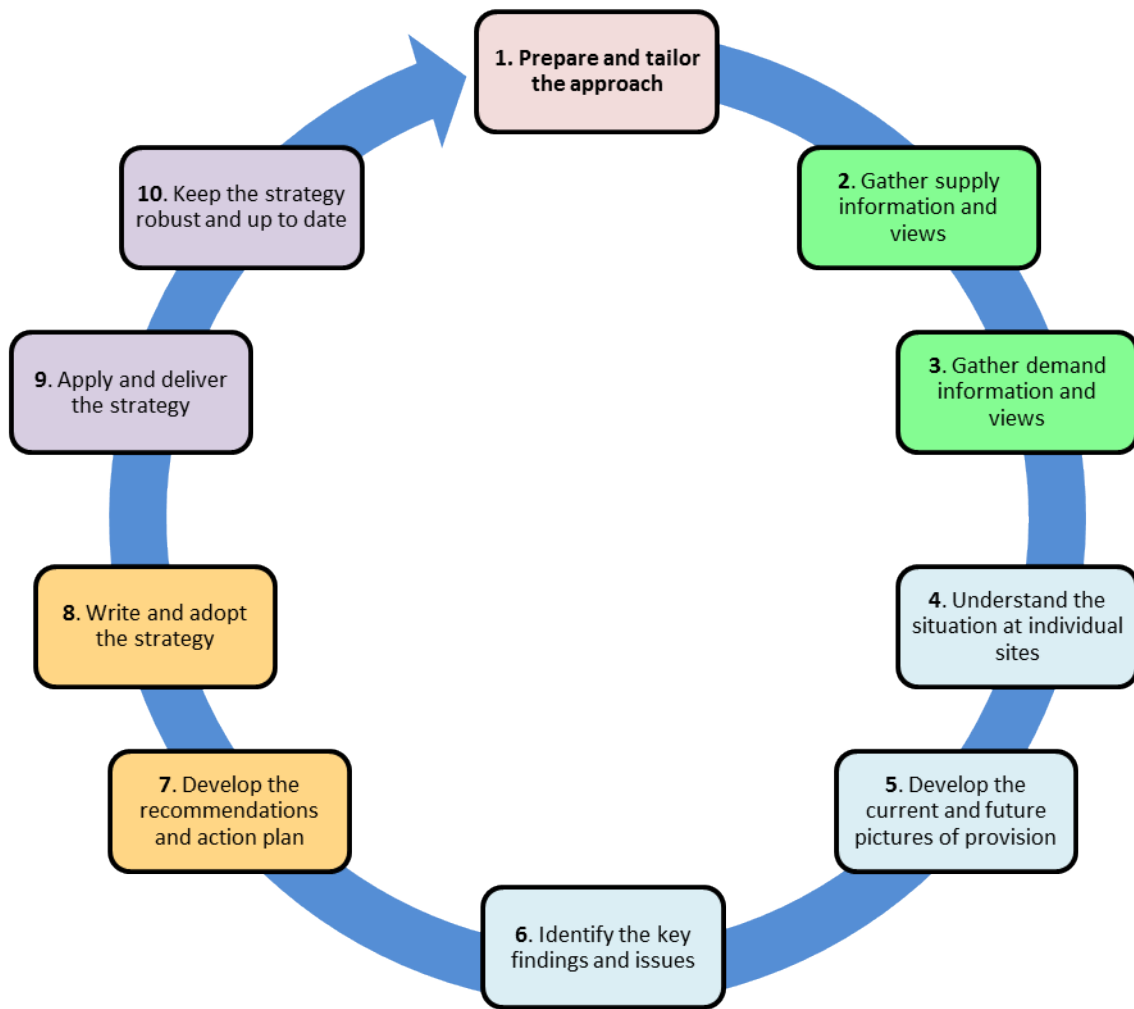
Appendices: Appendix 1: Sport England Methodology

Appendix 2: Executive Summary - Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy Overview

Appendix 3: Summary comments on the key elements of the supply of sports pitches

Appendix 1

Sport England methodology for developing a playing pitch strategy



Appendix 2

Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy Overview

Vision

- To protect, enhance and provide the right combination of playing pitches to meet the current and future needs of the city's population.
- To increase participation in playing pitch sports through offering the best player/participant experience possible in terms of playing pitches and ancillary facilities at the most cost effective price to both the user and provider.

Priority sport specific actions (that reflect the key issues and findings)

	Protect	Enhance	Provide
Cricket	The cricket sites within the Bristol boundary to prevent no further displaced demand out of the city	The quantity, quality and availability of the "pay and play" cricket facility stock to meet the club's needs	New cricket facilities within Bristol to meet the demand from Bristol residents and prevent any further displaced demand out of the Bristol boundary
Football	The overall quantity of pitches in the city to cope with future demand from all age groups	The large number of poor pitches and changing facilities- specifically the ones most heavily used	Develop a balance of adult, youth and mini football pitches that provides the best fit for the city's demands
Hockey	The number and quality of hockey suitable (sand based) AGPs in the city	The number of hours that sand based AGPs are made available for hockey throughout the week	Additional playing and training time for the development of hockey in the south of the city
Rugby Union	The current sites within the Bristol boundary so no more are displaced to outside the city	The large number of poor quality pitches in the city through alternative usage patterns, improved standards of maintenance and capital interventions	Access to 3G artificial grass pitches in strategic locations that are IRB compliant for competitive training and match play

Bristol needs summary

- There is a need to significantly increase the number of "good" standard grass pitches in the city
- BCC Parks need to rationalise changing provision, improve the facilities at selected sites within budget limits and maximise usage of facilities in order to improve cost effectiveness
- There is a need to utilise all pitches in the city regardless of ownership

The big challenges/opportunities

- BCC Parks, who manage and maintain circa 20% of all pitches, face a reduction in it's budget
- A review of all BCC Parks pitch/facility tariffs by the end of 2017/18 season
- To pursue alternative cost effective options for the ongoing provision, management and maintenance of BCC Parks grass pitches and ancillary facilities in line with the tariff review
- New forms of games and changing patterns of demand
- A growing number of rubber crumb AGPs
- Major property developments in areas bordering Bristol boundary

Key messages

- **Pitches should not be considered as sport or age specific but as part of an overall stock of playing field land that can be used for many sports**
- **The overall quantity of pitches (i.e. playing field space) is adequate to meet current and future demand.**

- Considerable work is required to provide the right combination of pitches and to improve the overall quality of pitches and changing provision in the most cost effective way.

Appendix 3

Summary comments on the key elements of the supply of sports pitches

General

- There are a number of pitches that are used but do not have a community use agreement. In theory their owners could stop access at any time which would cause an immediate problem for the teams playing there and a potential knock on effect as these teams search for other pitches.
- There are a large number of good quality pitches owned by independent schools just outside the city boundary in North Somerset that are mostly unused by the community.

Cricket

- There are a relatively low number of cricket pitches in the central & east of the city compared to the north and south.
- Nearly all cricket pitches available to the community have some sort of secured community use agreement.
- Only three cricket pitches have been graded as “poor”.
- Only 4 pitches are available for pay & play cricket. All are in local authority ownership and three of the four are graded as “poor”.
- The majority of cricket pitches have changing facilities graded as “good”.
- There are 26 cricket pitches outside the Bristol boundary used by Bristol based teams (only 29 inside the boundary).

Football

- There is a large stock of mini football pitches that are not available for community use, these are mostly primary school pitches.
- There are 15 adult football pitches available but not used by the community, mostly on school sites.
- There are a low percentage of football pitches graded as “good”.
- The number of pitches graded as “poor” is reasonably high but also considered to be underestimated. This is due to large sites being given an overall PQA score rather than the individual pitches on the sites.
- There are a high percentage of adult football pitches with changing facilities graded as “poor”.
- 85 of 132 adult pitches are owned by the local authority.

Hockey

- The vast majority of sand based AGPs used for hockey are in the north of the city.
- There are considerably less full sized, sand based AGPs in the south and central & east of the city.
- Three pitches that are used do not have a secured community use agreement.
- There are 11 AGPs (nine sand, two water) outside the Bristol boundary used by Bristol based teams, mostly in North Somerset. There are only 10 sand based AGPs in Bristol.
- No hockey clubs in Bristol directly own their own pitch.
- The increase in 3G AGP stock may see an increase in availability of sand based pitches that have been used for football.
- No plans have been identified to build a new sand-based AGP in the city.

Rugby Union

- The majority of mini/midi rugby union is played on senior pitches.
- There are 17 senior rugby union pitches available but not used by the community, mostly on school sites.
- There are a low percentage of rugby pitches graded as “good”.
- There are a high percentage of senior rugby union pitches graded as “poor”.
- None of the rugby specific sites have had their changing facilities assessed as this was not required by the RFU in the methodology.
- There are 26 senior rugby union pitches outside the Bristol boundary used by Bristol based teams.

Artificial Grass Pitches

- In 2016 two sites added six small sided football courts (South Bristol Sports Centre and Horfield Leisure Centre). Both are fully accessible by the community and the sites are owned by Bristol City Council.
- A new full size 3G pitch at Coombe Dingle in 2016 has added to the stock of pitches in the north of the city. In addition to this, two full size 3G pitches will be built in 2017/18 at Bonnington Walk (on the Bristol/South Glos border) with another just over the border in South Gloucestershire at Frenchay (Dings Rugby Club).
- There are considerably less full sized, sand based AGPs in the south and central & east of the city.
- There are a relatively large number of small AGPS in the south of the city. This is due to a privately owned “Goals Soccer Centre” and the new courts at South Bristol Sports Centre.

There is also one of the “Goals Soccer Centres” just outside the northern boundary in South Gloucestershire.

- There are no AGPs graded as “poor” (but little information is available of future planning and sinking funds to maintain this quality).
- In 2015 there was only one 3G AGP in the city that met the FA’s standard for competitive play (St Bedes Catholic College). However this number has swollen with all new pitches meeting this criteria (Coombe Dingle, Oasis John Williams, Bonnington Walk x2).
- In 2015 there were no 3G AGPs in the city that met the RFU’s standards for competitive play. However the Coombe Dingle pitch and both of the new pitches at Bonnington Walk (will) meet this criteria.

Appendix B

PPS Public Consultation Summary

The draft strategy went out to public consultation for a 12 week period, ending on 8th September 2017.

Partners and all interested parties were asked to consider:

- i. If they feel their sport is accurately represented in terms of the supply (quantity and quality) and demand (number of teams) for pitches in Bristol.
- ii. If the strategy has identified the key priorities and challenges for their sport.
- iii. If they agree with and /or have any views on the citywide summary and the challenges and opportunities identified.

The structure of the online survey included two sorts of questions. A simple closed question with a yes / no answer and an open question with a free text box. For example:

Q5. Key drivers Please see the key drivers here (link to document). Do you agree with the contents?

Yes / No

Do you have any views on the contents, or suggestions for additional elements/content?

Free text

Every section of the Playing Pitch Strategy document was consulted on in this way. The Background and Evidence document and the Action Plan were also included but only had one open question of “Any comments on the...”

We received a total of 17 fully completed and returned surveys with another 108 surveys partially completed.

Of the completed surveys, the majority were completed by sports clubs with over 90% agreeing with the contents of each section. This suggests that the PPS has accurately reflected the situation in Bristol with regards to playing pitches.

Individual comments from those that were made included:

- i. Not subsidising adult football
- ii. Should only invest in youth sport
- iii. The need to support small clubs to take on management and ownership of sites
- iv. Focus on larger multi pitch sites rather than the small ones

Internal Consultees

Parks, Education, Public Health, Property, Planning, Equalities

Appendix F

Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: Playing Pitch Strategy

Report author: Guy Fishbourne

Anticipated date of key decision 5th December 2017

Summary of proposals: The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet members that public consultation on the draft Bristol Playing Pitch Strategy has now been completed. The consultation received 125 responses and although a few individual comments were received, the overarching response was agreement with the key findings and strategic direction of the strategy.

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Will the proposal impact on...

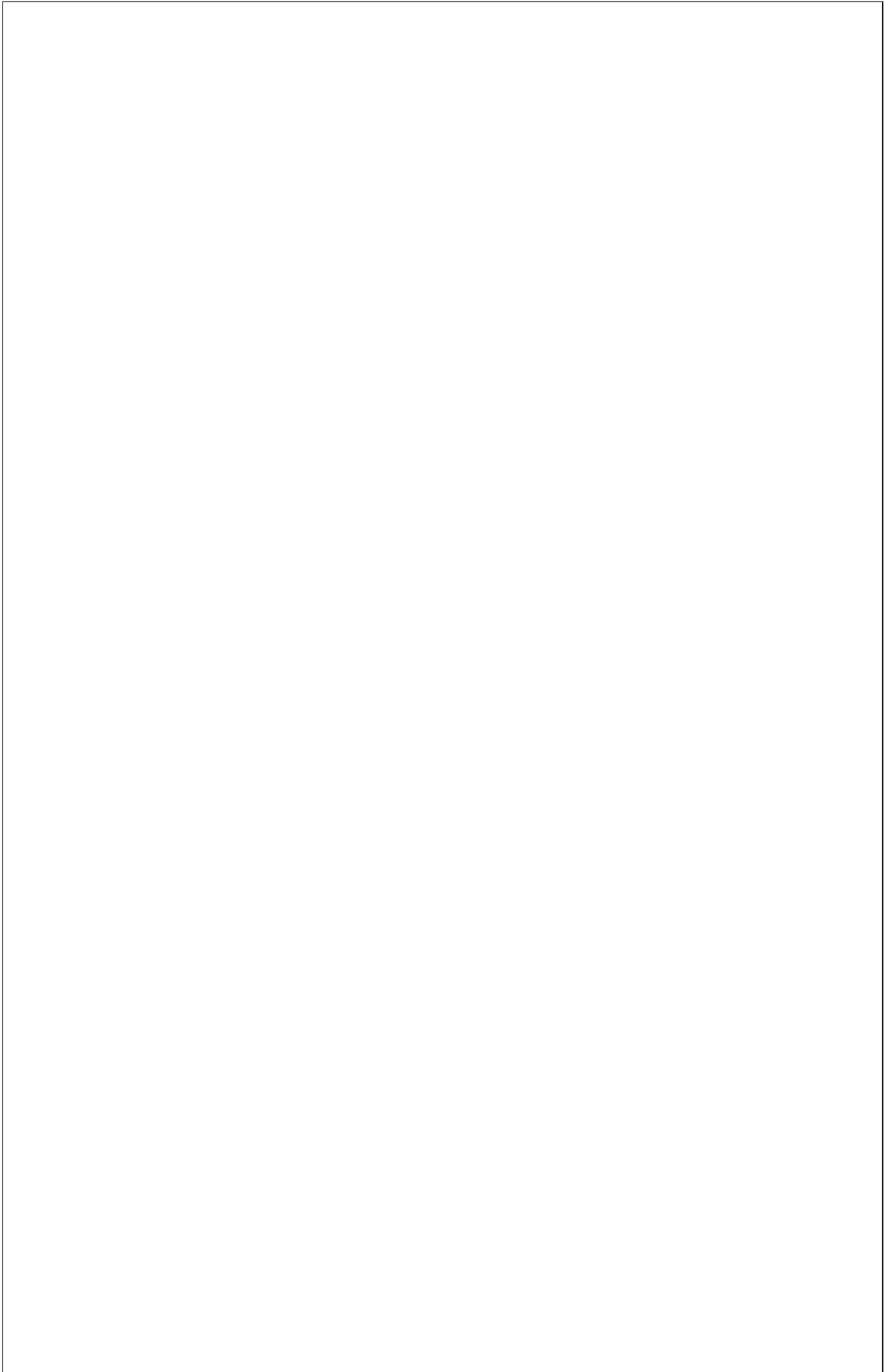
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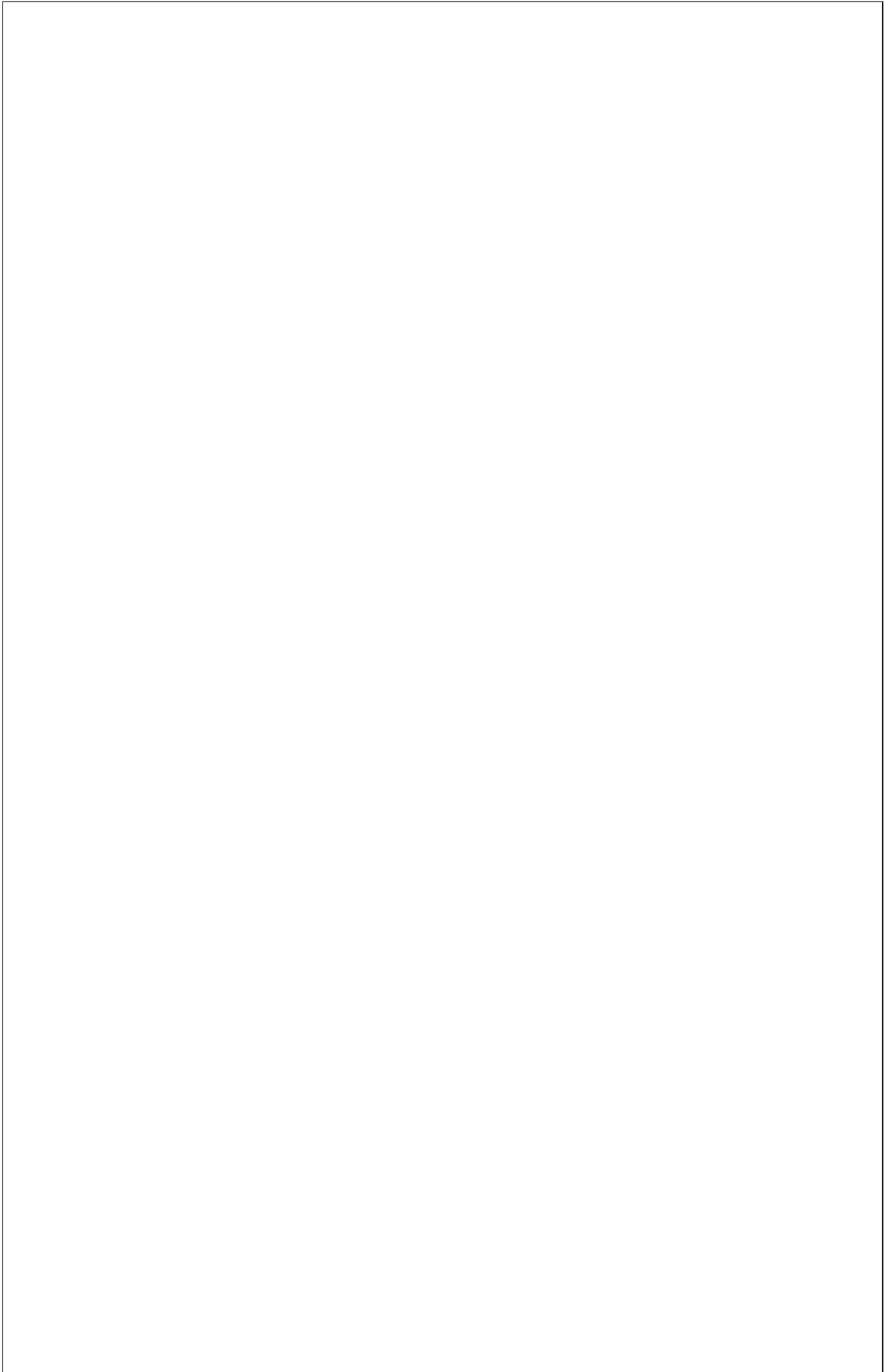
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?



Consumption of non-renewable resources?

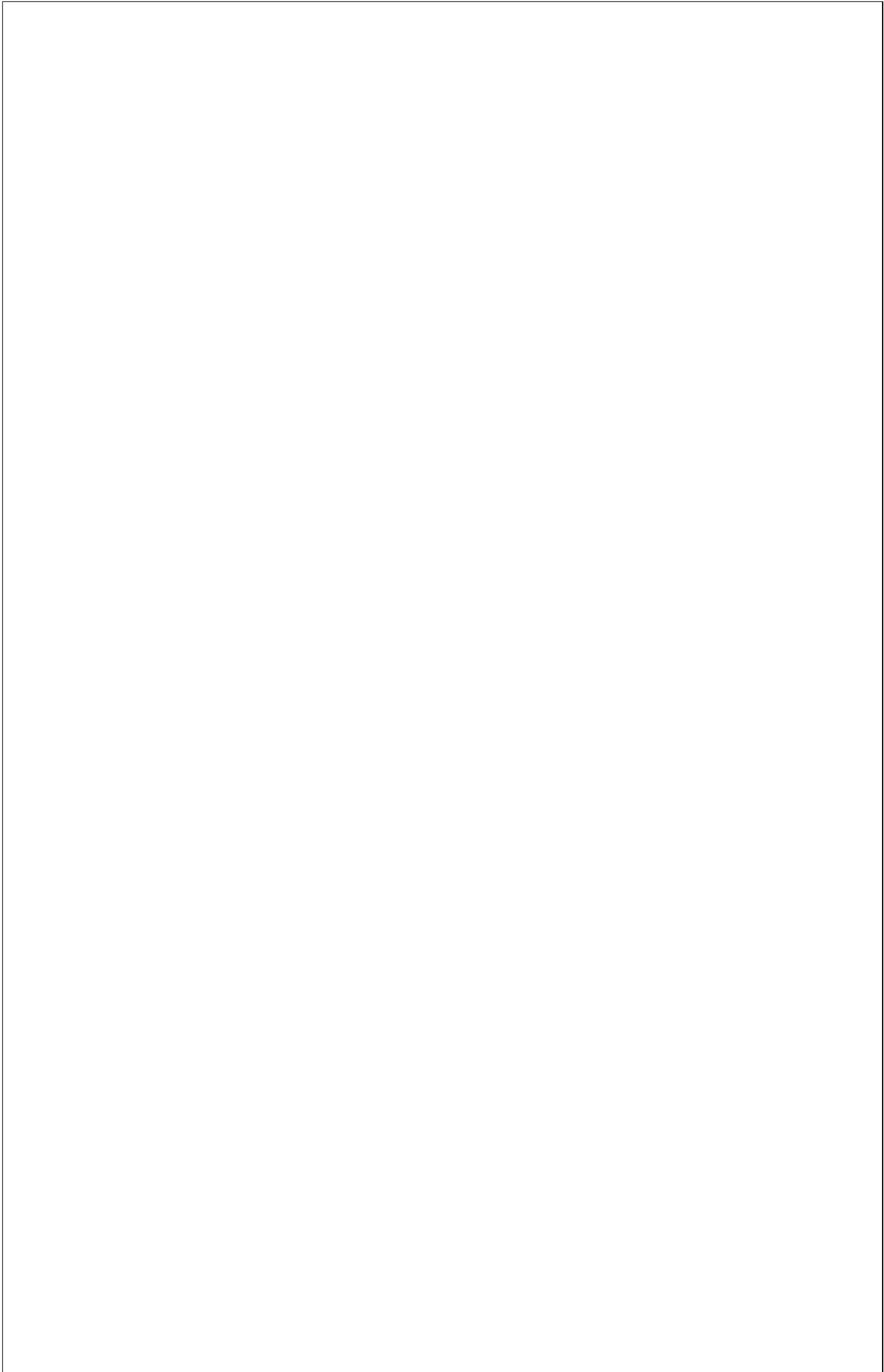


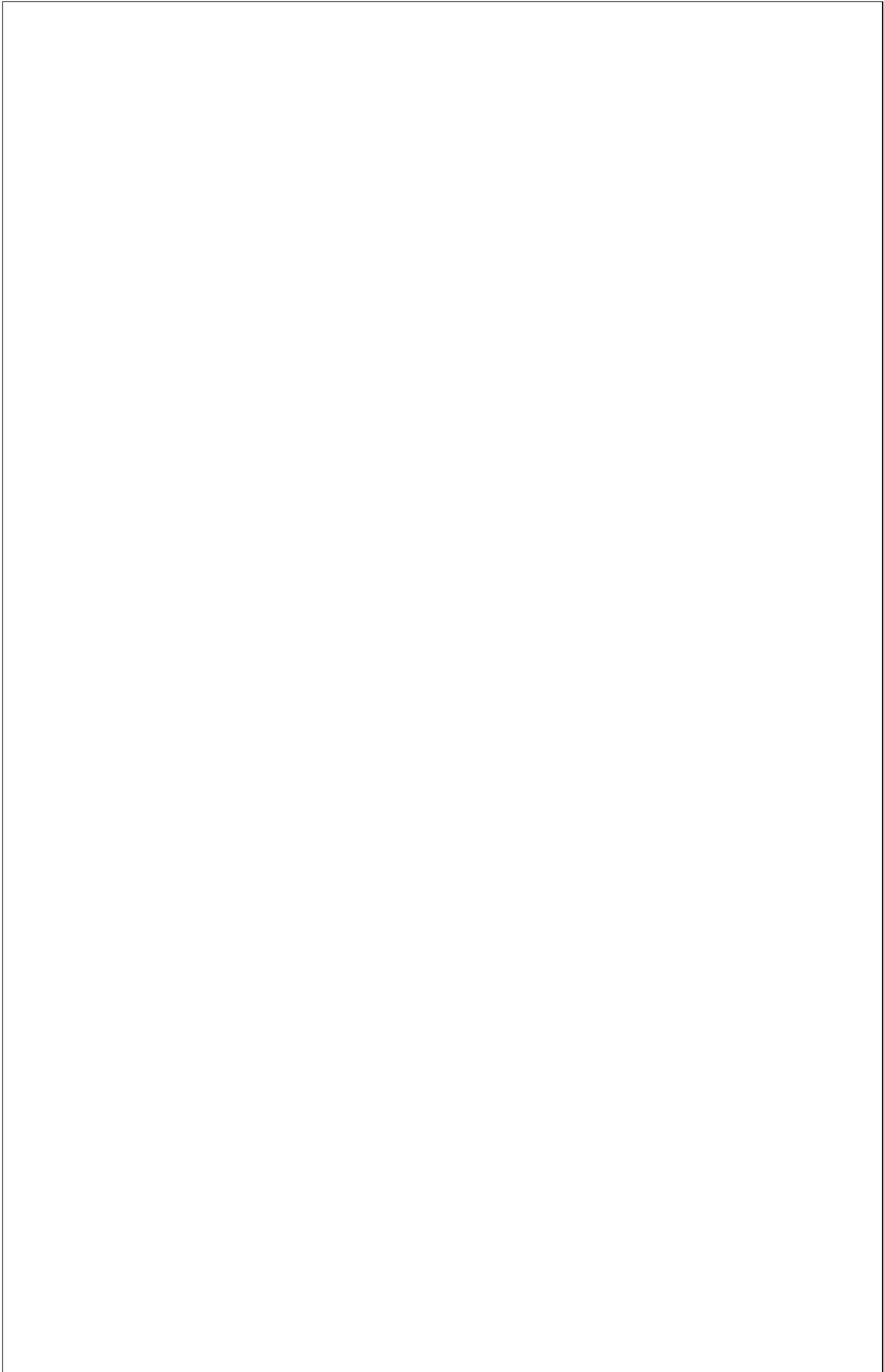




Production, recycling or disposal of waste

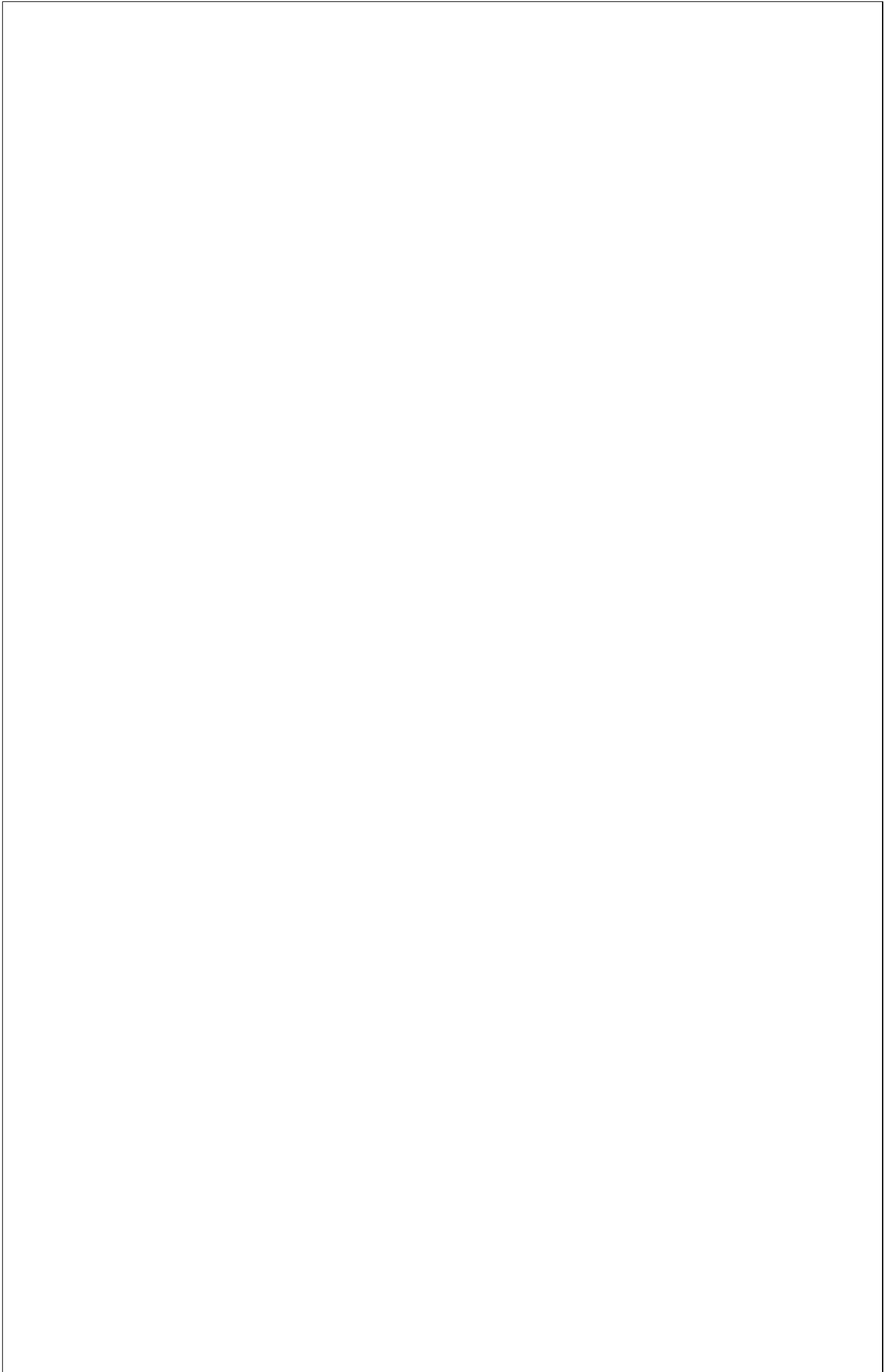








The appearance of the city?







Pollution to land, water, or air?







Wildlife and habitats?

Consulted with:

Summary of impacts and Mitigation - to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report

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Checklist completed by: Guy Fishbourne, Nicola Hares, and Giles Liddell

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