

Mansfield District Council

Built Facilities Strategy Stage C - Analysis, Recommendations and Action Plan 2023-2043

Action Plan

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Recommendation 1 (R1) The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the district are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present. (PROTECT)	Districtwide	Ensure the need for existing levels of pay and play sports hall, swimming pools and fitness provision is reflected in the Local Plan Review. Review current sports facilities programme and access for pay and play and community use. Monitor club versus casual use.	MDC Officers Community and education operators	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time	Ongoing	
Recommendation 2 (R2) Mansfield District Council (MDC) and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis. To support this process, it is recommended to involve Active Notts (Active Partnership). Priorities for investment are set out in Recommendation 7. (PROVIDE)	Districtwide	Work with Active Notts and other partners to develop business cases to attract external funding for identified priority investments.	MDC Officers Active Notts	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time Partner input inc. Sport England	Ongoing	
Recommendation 3 (R3) Mansfield District Council and its partners e.g. Sport England, Active Notts and National Governing Body (NGB), etc prioritise investment in the development of high-quality, inclusive community sports facilities/spaces. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, and particularly in the most deprived areas, will contribute to improved health and wellbeing, increased participation and better community cohesion. **1 (PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)	Districtwide	MDC to work with its local partner providers and relevant health and community partners to ensure provision of, and access to, appropriate community sports facilities, park-based activity hubs and opportunities to provide physical activity in the local community.	MDC Leisure and Parks Development Officers; Public Health Local Providers and Community Partners	MDC Leisure Officer time; MDC Community Partners; Public Health and MDC Partner providers, Sport England, Active Notts, NGBs	Ongoing	
Recommendation 4 (R4) Where appropriate, Mansfield District Council and its partners seek to secure developer contributions from existing and future strategic development sites that could contribute towards the development/refurbishment of facilities strategically supported through the BFS Framework, additional and safe walking, running, and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active. (PROVIDE AND PROTECT)	Districtwide	MDC should ensure a detailed approach to securing developer contributions is in place to support the emerging Local Plan Review. The use of Sport England's Sports Facility Calculator should specifically be referenced to assist in identifying demand for, and financial contributions towards, halls and pools.	MDC Leisure and Planning officers. NCC Planning Officers	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time; S106 funds and other external sources of funding; NCC Planning Officers Sport England Planning Officers	Short – Medium Term	

** Recommendations 2 and 3 are long-term strategic recommendations; Recommendation 7 sets out the specific investment priorities.

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Recommendation 5 (R5) Work towards there being access to all types of built leisure provision within a 20-minute journey on public/private transport, for all areas of the district. PROVIDE	Districtwide	Use the FPM modelling and spatial analysis in the BFS to inform locations for new/replacement leisure provision that will contribute towards this aim.	MDC Planning and Leisure Officers Transport services	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time; S106 funds and other external sources of funding; Sport England FPM modelling 2025	Ongoing consideration for all planning applications/ investments concerning community sports provision.	
Recommendation 6 (R6) There should be on-going and annual monitoring of this strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments. (PROTECT)	Districtwide	Ensure a monitoring process is in place to refresh the strategy and action plan every 5 years, but to monitor progress and update annually. Ensure ongoing dialogue with neighbouring authorities to be aware of facility changes and developments that may impact on residents, and facility plans for the future. Establish a steering group made up of key stakeholders to take forward the actions in the action plan and ensure the BFS Strategy and Action Plan are kept up to date.	MDC Council Officers	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time Community partners Education and other public sector leisure facility providers	Ongoing	Ongoing
Sports Halls and Activity Halls						
Recommendation 7a (R7a) Development of the equivalent of a 4-badminton court sports hall, either as one hall, or subject to local Insight, multi-purpose hall space across a number of sites, to meet future demand (PROVIDE)	Water Meadows site	Use the BFS evidence-base and spatial analysis to inform the nature and location of investment in new sports halls, to provide for the new growth. The development of a new sports hall is supported by the FPM modelling.	MDC Officers	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time, Leisure Facility Operator External funding partners S106 funds and other external sources of funding Sport England FPM modelling 2025	Medium – Long Term	
Recommendation 7b (R7b) Investment in refurbishment of Oak Tree Leisure Centre (PROVIDE)	Oak Tree Leisure Centre	Use the BFS evidence-base and spatial analysis to prioritise investment into identified assets in need of improvements to maintain quality.	MDC Officers - leisure, planning	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time MDC Leisure facility operator S106 funds and other external sources of funding Sport England FPM modelling 2025	Medium – long term	
Recommendation 7c (R7c) Establish Community Use Agreements (CUAs) for any new sports halls developed on education sites (PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)	Existing education sites across the district All new/extended education sites in the district	Planning applications for new sports halls on education sites should be considered by MDC's Planning Services for formal Community Use Agreements (CUA)	MDC Officers (including planners) Academy Trusts Schools Community partners	MDC Leisure and Planning Officers time, partner providers of sports halls in the district.	Short-Medium Term (and ongoing thereafter)	

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Recommendation 7d (R7d) Explore the potential to include pay and play usage at existing education sports halls (through Nottinghamshire County Council and Academy Trusts, where possible) (PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)	Districtwide	Work with relevant providers of identified sports halls i.e. education, community organisation, MDC Leisure Operator, to increase opening hours at sports halls Schools where there is potential for increasing capacity i.e. opening for longer hours, include Samworth Church Academy and The Brunts Academy.	MDC Officers Academy Trusts Schools	MDC Leisure time, partner providers of sports halls in the district.	Short-Medium Term (and ongoing thereafter)	
Recommendation 7e (R7e) Introduction of newly developed locally accessible activity halls to meet expected increase in demand (PROVIDE	Based on new housing allocations and public/community consultation, outside the main urban area of Mansfield, in areas where housing developments are proposed and provision is currently limited.	Use the BFS evidence-base and spatial analysis to inform the nature and location of investment in new activity halls, to provide for the new growth. Development of new local activity halls is supported by stakeholder consultation.	MDC Officers - leisure, planning	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time MDC Leisure facility operator S106 funds and other external sources of funding	Medium-Long term	
Swimming Pools						
Recommendation 8a (R8a) Refurbishment or replacement of existing ageing facilities (PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)	District-wide; replacement/review of provision at Water Meadows would enable a re-planning of swimming pool location to facilitate improved access to the more deprived communities in the district.	Use the BFS evidence-base to inform priority investment in ageing facilities - MDC facilities	MDC Officers MDC Leisure Operator	MDC Planning, Leisure, Property Services and Design Services Officers time; community partner providers Swim England MDC Leisure Operator – inline with future leisure contract tender/award Sport England	Medium – Long Term	
Recommendation 8b (R8b) Refurbishment of facilities – modernisation of facilities and removal of leisure pool/water park facility to be replaced by additional learner/teaching pool. (PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)	Water Meadows	Use BFS evidence to consider modernisation of ancillary and other facilities to keep them fit for purpose, and removal of leisure pool/water park facility to be replaced by additional learner/teaching pool.	MDC Officers MDC Leisure Operator – inline with future leisure contract tender/award	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time; community partner providers Swim England MDC Leisure Operator Sport England	Medium – Long Term	
Recommendation 8c (R8c) New local small pool developments to better serve the community, providing swimming provision on a local level like Warsop Health Hub; this reduces barriers to access through lack of transport. (PROVIDE)	Associated with new housing developments and community consultation. Could be at least partially funded by s106 contributions, but also likely to need contributions from other external sources. Minimum of 20,000 people living in the immediate 20-	Use the BFS evidence-base and spatial analysis to inform the nature and location of investment need in additional i.e. new swimming pool capacity.	MDC Officers Aligned with future leisure operating contract tender/contract awards	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time External funding / partners Other site owners S106 funds and other external sources of funding	Medium – Long Term	

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	minute drivetime catchment area.					
Fitness Suites and Studios						
Recommendation 9 (R9) Additional pay and play accessible fitness suites (existing under-supply of 185 fitness stations) and studios to provide affordable and accessible offers within the communities where they are most needed. (PROVIDE)	New housing developments. Could be at least partially funded by s106 contributions, but also likely to need contributions from other external sources.	Use the Stage B BFS evidence-base and spatial analysis to inform the nature and location of investment in new fitness suites, to provide for the new growth	MDC Officers MDC Leisure Operator aligned with future leisure operating contract tenders/contract award	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time External funding / partners S106 funds and other external sources of funding	Medium – Long Term	
Athletics						
Recommendation 10 (R10) Ongoing development of track and surrounding park area to be maintained in the future (PROTECT AND ENHANCE)	Berry Hill Park Athletics Track	Ensure ongoing developments continue with improvements to the track site and surrounding park area. Ensure quality of track surface is maintained, to retain TrackMark status.	MDC Officers	MDC Planning, Leisure and Parks Officer time	Short – Medium Term	
Golf						
Recommendation 11 (R11) Maintenance of current facilities to ensure future provision. (PROTECT)	Mansfield Woodhouse Golf Club Sherwood Forest Golf Club King George V Recreation Ground golf and disc golf course	Ensure quality of facilities is maintained to a good standard, to sustain availability of the offer for residents. Maintain pay and play access where possible to provide opportunities for community access.	MDC Officers External operators	MDC Leisure Officer time External operator time	Medium – Long Term	
Gymnastics						
Recommendation 12 (R12) Work with clubs utilising multisport venues to secure dedicated facilities within the district. (ENHANCE)	Empower Gymnastics Club Twist Gymnastics Club	Secure legal resources to draft long-term leases at dedicated gymnastics sites	MDC Officers	MDC , Legal and Leisure Officer time	Short – Medium Term	
Indoor Tennis & Padel						
Recommendation 13 (R13) Consider potential for new padel provision to be developed across the district, to provide new physical activity and sport provision for residents. (Need for 11 indoor tennis courts and 6 additional Padel courts by 2043) (PROVIDE)	Districtwide	Provide support for new applications for padel court installation from sports clubs and commercial providers	MDC Officers External operators	MDC Planning and Leisure Officer time External operator Time LTA and link with other governing bodies for potential joint projects e.g. FA	Medium – Long Term	
Wheeled Facilities						

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Recommendation 14a (R14a) Protection and maintenance of existing skate parks and cycle tracks for future use. (PROTECT)	Bull Farm Skate Park Carr Lane Park Fisher Lane Skate Plaza Forest Town Arena Maun Valley Park Peafield Park Vale Road Park Yeoman Hill Park	Ensure quality of facilities is maintained to a good standard, to sustain availability of the free to access offer for residents.	MDC Officers	MDC Leisure Officer time	Medium – Long Term	
Recommendation 14b (R14B) Refurbishment of poorest quality facilities to ensure future provision. (ENHANCE AND PROTECT)	Bull Farm Skate Park Forest Town Arena Cycling Velodrome (not owned or operated by MDC) Maun Valley Park BMX Pump Track	Work to invest in upgrading/resurfacing outdoor skateparks and cycle tracks in priority parks	MDC Officers External operators	MDC Planning, and Leisure Officer time S106 funding and other external sources of funding External operators	Short Term	