

# Decision Pathway – Report



**PURPOSE:** Key decision

**MEETING:** Cabinet

**DATE:** 03 July 2018

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>A Sport and Active Recreation Facility Strategy (SARFS) for Bristol</b>	
<b>Ward(s)</b>	City Wide	
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<b>Cabinet lead:</b> Councillor Kye Dudd	<b>Executive Director lead:</b> Susan Milner	
<b>Proposal origin:</b> BCC Staff		
<b>Decision maker:</b> Cabinet Member		
<b>Decision forum:</b> Cabinet		
<p><b>Purpose of Report:</b> The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Strategy and to inform Cabinet members that public consultation on the draft SARFS has now been completed. The consultation received 461 responses where the overarching response was that respondents neither agreed nor disagreed with the contents of the strategy document. Public consultation has not resulted in any significant change to the direction of the draft strategy and with the exception of some minor drafting amendments officers are now seeking approval for the final draft strategy to be formally adopted by the Council.</p>		
<p><b>Evidence Base:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The quantity, quality, availability and accessibility of a sufficient number of various sports facilities (both now and in the future) is important for the city in terms of encouraging participation in sport and physical activity, and for general health and well-being.</li> <li>2. The SARFS 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 new and enhanced facilities.</li> <li>3. The main aims of the strategy are to identify the needs and priorities for sports facilities in Bristol, to protect, enhance and provide facility provision to meet these needs and establish clear strategic priorities and actions for sport and active recreation facility provision.</li> <li>4. In developing the draft Sport Facility Strategy, Sports Officers have followed the Sport England methodology to ensure a comprehensive overview of Bristol's sport facilities has been developed.</li> <li>5. A needs assessment has been undertaken in consultation with Clubs, National Governing Bodies for sport and Sport England, to establish the quantity, quality, availability and accessibility of all the relevant sport facilities across Bristol (regardless of ownership) in order to fully understand and help evidence the strategic need for provision.</li> <li>6. Comprehensive information on Bristol's demography, ethnicity, economy, population and sporting profile is covered in the Assessment of Needs and Opportunities and also the Portfolio of Evidence document that supports the Bristol: Sport4Life strategy.</li> <li>7. On-site quality assessments have been undertaken on the majority of facilities, both public and private, in</li> </ol>		

accordance with sports specific criteria set out in Sport England's guidance.

8. An extensive stakeholder consultation exercise has been undertaken by leading leisure consultant Knight Kavanagh and Page.
9. A twelve week public consultation finished on the 22nd February 2018. The consultation was designed to encourage responses on both the overall strategy and/or individual facility types. A total of 461 responses were received with the majority choosing not to answer the questions on the overall strategy document (Appendix B).
10. Out of a total of 38 respondents who disagreed or strongly disagreed with the strategy contents, 22 people commented specifically on not closing Jubilee Pool. The strategy document highlights options for Jubilee Pool.
11. The majority of the responses received were made on specific facilities with the largest number of responses (289) being made on swimming pool provision. The other highest responses were on Sports halls and Cycling facilities/Wheels Parks. Both of these facility types figure prominently in the draft strategy and comments made are generally supportive of the proposals.
12. Swimming pool provision is the topic of most interest to the respondents of the consultation. The main theme to be drawn from the comments is a need for more pool space in general in the city.
13. Responses from the public consultation do not significantly affect the proposals related to major facilities or other actions and opportunities identified in the draft strategy. The issue of swimming pool provision is well documented in the city and the responses/information gained through the consultation will be added to the large amount of information on the topic already gathered.
14. The overall direction of the strategy remains unchanged.

**Recommendations:**

1. That Cabinet notes the outcome of the consultation process
2. That Cabinet approves the the draft Sports and Active Recreation Facility Strategy (2018 – 2023)

**Corporate Strategy alignment:** The Corporate Strategy makes the commitment that Bristol 'Will be a leading cultural city, making culture and sport accessible to all'. It confirms the council's role in promoting opportunity, attracting funding and protecting investment in culture while also facilitating others and states that it will continue to offer good quality services which attract visitors and create places which can host events.

The vision for the city set out in the SARFS sets out Bristol's sports facility priorities for the next five years, which in turn will provide the foundation for the Mayor's 50-year vision.

**City Benefits:**

1. The quantity, quality, availability and accessibility of a sufficient number of various sports facilities (both now and in the future) is important for the city in terms of encouraging participation in sport and physical activity, and for general health and well-being.
2. The current financial challenges see the Council under increasing pressure to deliver more cost effective and efficient services. For sports facility provision this will mean working more closely with the multitude of providers in the sector to ensure the city's facility provision meets current and future demand and that as many facilities as possible (regardless of ownership) are sustainable, accessible and available for community use.

**Consultation Details:**

As part of this work officers have consulted key partners and stakeholders including, Education, Property, Planning, National Governing Bodies for sport, Sport England, County Sports Partnership, Universities, Professional Clubs, Leisure Operators, amateur clubs. A full Councillor briefing has been offered and a twelve week public consultation

undertaken. See appendix B

<b>Revenue Cost</b>	£NA	<b>Source of Revenue Funding</b>	NA
<b>Capital Cost</b>	£NA	<b>Source of Capital Funding</b>	NA
<b>One off cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ongoing cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Saving Proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Income generation proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

**Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:**

**1. Finance Advice:** This report proposes a strategy to identify the needs and priorities for sports facilities in Bristol. No financial commitments arise at this time. Any future investment decisions for sports facilities will be subject to an agreed business case and funding.

**Finance Business Partner:** Jemma Prince - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**2. Legal Advice:** There must be clear evidence that Cabinet has considered the consultation responses in reaching its decision. The report (including the appendices) sets out the consultation process and summarises the outcomes and their impact on the proposed way forward. Cabinet needs to satisfy itself that the report and proposals adequately addresses these issues. In addition the decision must also comply with the Public Sector Equality duty ie 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 the need to i) eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation ii) advance equality of opportunity iii) 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 be satisfied that the report contains sufficient information about the effects of any proposed changes to the sports facility provision on the aims of the Equality Duty. The equalities impact assessment is designed to assist with compliance with this duty.

**Legal Team Leader:** Eric Andrews, Team Leader, Legal Services – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**3. Implications on ICT:** There are no identifiable direct IT implications in this initiative. It is also unlikely that any sub-projects that arise from this may require IT input or support. However, should this prove to be the case, then early engagement with IT, via changes services, will help successful delivery

**ICT Team Leader:** Ian Gale (Head of IT) – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**4. HR Advice:** No anticipated HR implications

**HR Partner:** Celia Williams – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

<b>EDM Sign-off</b>	Alison Comley	25 April 2018
<b>Cabinet Member sign-off</b>	CLlr Kye Dudd	03 May 2018
<b>CLB Sign-off</b>	Jacqui Jenson	15 May 2018
<b>For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off</b>	Mayor's Office	04 June 2018

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

<b>Appendix I – Combined Background papers</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix J – Exempt Information</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix K – HR advice</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix L – ICT</b>	<b>NO</b>