



East Dunbartonshire
Sports Playing Pitch
Assessment & Strategy Report
May 2024

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(timescales: **S** – short (1-2 years), **M** – medium (2-3 years) and **L** - long (3-5 years))

Strategic data & overview				
Issue	Recommended actions	Responsible	Outcomes	Timescales
Implementation of the Strategy.	Steering Group to become a working 'Strategy Implementation and Review Group' (SIR) to address issue of inter-agency strategic co-ordination	EDC, EDLC, sportscotland SGBs as relevant	Improved planning and delivery of pitch provision and management. Improved user experience. More flexible & efficient use of ED Pitches	On-going for 5-year duration of Strategy (with periodic reviews).
Accompanying the Sports Pitch Strategy is a database containing information on outdoor sports pitch facilities sites and users. It is essential that this is kept up to date to enable EDC and EDLC to strategically plan in the medium/long term and respond appropriately to enquiries, funding opportunities etc	EDC and EDLC identify and allocate resources to the maintenance of database records and identify the process and timing required to carry this out	EDC/EDLC	At any given time, the playing pitch database provides a reliably accurate picture of supply of and demand for outdoor sports facilities in East Dunbartonshire	2025 first year review and reviewed annually thereafter

Increasing supply				
Issue	Recommended actions	Responsible	Outcomes	Timescales
There is insufficient full-sized 3G provision in the west, particularly in Milngavie.	Undertake a supply/demand analysis in the west of the Authority to assess the extent of need for additional 3G provision. This will include reviewing current booking sheets and pitch operating times.	EDC/EDLC	To identify whether any additional provision is required in the west or whether operating hours for current pitches be expanded to cater for additional demand.	S

Management of pitches				
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Age of playing surfaces at certain 3G pitches	Monitor school sites where the carpet is over 10 years old to identify when they should be replaced.	EDC	New playing surfaces at certain school sites.	
Different management regimes in operation across pitch providers	Single/unified management regime in East Dunbartonshire for pitch programming	EDC/EDLC	One stop service for pitch user groups - greater clarity regarding pitch supply and demand patterns	S
Charging regimes can appear inconsistent, creating unclear pricing picture for users.	Closer harmonisation of prices across providers	EDC/EDLC/ SPIE	Parity of pricing for like-for-like bookings. Improved clarity for users.	S
Restricted access to/cost of schools based STPs. Includes lack of access to school sites on Sundays. As the game has grown, particularly the women's game, there is additional demand for access to pitches on Sundays. With only the EDLC pitches available on that day, certain clubs are unable to fulfil matches, restricting ability to expand certain sections of their club.	Harmonisation of prices across providers Review current contract between EDC and the schools to identify options to allow access to school sites on a Sunday.	EDC/EDLC/ SPIE	Parity of charging for clubs for STPs Improved clarity for users Reduction in overplay	S
EDC and EDLC have different serial let policies and practice (EDC annual & EDLC every 6 months), creating lack of clarity for users	Agree common policy and practice as part of unified management regime	EDC/EDLC	Parity of arrangement to provide clarity for Clubs	S
Pitch inspection timings/call off procedures for grass pitches causes scramble for pitches close to match day.	Closer co-ordination and improved procedures to resolve the issue for the long term	EDC/EDLC	Clubs experience seamless service to secure them a match pitch.	S

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Lack of a recreational offer in certain areas.	<p>Work with youth services/schools/charities to explore where/how 3G pitches can be used for formal drop-in recreational activities.</p> <p>It must be noted that there needs to be a balance between casual and organised club sessions, to ensure all parties have equal access. In addition, any recreational sessions must be supervised to reduce any concerns regarding facility quality and improper use.</p>	EDC/EDLC	Increase organised youth activities in areas where there is strong demand/high levels of ASB/improper access.	S

Pitches upgrading & maintenance				
Issue	Recommended actions	Responsible	Outcomes	Timescales
Sites identified as requiring investment to upgrade their rating from poor to standard as minimum, need to be targeted for support via capital programme and external funding sources	Develop prioritisation process for informing the EDC Capital Programme process and external funding sources	EDC/EDLC	Planned programme of pitch improvements within capital programme	S-M

Supporting Development				
Issue	Recommended actions	Responsible	Outcomes	Timescales
Larger scale clubs seeking to consolidate activity on single or small number of sites	Work with Football Forum and Rugby Development Group to identify hub sites or single club venues	Sports specific development groups and the SIR Group.	Clubs based at 'home' venues enabling them to concentrate on developing their sport rather than sourcing venues	S-M

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