

PITCHES CONDITION SURVEY & STRATEGY

Addendum

Adequacy of Provision for Privately Owned Clubs

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1. Executive Summary

Introduction

- 1.1 In 2018 Derry City & Strabane District Council completed an audit of pitch provision in the Council area for the sports of association football, gaelic games, rugby, hockey and cricket. The audit informed the preparation of a Playing Pitches Strategy. The Council set out its requirements and outcomes for the work as follows:-

‘a two-part study into the current pitch provision and to create a strategy that will be used to further develop the pitch infrastructure in the District in a way that is affordable, sustainable, inclusive, high quality and consistent with current best practice in public pitch provision.’

- 1.2 The methodology adopted for the audit and strategy was Sport England’s ‘Towards a Level Playing Field: Playing Pitch Model’, requiring focused research on supply, demand and quality to assess adequacy of provision. The audit considered all pitches in all ownerships to determine *adequacy of provision* for each of the five sports for competitive play and for training requirements. Results were presented for the District as a whole and for four sub areas in the 2018 report.
- 1.3 Subsequent to completion of the audit and strategy the Council has commissioned this addendum. The requirement, using existing data collected through the audit, is to *assess and determine adequacy of provision for privately owned club facilities in four sports - association football, gaelic games, rugby, cricket.*⁽¹⁾ There are 6 association football clubs, 17 gaelic games clubs, 14 cricket clubs and 1 rugby club.

Summary

- 1.4 For the assessment of adequacy of provision in this report a comparison is made between the capacity of a pitch and the demand based on the number of teams in a club. In order to make this comparison a *match equivalents* approach is adopted where a pitch capacity is rated by how many match equivalents it can accommodate in a week (capacity) and the activity on the pitch is rated as the number of match equivalents occurring (demand). Whilst this approach holds good for association football, gaelic games and rugby, for cricket it is more appropriate to look at capacity and demand over the course of a season.
- 1.5 Adequacy of provision for each club is summarised in Table 1.1 for training and for competitive games for gaelic games, association football and rugby; a minus figure denotes a shortfall in supply, a plus figure denotes over-supply.

| Table 1.1: Summary of Adequacy of Provision | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | Adequacy of Provision | |
| | Training | Competitive Games |
| Gaelic Games | | |
| St Davog’s GAC | - 1.8 | 0 |
| Brian Og’s GAC | - 14.0 | - 4.0 |

⁽¹⁾ Hockey is not included as there are no privately owned hockey facilities.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Clann nan Gael GAC | + 5.5 | + 6.0 |
| John Mitchel's GAC | + 2.5 | + 3.3 |
| Doire Colmcille GAC | - 7.0 | + 0.5 |
| Dregish Pearse Og GAC | - 1.5 | + 5.3 |
| Glenelly St Joseph's GAC | - 9.5 | - 1.0 |
| Na Magha GAC | - 7.5 | + 0.5 |
| Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC | - 4.0 | - 2.0 |
| Sean Dolan's GAC | - 4.8 | + 2.0 |
| St Eugene's GAC, Newtownstewart | - 5.0 | - 0.8 |
| St Eugene's GAC, Castleberg | - 4.0 | 0 |
| St Joseph's GAC, Craighane | - 4.5 | - 1.3 |
| St Mary's GAC, Ardmore | - 3.5 | + 3.3 |
| St Mary's GAC, Slaughtmanus | - 2.3 | +1.1 |
| Strabane Sigerson's GAC | - 5.0 | + 5.3 |
| St Columba's GAC, Urney | - 7.5 | + 0.5 |
| | | |
| <u>Association Football</u> | | |
| Ardmore FC | - 2.0 | + 2.0 |
| Ardstraw FC | - 6.5 | - 1.8 |
| Dergview FC | - 3.5 | - 2.5 |
| Killen Rangers FC | - 2.0 | - 2.3 |
| Newbuildings Utd FC | + 8.0 | + 0.5 |
| Churchill Utd FC | - 1.0 | + 2.5 |
| | | |
| <u>Rugby</u> | | |
| City of Derry RFC | - 5.0 | + 3.3 |

- 1.6 For cricket, adequacy of provision for each club has been assessed for juniors and seniors; the results refer to *number of wickets*, both turf and synthetic.

| Table 1.2: Summary of Adequacy of Provision | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| | Adequacy of Provision (wickets) | |
| | Adult | Junior |
| Ardmore CC | + 13 | - 11 |
| Bonds Glen CC | - 2 | - 20 |
| Bready CC | + 12 | - 6 |
| Brigade CC | + 24 | + 24 |
| Burdennett CC | + 6 | + 6 |
| Greevedonnell CC | + 27 | + 15 |
| Donemana CC | + 18 | + 6 |
| Eglinton CC | + 16 | - 2 |
| Fox Lodge CC | - 5 | - 29 |
| Glendermott CC | + 6 | - 6 |
| Killyclooney CC | + 15 | - 3 |
| Newbuildings CC | + 9 | - 21 |
| Sion Mills CC | + 32 | + 32 |
| Strabane CC | + 6 | - 18 |

2. Adequacy of Provision

Introduction

- 2.1** Derry City & Strabane District Council's *Pitches Condition Survey and Strategy* report (June 2018) detailed adequacy of playing pitch provision for the five sports of association football, cricket, gaelic games hockey and rugby. The report presented a comprehensive catalogue of the five sports by participation, facilities (both pitches and ancillary) and gaps in provision at a District level and four sub-area levels. Using information collected for the June 18 audit, the intention here is to further analyse adequacy of provision at individual club level for club owned facilities.
- 2.2** This report presents adequacy of provision using information collected as part of the original Pitches Condition Survey and Strategy for the four sports of association football, cricket, gaelic games and rugby; there are no club owned hockey facilities in the District.
- 2.3** Across the four sports a total of thirty-eight sports clubs own or lease their pitches with the following breakdown:-

| Sport | No of Clubs | No of Pitches | | | Total Pitches |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Grass Full Size | Grass Training | 3G Training | |
| Association Football | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| Gaelic Games | 17 | 20 | 7 | 3 | 30 |
| Rugby | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | 4 |
| Cricket | 14 | 18 | | | 18 |
| Totals | 38 | 47 | 12 | 4 | 62 |

- 2.4** For a full inventory of pitches owned or leased by sports clubs in the District Council, detailing pitch size, type and quality see Appendix 1. A thumbnail image is presented for each site – note this image may not reflect accurately the current pitch status due to the updating process of Google maps' images.

Adequacy of Provision – Association Football, Gaelic Games, Rugby

Match Equivalents

- 2.5** For association football, rugby and gaelic games in order to assess adequacy of pitch provision for club owned sites, a comparison is made between the amount of play a pitch can accommodate and how much play takes place. In order to make this comparison the unit 'Match Equivalents' is employed. Match equivalents converts the carrying capacity *and* current use into the same unit of demand. Here, the pitch is rated by how many match equivalents it can accommodate and the activity on the pitch is rated as the number of match equivalents occurring. This approach involving match equivalents is in keeping with Sport England's 'Playing Pitch Model'.
- 2.6** For cricket it is more appropriate to look at the match equivalent sessions over the course of a season. Generally, only one match is played per pitch per day. However, play is rotated across several wickets to reduce wear and allow for repair. Each wicket is able to accommodate a certain

amount of play in a season. A high-level assessment of cricket needs is presented separately using feedback collected as part of the 2018 audit, taking a whole season approach.

- 2.7 Using local knowledge, governing body information and Sport England guidelines the following match equivalents are used to reflect pitch usage on any given day for association football, gaelic games and rugby:-

| Conversion factors to calculate Match Equivalents | |
|---|-------------------|
| Activity (association football, rugby and gaelic games) | Match Equivalents |
| Weekly adult match | 1 |
| Weekly youth match | 1 |
| Weekly mini tournaments | 0.5 |
| Weekly adult training of one hour | 0.5 |
| Weekly youth training of one hour | 0.5 |
| Weekly mini training of one hour | 0.25 |

- 2.8 Using National Governing Body (NGB) data, the amount of play in match equivalent sessions a natural grass pitch can accommodate (capacity) over a typical week for association football, rugby and gaelic is:-

| Agreed pitch quality rating | Football | Rugby | Gaelic ⁽²⁾ |
|-----------------------------|--|-------|-----------------------|
| | Number of weekly match equivalent capacity | | |
| Good | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Standard | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Poor | 1 | 1 | 4 |

By way of example an association football pitch with a quality rating of ‘good’ could have usage profiles over a two-week period as follows:-

| Activity | Match Equivalent Usage | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| | Week 1 | Week 2 |
| Adult match | 1 | Nil |
| Youth match | 1 | 1 |
| Mini tournament | 0.5 | Nil |
| Adult training – 1 hour | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Youth training – 1 hour | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Mini training – 1 hour | 0.25 | Nil |
| Total Match Equivalents | 3.75 | 2.0 |

In week 1 the pitch, with a match equivalent capacity of 3, is over-used whilst in week 2 it is under-used.

⁽²⁾ There is no agreed carrying capacity data for grass gaelic games pitches – since it is predominantly a summer sport the number of match equivalent sessions a pitch can accommodate is estimated using local knowledge and consultant experience.

Pitch Demand

- 2.9** Pitch demand (usage) is predominantly from training and competitive games occurring weekly. Using data collected for the audit, the training and competitive fixture profile for each club is presented for three age groups, U7 to U11 (Mini), U12 to U18 (Youth) and Over 18 (Adult) in Table 2.1. Match equivalents for both training and competitive games at the three age groups are generated using conversion factors as detailed above to give an overall total demand for each club in association football, gaelic games and rugby.

Table 2.1: Calculation of Demand in Match Equivalents for Weekly Training and Competitive Games

| Club | Number of Teams at each age group | | | Training Match Equivalents for each age group based on weekly training estimations | | | Match Equivalents for each age group for weekly competitive games assuming home and away i.e. home game every other week | | | DEMAND Total Match Equivalents Training & Games | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | Mini | Youth | Adult | Mini Training Match Equivalents ⁽³⁾ | Youth Training Match Equivalents | Adult Training Match Equivalents ⁽⁴⁾ | Mini Match Equivalents | Youth Match Equivalents | Adult Match Equivalents | Total Match Equivalents for training | Total Match Equivalents for games |
| Gaelic Games | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St Davog's GAC | 3 | 8 | 3 | 0.75 | 4 | 3 | 0.375 | 4 | 1.5 | 7.75 | 5.875 |
| Brian Og's GAC | 12 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1.5 | 6 | 2.5 | 14 | 10.0 |
| Clann na nGael GAC | 0 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 3.5 | 3 | 0 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 6.5 | 5.0 |
| John Mitchel's GAC | 6 | 8 | 4 | 1.5 | 4 | 4 | 0.75 | 4 | 2 | 9.5 | 6.75 |
| Doire Colmcille GAC | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0.5 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 5.5 |
| Dregish Pearse Og GAC | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0.25 | 0 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.75 |
| Glenelly St Joseph's GAC | 4 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4.5 | 4 | 0.5 | 4.5 | 2 | 9.5 | 7.0 |
| Na Magha GAC | 8 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3.5 | 2 | 1 | 3.5 | 1 | 7.5 | 5.5 |
| Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0.5 | 4 | 1.5 | 8 | 6 |
| Sean Dolan's GAC | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0.75 | 3 | 1 | 0.38 | 3 | 0.5 | 4.75 | 3.875 |
| St Eugene's GAC, Newtownstewart | 6 | 9 | 3 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 3 | 0.75 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 9 | 6.75 |
| St Eugene's GAC, Castledearg | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0.5 | 4 | 1.5 | 8 | 6 |
| St Joseph's GAC, Craighbane | 6 | 8 | 3 | 1.5 | 4 | 3 | 0.75 | 4 | 1.5 | 8.5 | 6.25 |

⁽³⁾ Train once per week.

⁽⁴⁾ Train twice per week.

| Club | Number of Teams at each age group | | | Training Match Equivalents for each age group based on weekly training estimations | | | Match Equivalents for each age group for weekly competitive games assuming home and away i.e. home game every other week | | | DEMAND Total Match Equivalents Training & Games | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | Mini | Youth | Adult | Mini Training Match Equivalents | Youth Training Match Equivalents | Adult Training Match Equivalents | Mini Match Equivalents | Youth Match Equivalents | Adult Match Equivalents | Total Match Equivalents for training | Total Match Equivalents for games |
| St Mary's GAC, Ardmore | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.25 | 2 | 0.5 | 3.5 | 2.75 |
| St Mary's GAC, Slaughtmanus | 3 | 7 | 2 | 0.75 | 3.5 | 2 | 0.375 | 3.5 | 1 | 6.25 | 4.875 |
| Strabane Sigerson's GAC | 6 | 9 | 3 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 3 | 0.75 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 9 | 6.75 |
| Urney St Columba's GAC | 8 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3.5 | 2 | 1 | 3.5 | 1 | 7.5 | 5.5 |
| <u>Association Football</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ardmore FC | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Ardstraw FC | 10 | 4 | 3 | 2.5 | 2 | 3 | 1.25 | 2 | 1.5 | 7.5 | 4.75 |
| Dergview FC | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1.5 | 3 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5.5 | 3.5 |
| Killen Rangers FC | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 3 | 0.25 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5 | 3.25 |
| Newbuildings Utd FC | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2.5 |
| Churchill Utd FC | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.5 |
| <u>Rugby</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Derry RFC | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5 | 0.75 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 8 | 4.75 |

Pitch Capacity

2.10 Using match equivalents as per NGB guidelines the capacity of each pitch for games and training can be determined. Match equivalents are calculated using quality ratings Good, Standard and Poor as recorded in the online club responses collected as part of the 2018 audit and presented in Table 2.2 for each club owned site – the final two columns show match equivalent capacity ratings.

| Table 2.2: Calculation of pitch capacity in terms of Match Equivalents for full size and for training pitches | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Club Name | Full competitive pitches | | Training pitches grass & 3G | | | Capacity | |
| | No. of Full Grass Pitches | Pitch Rating | No. of Training Grass Pitches | Pitch Rating | No. of Training 3G Pitches | Total Capacity for Games (Match Equivalents) | Total Capacity for Training (Match Equivalents) |
| Gaelic Games | | | | | | | |
| Aghyaran St Davog's GAC | 1 | Good | 1 (100m x 50m) | 1 x Poor | 1 (40m x 25m) | 6 | 8 |
| Brian Og's GAC, Steelstown | 1 | Good | 0 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Clann na nGael GAC | 2 | 1 x Poor 1 x Standard | 0 | - | 1 (70m x 40m) | 11 | 12 |
| Claudy John Mitchell's GAC | 2 | 2 x Standard | 0 | - | 1 (110m x 70m) | 10 | 12 |
| Doire Colmcille GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Dregish Pearse Og GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Glenelly St Joseph's GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Na Magha GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 1 | 1 x Standard | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC | 1 | 1 x Poor | 1 (110m x 50m) | 1 x Poor | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Sean Dolan's GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| St Eugene's GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 1 (90m x 50m) | 1 x Poor | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| St Eugene's GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 1 (110m x 80m) | 1 x Poor | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| St Joseph's Craighbane GAC | 1 | 1 x Standard | 1 (100m x 60m) | 1 x Standard | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| St Mary's GAC Ardmore | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| St Marys GAC Slaughtmanus | 1 | 2 x Unknown | 1 (115m x 60m) | Unknown | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Strabane Sigerson's GAA | 2 | 2 x Good | 1 (95m x 50m) | 1 x Good | 0 | 12 | 4 |
| Urney St Columba's GAC | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 0 | 6 | 0 |

| Club Name | No. of Full Grass Pitches | Pitch Rating | No. of Training Grass Pitches | Pitch Rating | No. of Training 3G Pitches | Total Capacity for Games (Match Equivalents) | Total Capacity for Training (Match Equivalents) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| <u>Association Football</u> | | | | | | | |
| Ardmore FC | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ardstraw FC | 1 | 1 x Good | 1 | No record | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Dergview FC | 1 | 1 x Poor | 1 (90m x 45m) | 1 x Poor | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Killen Rangers FC | 1 | 1 x Good | 1 (45m x 20m) | No record | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Newbuildings FC | 1 | 1 x Good | 0 | - | 1 (60m x 30m) | 3 | 12 |
| Churchill Utd FC | 1 | 1 x Unknown | 0 | - | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| <u>Rugby</u> | | | | | | | |
| City of Derry Rugby Club | 3 | 2 x Good 1 x Standard | 1 (80m x 38m) | No record | 0 | 8 | 3 |

NB – If an association football pitch does not have floodlights it is deemed to have limited training capacity as the sport is primarily played in the winter months where evening training cannot take place without floodlights.

Adequacy of Provision – Association Football, Gaelic Games, Rugby

2.11 The adequacy of provision for each club can now be assessed by comparing the demand and capacity as presented in Table 2.3.

| Table 2.3: Adequacy of Provision for each club | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Club | Competitive Games | | | Training | | | Comments |
| | Demand Match Equivalents | Capacity Match Equivalents | Adequacy of Provision ⁽⁵⁾ | Demand Match Equivalents | Capacity Match Equivalents | Adequacy of Provision | |
| Gaelic Games | | | | | | | |
| Aghyaran St Davog's GAC | 5.875 | 6 | 0 | 7.75 | 6 | -1.8 | Capacity meeting demand for games but not for training even with use of the 3G pitch for training |
| Brian Og's Baile Stíl GAC | 10 | 6 | -4.0 | 14 | 0 | -14 | Capacity not meeting demand for games and training |
| Clann na nGael GAC | 5 | 11 | +6.0 | 6.5 | 12 | +5.5 | Capacity meeting demand assuming 3G pitch is used for training |
| Claudy John Mitchel's GAC | 6.75 | 10 | +3.3 | 9.5 | 12 | +2.5 | Capacity meeting demand assuming 3G pitch is used for training |
| Doire Colmcille GAC | 5.5 | 6 | +0.5 | 7 | 0 | -7 | Capacity not meeting demand for training |
| Dregish Pearse Og GAC | 0.75 | 6 | +5.3 | 1.5 | 0 | -1.5 | Capacity meeting demand if training under supply is accommodated with match over supply |
| Glenelly St Joseph's GAC | 7 | 6 | -1.0 | 9.5 | 0 | -9.5 | Capacity not meeting demand particularly for training |
| Na Magha GAC | 5.5 | 6 | +0.5 | 7.5 | 0 | -7.5 | Capacity not meeting demand for training |
| Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC | 6 | 4 | -2.0 | 8 | 4 | -4 | Capacity not meeting demand - under supply may be accommodated with pitch improvements, increasing rating from Poor to Standard or Good thereby increasing capacity |
| Sean Dolan's GAC | 3.875 | 6 | +2.0 | 4.75 | 0 | -4.8 | Undersupply for training may be offset to some degree with oversupply for games |
| St Eugene's GAC, Newtownstewart | 6.75 | 6 | -0.8 | 9 | 4 | -5 | Capacity not meeting demand. |
| St Eugene's GAC – Castlederg | 6 | 6 | 0.0 | 8 | 4 | -4 | Capacity not meeting demand for training |

⁽⁵⁾ A minus figure denotes a shortfall in supply; a plus figure denotes over-supply. Results are rounded to one decimal point for Adequacy of Provision.

| Club | Competitive Games | | | Training | | | Comments |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | Demand Match Equivalents | Capacity Match Equivalents | Adequacy of Provision | Demand Match Equivalents | Capacity Match Equivalents | Adequacy of Provision | |
| St Joseph's Craighane GAC | 6.25 | 5 | -1.3 | 8.5 | 4 | -4.5 | Capacity not meeting demand |
| St Mary's Ardmore GAC | 2.75 | 6 | +3.3 | 3.5 | 0 | -3.5 | Undersupply of training may be offset with the oversupply for Games |
| St Mary's GAC Slaughtermanus | 4.875 | 6 | +1.1 | 6.25 | 4 | -2.3 | Slight undersupply for training may be offset with slight oversupply for games |
| Strabane Sigerson's GAC | 6.75 | 12 | +5.3 | 9 | 4 | -5 | Undersupply of training may be offset with the oversupply for games |
| Urney St Columba's GAC | 5.5 | 6 | +0.5 | 7.5 | 0 | -7.5 | Capacity not meeting demand for training |
| Association Football | | | | | | | |
| Ardmore FC | 1 | 3 | +2.0 | 2 | 0 | -2 | Capacity not meeting demand for training |
| Ardstraw FC | 4.75 | 3 | -1.8 | 7.5 | 1 | -6.5 | Capacity not meeting demand for games and training |
| Dergview FC | 3.5 | 1 | -2.5 | 5.5 | 2 | -3.5 | Capacity not meeting demand for games and training |
| Killen Rangers FC | 3.25 | 1 | -2.3 | 5 | 3 | -2 | Capacity not meeting Peak demand ⁽⁶⁾ for games and training |
| Newbuildings Utd FC | 2.5 | 3 | +0.5 | 4 | 12 | +8 | Capacity meeting demand if majority of training takes place on the 3G pitch |
| Churchill Utd FC | 0.5 | 3 | +2.5 | 1 | 0 | -1 | Capacity meeting demand for matches but not for training |
| Rugby | | | | | | | |
| City of Derry Rugby Club | 4.75 | 8 | +3.3 | 8 | 3 | -5 | Capacity meeting demand for games – undersupply for training may be offset with oversupply for games. |

⁽⁶⁾ Killen FC has 3 adult teams- all teams play at 2.00pm on Saturdays. With careful fixtures only one game can be accommodated at peak demand on Saturday afternoon. However, should there be flexibility in fixture schedules potentially 2 matches could be accommodated, Saturday morning and afternoon or Saturday and Sunday.

2.12 The analysis of adequacy of provision demonstrates some training and match demand is either not being met or is compromised for at least 13 clubs. The following comments are relevant:-

- ❖ The calculation of the capacity of a pitch relies on the agreed rating Good, Standard, Poor – should the pitch quality change through improved or reduced maintenance programmes, and therefore is rated either up or down there will be a corresponding change to the capacity.
- ❖ The assumptions made for the number of training sessions per team are an average informed by the 2018 audit – some club training needs may deviate slightly from this average.
- ❖ Association football pitches without floodlights are of limited benefit for training as most training takes place mid-week evenings during the winter.
- ❖ The addition of floodlights to training pitches might help address some of the training needs.

Club Comments

2.13 A summary of club comments on need and future developments from the 2018 report is presented to give an overview of need – full comments are in Appendix 2.

| Summary of emerging strands in relation to future plans and needs | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Club | Additional Match Pitch | Training Facilities | Ancillary facilities maintenance |
| <u>Gaelic Games</u> | | | |
| Aghyaran St Davog's GAC | | √ | |
| Brian Og's Baile Stíl GAC | √ | √ | √ |
| Clann na nGael GAC | | | √ |
| Claudy John Mitchel's GAC | | | √ |
| Culmore Cu Chulainn's GAC | √ | √ | √ |
| Doire Colmcille GAC | | √ | √ |
| Dregish Pearse Og GAC | | √ | |
| Glenelly St Joseph's GAC | | √ | |
| Na Magha GAC | | √ | |
| Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC | | | √ |
| Sean Dolan's GAC | | √ | |
| St Eugene's GAC - Newtownstewart | | √ | √ |
| St Eugene's GAC - Castledearg | | √ | √ |
| St Joseph's Craighane GAC | | √ | |
| St Mary's Ardmore GAC | | | √ |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| St Mary's GAC Slaughtmanus | | | ✓ |
| Strabane Sigerson's GAC | | | ✓ |
| Urney St Columba's GAC | | ✓ | |
| Association Football | | | |
| Ardmore FC | | | ✓ |
| Dergview FC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Killen Rangers FC | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Newbuildings Utd FC | | ✓ | |
| Rugby | | | |
| Derry City RFC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Total Number | 4 | 16 | 15 |

Comments

- ❖ 16 clubs made comments in relation to the need for additional, winter all-weather (3G) and grass training facilities.
- ❖ 4 clubs made comment on the need for match pitch development.
- ❖ 15 clubs noted the need for upgrade/improvement to ancillary facilities including changing accommodation and community trim trails and help with pitch maintenance.

Adequacy of Provision – Cricket

2.14 The June 2018 audit found the following adequacy of provision for cricket at District and four sub-area levels. The analysis shows that capacity (available pitches) is just meeting demand (games and training).

| Table 2.4: Cricket – Area based demand and capacity | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Model Summary | Whole Council | Derry City | Derry Rural | Strabane Town | Strabane Rural |
| 1. Defining pitches <u>required</u> each week for matches and training for all teams taking into account pitch capacity. | 17 pitches | 3 pitches | 7 pitches | 1 pitch | 6 pitches |
| 2. Establishing pitches <u>available</u> | 18 pitches | 3 pitches | 7 pitches | 1 pitch | 7 pitches |
| 3. Adequacy of Provision ⁽⁷⁾ | 18 – 17 = +1 pitch | 3 – 3 = +0 pitches | 7 – 7 = +0 pitches | 1 - 1 = +0 pitches | 7 - 6 = +1 pitch |

2.15 The Sport England Playing Pitch Model cites that for cricket it is more appropriate to analyse the needs of cricket clubs over the whole season as only one match is generally played per pitch per day. However, play is rotated across several turf wickets to reduce wear and allow for repair. Each wicket is able to accommodate a certain amount of play per season as opposed to per week. As a guide, the English Cricket Board (ECB) suggests that a good quality wicket should be able to take:

⁽⁷⁾ Rounded up to full pitches.

- ❖ 5 matches per season per turf wicket (adults)
- ❖ 7 matches per season per turf wicket (juniors)
- ❖ 60 matches per season per synthetic wicket (adults)
- ❖ 80 matches per season per synthetic wicket (juniors)

2.16 Cricket pitch usage or demand is normally through competitive games and training. For training it is assumed that this takes place on synthetic surfaces, therefore training on turf pitches is likely to be minimal and will not be regarded in this assessment of adequacy of provision relating to club owned cricket sites. Competitive game demand is taken as follows:-

- ❖ Juniors (Under 18) on average 6 home games per season
- ❖ Adult (Over 18) on average 8 home games per season.

2.17 Using data collected for the 2018 audit for the fourteen club owned cricket sites Table 2.5 presents the adequacy of provision analysis in terms of demand (competitive games junior and adult) and wicket capacity (turf and synthetic).

Table 2.5: Comparison of Demand and Capacity for club owned cricket sites for Junior and Adult games

| Club | No. of Teams | | Demand - games per season ⁽⁸⁾ | | No. of Wickets | | Capacity – Turf Wickets | | Capacity – Synthetic Wickets | | Over / Under supply | | Comment |
|------------------|--------------|-------|--|-------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Junior | Adult | Junior | Adult | Turf | Synthetic | Junior Games | Adult Games | Junior Games | Adult Games | Adult | Junior ⁽⁹⁾ | |
| Ardmore CC | 4 | 4 | 24 | 32 | 9 | 1 | 63 | 45 | 80 | 60 | +13 | -11 | Capacity meeting demand for adult – undersupply for junior |
| Bonds Glen CC | 3 | 4 | 18 | 32 | 6 | 1 | 42 | 30 | 80 | 60 | -2 | -20 | Capacity just meeting demand for adult – undersupply for junior |
| Bready CC | 3 | 6 | 18 | 48 | 12 | 1 | 84 | 60 | 80 | 60 | +12 | -6 | Capacity meeting demand for adult – undersupply for junior |
| Brigade CC | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 56 | 40 | 80 | 60 | +24 | +24 | Capacity meeting demand |
| Burndennett CC | 0 | 3 | 0 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 42 | 30 | 80 | 60 | +6 | +6 | Capacity meeting demand |
| Creevedonnell CC | 2 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 49 | 35 | 80 | 60 | +27 | +15 | Capacity meeting demand |
| Donemana CC | 2 | 4 | 12 | 32 | 10 | 2 | 70 | 50 | 160 | 120 | +18 | +6 | Capacity meeting demand |
| Eglinton CC | 3 | 3 | 18 | 24 | 8 | 0 | 56 | 40 | 0 | 0 | +16 | -2 | Capacity meeting demand, slight undersupply for junior |
| Fox Lodge CC | 4 | 5 | 24 | 40 | 7 | 1 | 49 | 35 | 80 | 60 | -5 | -29 | Capacity not meeting demand for and adult and junior |
| Glendermott CC | 2 | 3 | 12 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 42 | 30 | 80 | 60 | +6 | -6 | Capacity meeting demand for adult, slight undersupply for junior |
| Killyclooney CC | 3 | 5 | 18 | 40 | 11 | 1 | 77 | 55 | 80 | 60 | +15 | -3 | Capacity meeting demand for adult, slight undersupply for junior |
| Newbuildings CC | 5 | 2 | 30 | 16 | 5 | 1 | 35 | 25 | 80 | 60 | +9 | -21 | Capacity not meeting demand for junior |
| Sion Mills CC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 56 | 40 | 0 | 0 | +32 | +32 | Capacity meeting demand |
| Strabane CC | 4 | 3 | 24 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 42 | 30 | 80 | 60 | +6 | -18 | Capacity meeting demand for adult – undersupply for junior |

⁽⁸⁾ Adult – 8 home games per season on average : Junior - 6 home games per season.

⁽⁹⁾ After adult demand is met - assumption here is that adult demand is met first – any spare capacity is then used to satisfy junior demand.

2.18 The analysis of adequacy of provision for club owned cricket sites gives a good indication of cricket activity (demand) and facility capacity to meet that demand. The analysis demonstrates a degree of undersupply for junior cricket games. The following comments are relevant:-

- ❖ It is likely the undersupply for junior cricket is addressed through the use of synthetic wickets. If this is not the case, turf wickets will be used more often than recommended by ECB.
- ❖ Eleven of the 14 clubs have one synthetic wicket, one club has two and two clubs have none. It is assumed that synthetic wickets are located on the playing area and therefore available for matches. This may not always be the case as clubs may have a synthetic wicket placed to the side of the main pitch and only used for training.
- ❖ The above analysis is predicated on an average of 6 home games for junior teams and 8 home games for adult teams – should clubs play more or fewer than this, Over/Under Supply calculations will change.
- ❖ The analysis uses ECB recommendations for the capacity of turf wickets – 5 adult games or 7 junior games per wicket per season. This may vary from club to club and is dependent on maintenance, soil type and weather. Any change to wicket capacity will affect the Over/Under Supply calculations.
- ❖ This analysis does not account for training demand as it is expected that the majority of training takes place on synthetic wickets.

Club Comments

2.19 The following summary of Development Needs collected for the June 2018 report gives a useful overview – a copy of the full comments is in Appendix 2.

| Club | Summary of Development Needs |
|-------------------------|---|
| Ardmore CC | Extend the playing area to meet regulations. Continue to improve ancillary facilities |
| Bonds Glen CC | No female changing – need official changing |
| Bready CC | Spectator seating and upgrade practice areas to international standard |
| Brigade CC | Increase membership with better club school links especially with Foyle College |
| Burdennett CC | No comment |
| Creevedonnell CC | Improve drainage |
| Donemana CC | Outfield not adequate |
| Eglinton CC | No comment |
| Fox Lodge CC | Reports the need for a third pitch – prefer this to be Council owned |
| Glendermott CC | Would like to extend grounds through acquisition of 20m strip of land from Ebrington site. |
| Killyclooney CC | Outfield not adequate – need to improve drainage to both pitches |
| Newbuildings CC | Would like to develop a dedicated clubhouse |
| Sion Mills CC | Currently lease their pitch – lease renewal is uncertain |
| Strabane CC | Size of outfield not adequate – some drainage problems. Aspire to extend facility through purchase of land next to the club grounds |