

**Full Council**

**Artificial pitch review as requested by Cllr Mike Burtenshaw**

<b>1</b>	<b>PROJECT PROPOSAL</b>
1.1	To consider a review of football pitch provision in West Swindon particularly access to artificial floodlit pitches.
<b>2</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>
2.1	Cllr Mike Burtenshaw has observed that there are limited options for all weather pitches in West Swindon. This has potential to be an income generation opportunity.
<b>3</b>	<b>LOCAL OPTIONS</b>
3.1	<p><u>Grass Pitches</u></p> <p>There are a number of options for renting grass football pitches in West Swindon. The following schools have a grass pitch available:</p> <p>Brookfield School Hazelwood Academy Millbrook School Peatmoor Primary School Shaw Ridge Primary School Westlea Primary School Tregoze Primary School.</p>
3.2	<p><u>All Weather Pitches</u></p> <p>For all weather pitches, the options are fewer:</p> <p>Link Centre – 3 artificial pitches Peatmoor Primary School – 1 artificial The Deanery (out of Parish) – 1 artificial.</p> <p>Costs are generally £30 for an hour on an all weather pitch and all are floodlit.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Five A Side - Kickabout</u></p> <p>The Parish Council has a number of spaces for five-a-side and kickabout:</p> <p>Sparcells Saltway/Middleleaze Westlea Shellfinch Bloomsbury Bess Road (single goal end)</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>
4.1	Access to affordable all weather football pitches may open up opportunities for more local children and adults to access league football across the Parish. Many artificial pitches are created in a way that

	enables multiple sports to be played.
<b>6.</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
6.1	Possible implications. The Parish Council has no allocated budget for the development of sports pitches. Installation costs range from £300,000 to £500,000. Annual revenue is estimated to be between £50,000 to £100,000. It is possible that grant funding could be applied for e.g. Football Foundation/National Lottery. However timescales may be lengthy.
<b>7</b>	<b>FINANCIAL &amp; OTHER IMPLICATIONS</b>
7.1	Consideration would need to be given as to whether or not this is the type of long term investment that would benefit residents in West Swindon.
<b>8.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
8.1	That this Committee notes the information in this report and details any further steps to be taken.

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