

**Committee:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 16 February 2016  
**Title:** Sports Strategy  
**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Lesley Wells

**Agenda Item**

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Key decision: **No**

**Summary**

1. The strategy was commissioned to build on the previous 2012 Open Space, Sport Facility and Playing Pitch Strategy. The implementation of the strategy will be led by local clubs and national governing bodies.

**Recommendations**

2. To adopt the Sports Strategy into the Local Plan evidence base, as a material planning consideration and as a Sports Strategy for the District.

**Financial Implications**

3. None – the Strategy sets out a vision for the District and supports the aspirations of local clubs and their national associations.

**Background Papers**

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

**Impact**

- 5.

Communication/Consultation	The document has been subject to consultation with Active Uttlesford, national associations, Sport England, Saffron Walden Organisation for Sport and local sports clubs. The document will be placed on the website.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal	None

Implications	
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	District wide
Workforce/Workplace	Planning and Housing Policy Team

## Situation

6. The Council commissioned the production of a Sports Strategy to build on the 2012 Open Space, Sport Facility and Playing Pitch Strategy.
7. The aims of the strategy are:
  - To contribute to the Council's wider aims and objectives for improving health and well-being and increasing participation in sport.
  - To relate facility needs to sports development programmes and patterns of participation.
  - To develop a list of deliverable projects which will help to meet any current deficiencies, provide for future demands and feed into wider infrastructure planning work.
  - To provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding.
8. The governing bodies of the key sports with significant facilities development proposals in the district, including football, cricket, swimming, athletics, rugby and hockey have approved the strategy.
9. The Strategy identifies ways in which the identified shortfalls might be met, but does not contain a detailed action plan for prioritising and delivering the projects. The producing of a detailed action plan will be down to individual sports clubs and associations to establish their future plans, for which this document is a key part of the evidence base.

## Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Sports Strategy not accepted by sport governing bodies	1 – Sports governing bodies have been consulted throughout the process and have approved the	1 – If not approved then grant money would not be available.	Engagement with sports governing bodies through production of strategy and on-going through production of local plan.

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- 1 = Little or no risk or impact
- 2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.
- 3 = Significant risk or impact – action required
- 4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.