

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Policy and Performance Board**

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2021**

<b>EXB 31</b>	<b>PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY</b>
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The Board received a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval of Halton’s Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) 2021 – 2037.

Halton’s Playing Pitch Strategy set out the Council’s strategy for identifying and meeting the playing pitch and associated facility needs of the Borough from now, through to 2037. It considered how well the existing playing pitch provision and associated facilities met the needs of communities in terms of supply and demand throughout this time period.

It was noted that the Strategy had been produced in accordance with national planning guidance using the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, which was very rigid in its approach and provided robust and objective justification for future playing pitch provision throughout Halton.

Appended to the report was the *Halton Borough Council Strategy and Action Plan* (appendix 1) which set out a series of initial recommendations for further consideration; and the *Halton Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy Draft Assessment Report* (appendix 2) which set out the latest background information for each sport.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Assessment Report and the accompanying Strategy and Action Plan be approved;
- 2) the Assessment Report and the accompanying Strategy and Action Plan be published on the Council’s website; and
- 3) the Halton Playing Pitch Strategy 2021 – 2037 be the basis for making strategic decisions on future playing pitch provision and associated facilities across the Borough.