

# CALDERDALE OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION STUDY: STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

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## INTRODUCTION

The Calderdale Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy and Action Plan represents a major development in the council and its partners' approach to achieving and improving the health and well being of residents and visitors in the borough. This approach is clearly stated in the Future's Plan, Calderdale's Community Strategy, agreed by our local strategic partnership, Calderdale Forward, and designed to deliver improved services across the borough. The Futures Plan has recently been reviewed and enhanced to take Calderdale into the next decade through a long-term vision designed to deliver improvements over the next 10 years (2006 – 2016). In the Futures Plan the strategic aims of that vision are defined as 6 inter-related and overlapping themes: -

- Economy and enterprise
- Environment
- Safer and stronger
- Healthier Communities
- Older people
- Children and young people

The Calderdale Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy and Action Plan links all these themes, successful delivery of the strategy will improve services to the public and impact positively on all the above areas of activity.

This is further articulated in the Councils 2006 -09 Corporate Plan, which supports the Futures Plan and mirrors the themes through its corporate priorities. These are: -

CP1: Support and protect all Calderdale's children, young people and their families and give them every opportunity to succeed

The value of sport and physical activity is well recognised, together with the obvious health benefits, the sense of achievement felt through taking part in challenging but rewarding team and individual sporting activity can provide the encouragement and determination to pursue personal goals and success both in the short term and in later life.

CP2: Support vulnerable adults and promote healthy living

Regular exercise and good access to suitable facilities can yield many positive health and social impacts on vulnerable and older people. Independence and health contribute significantly to their 'well being, as do the social networks through exercise classes and local facilities.

CP3: Promote healthy living and reduce health inequalities

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As well as improving health across all sections of Calderdale, our priority is to narrow the gap between those areas with the worst and the best health. Unhealthy lifestyles and inactivity are a key factor in the causing obesity and other health problems. Increasing access to outdoor facilities – parks, green spaces, walks and bridleways are a key factor in developing the health of the population at both borough and neighbourhood level.

CP4: Create safer communities with lower crime levels, less fear of crime and safer roads

Calderdale's Safer Communities Partnership plays a key role in creating safer communities and devotes much effort into a variety of diversionary activities designed to encourage young people away from anti- social behaviour and crime and into initiatives such as the Midnight League. The success of these initiatives relies on the availability of and access to good, well appointed and well managed sporting activities and facilities.

CP5: Build strong local communities by celebrating our diversity and developing the capacity to live and work together

Calderdale's Cultural Strategy embraces imaginative sporting and cultural activities. Delivery of the ambitions and aims of the strategy rely upon improved open spaces, sport and recreational facilities to continue to develop cross community contact and activities.

CP6: Promote sustainable economic growth and respect for Calderdale's heritage and develop a clean and attractive built and natural environment

Improving the quality and condition of local foot and cycle ways (rural and urban) encourage their use by residents and visitors alike. Plans to establish a quality standard for local parks and open spaces will also encourage use of these facilities as will the designation of further local nature reserves.

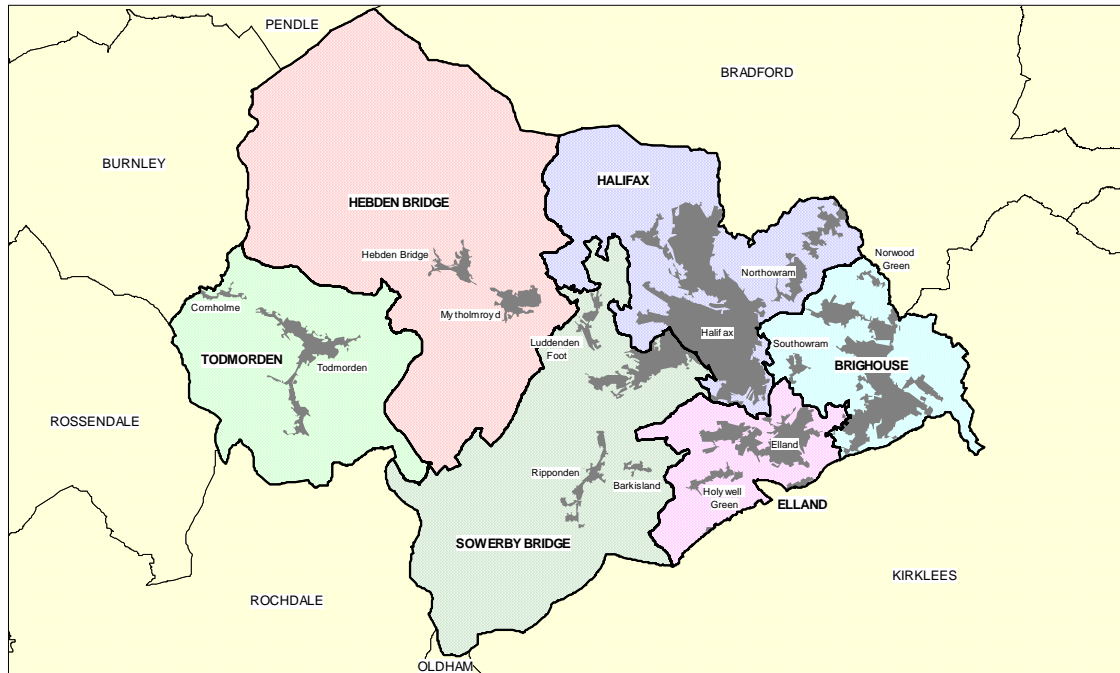
The Strategy has been developed from the results of research and analysis of open space, sport and recreational facilities provision within Calderdale. This information is set out in the respective assessment reports (built facilities, outdoor sports facilities, open spaces), which highlight key issues emerging from detailed assessment of the quality and distribution of provision and extensive consultation with local groups and people.

The Strategy and Action Plan sets out a vision over the next ten years for CMBC and its partners in relation to the provision and improvement of open space, sport and recreation facilities within Calderdale.

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Figure 1: Map demonstrating analysis areas and settlements



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## STRATEGIC VISION AND AIMS

### Vision

The vision for this strategy is to make Calderdale a great place to work, rest and play for all, by providing good quality and accessible sport, recreational and open space opportunities.

### Strategic aims

Delivery of strategic aims will support work to deliver the themes of the Calderdale Community Plan, i.e.:

- ❑ Economy and Enterprise
- ❑ Environment
- ❑ Safer and Stronger Communities
- ❑ Healthier Communities
- ❑ Older People
- ❑ Children and Young People.

Therefore, strategic aims are to:

1. Provide usable, accessible and sustainable open spaces, sport and recreational facilities within the Borough.
2. Seek to ensure that this provision is of an appropriate distribution, quantity and quality (New facilities will only be provided or supported if they contribute to the appropriate distribution of facilities).
3. Encourage, support and develop partnerships with all owners, community groups and providers of open space, sport and recreational facilities to secure public/community use of provision.

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## Management objectives

A number of management objectives should be implemented to enable the above strategic objectives to be delivered. They include:

1. Within a phased programme, improve the quality of all open spaces, sport and recreational facilities including their ancillary facilities.
2. Use development opportunities and consult with local stakeholders to identify facility need and increase and/or improve the existing in line with the findings of the assessment reports.
3. Develop a general framework to enable stakeholders, where needs have been identified, to implement development proposals.
4. Where sites may be lost, through development or closure ensure that appropriate provision is made to meet the continued needs of residents through an assessment of needs.
5. All partners and stakeholders to work together to provide usable, accessible and viable open spaces, sport and recreational facilities.
6. Provide assistance and support to those facilities that have yet to meet DDA requirements and ensure that there is appropriate access.
7. Ensure that there is a clearly identified community and recreational need for development of new facilities with minimal displacement of usage from other sites.
8. Ensure that all new or replacement facilities are developed to meet minimum contemporary specifications.
9. Continue to gather the views and opinions of local stakeholders.

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## STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

This section sets out general objectives for the development of open space provision in Calderdale. They seek to address the issues raised in the Open Spaces Assessment Report.

The following targets have been developed through the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and the catchment mapping. They reflect the key areas to be addressed over the lifetime of the Strategy. However, implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to meet planning considerations.

### Parks and gardens

- ❑ Develop and keep up to date management plans for all the major parks, focused on maintaining site quality and encouraging use.
- ❑ Address perceptions of site quality and safety by encouraging greater use of sites. This work should include consideration of how buildings within parks and gardens can best be utilised.
- ❑ Enhance the infrastructure of parks to host events
- ❑ Develop structured programmes of events for main sites (linked to management plans)
- ❑ Upgrade site quality at sites which fall below the quality threshold
- ❑ Continue to develop community involvement in the management of parks and gardens
- ❑ Identify sites capable of achieving Green Flag and develop rolling programme of securing award
- ❑ Identify ways of decreasing anti-social behaviour and vandalism, e.g., through increased security presence, improved lighting etc.
- ❑ Work to decrease unofficial motorbike use, e.g., by enforcement (including publicising prosecutions/fines) increasing deterrent signs, perimeter fencing and gates.
- ❑ Continue to improve access to provision, e.g., car parking, upgrading paths.

### Semi/natural greenspaces

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- ❑ Develop resource to enable delivery of biodiversity management, interpretation and environmental education to be enhanced
- ❑ Continue to develop community involvement in the management and natural/semi natural greenspace
- ❑ All agencies involved in the management of natural/semi natural greenspace in the Borough to work more closely together
- ❑ Explore options to enhance management of woodlands
- ❑ Identify mechanism by which local nature reserves will be managed and maintain their designation
- ❑ Enhance access to provision where appropriate
- ❑ Upgrade site quality at sites which fall below quality threshold
- ❑ Continue to develop community involvement in the management of natural/semi-natural greenspaces.
- ❑ Consider options to decrease unofficial motorbike use, e.g., by increasing deterrent signs, perimeter fencing and gates.
- ❑ Reinvigorate tree planting programmes

### **Green corridors**

- ❑ Develop strategy for addressing condition of PROW network
- ❑ Complete work on historical use of PROW and review designation.
- ❑ Upgrade site quality where appropriate and encourage use to help meet activity targets.
- ❑ Continue to develop community involvement in the management of green corridors
- ❑ Where appropriate, continue to improve access to provision (taking into account disability access)
- ❑ Develop a programme to enhance signage of PROW.
- ❑ Work to decrease unofficial motorbike use, e.g., by increasing deterrent signs, perimeter fencing and gates.

### **Amenity greenspace**

- ❑ Continue to develop successful programmes such as Street Ambassadors and Doorstep Green projects
- ❑ Develop a programme of site enhancement, e.g., flower planting
- ❑ Upgrade site quality at sites which fall below the quality threshold
- ❑ Continue to develop community involvement in the management of amenity greenspace

### **Provision for children and young people**

- ❑ Continue to enhance the accessibility and inclusivity of play provision

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- ❑ Develop greater range of informal play provision.
- ❑ Review the future of all LAP sites in the context of their potential to be upgraded to provide sites that meet the needs and expectations of local young people and their parents. (However, there are some LAPs which have equipment and minimal maintenance cost. These sites will be retained and reviewed when maintenance costs rise due to aging equipment).
- ❑ Upgrade site quality at sites, which fall below the quality threshold.
- ❑ Ensure perimeter fencing and safety surfacing is evident at all new and existing play areas.
- ❑ Explore potential for ongoing designation of play streets.

### **Allotments, community gardens and city farms**

- ❑ Upgrade allotment site security
- ❑ Develop a programme to provide water and toilet facilities at all allotment sites in Calderdale
- ❑ Increase awareness of allotments and their value (in terms of wider social and health impact)
- ❑ Continue to develop programmes that utilise allotments to address broader issues, e.g., work led by LACE.
- ❑ Enhance community involvement in the management of allotments and the development of allotment associations to manage sites
- ❑ Upgrade site quality for sites below the quality threshold
- ❑ Assist allotment associations to maintain unoccupied plots to encourage further participants.
- ❑ Increase the role of Calderdale Leisure Gardeners to provide external funding advice.
- ❑ Build up a database of privately owned sites to include contact details and vacancies

### **Cemeteries, disused churchyards and burial grounds**

- ❑ Enhance access at sites, particularly in the context of access by disabled and elderly.
- ❑ Expand community involvement in the management of sites.
- ❑ Upgrade site quality at sites which fall below the quality threshold
- ❑ Work to decrease unofficial motorbike use, e.g., by increasing deterrent signs, perimeter fencing and gates.



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## **Civic space**

- ❑ Explore opportunities for greater community involvement in the management of civic spaces.
- ❑ Make greater use of civic spaces for events

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## STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

This section sets out general objectives for the development of outdoor sports facilities in Calderdale. They seek to address the issues raised in the Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessment Report.

The following targets have been developed through the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and the catchment mapping. They reflect the key areas to be addressed over the lifetime of the Strategy. However, implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to meet planning considerations.

### Generic

- ❑ Outline a development route of provision, which enables resources to be targeted at sites of strategic importance on a local and Borough wide level (see Appendix 1).
- ❑ Upgrade site quality where appropriate.
- ❑ Provide appropriate changing accommodation where relevant and upgrade existing facilities on a priority basis when opportunities arise.

### Football

- ❑ Prioritise investment in pitch quality at sites, which have been classified as poor quality.
- ❑ Redistribute play from sites, which have been identified as overplayed.
- ❑ Each site to have appropriate size and specification changing facilities, which enable access from all users groups (e.g. women/girls/disabled) and pitch capacity to be maximised.
- ❑ Maintain current team generation rates (TGRs) for senior men, junior and mini football; work towards national average for senior women.
- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations

### Cricket

- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations
- ❑ Maintain TGRs for senior men and junior boys; work towards national average for senior women and junior girls.

### Rugby union

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- ❑ Identify site to floodlight to match standard
- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations
- ❑ Maintain TGRs for senior men and junior boys; work towards Leeds average for mini rugby (union) and national average for junior girls – target development of at least one girls' team

### **Rugby league**

- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations
- ❑ Support Halifax RLFC to reintroduce community programme
- ❑ Maintain TGRs for senior men and junior boys; work towards Leeds average for mini rugby (league) and national average for junior girls – target development of at least one girls' team

### **Hockey**

- ❑ Maintain current TGRs for all forms of play except senior men (target Leeds average)

### **Bowls**

- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations.

### **Tennis**

- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations.
- ❑ Increase public awareness of playing and coaching opportunities at clubs through increased publicity.
- ❑ Appropriate provision of ancillary facilities at all clubs to maximise accessibility and usability for recreational and competitive play.
- ❑ Protect and maintain the current level of courts, which are open for public recreational use enhancing quality where required.

### **Athletics**

- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations.
- ❑ Promote and develop the new track at Spring Hall in partnership with clubs

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## **Golf**

- Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations.
- Support the work of clubs to promote the take up of golf with children and young people.

## **Primary/junior school playgrounds**

- Every primary and junior school should have an adequate quality playground surface (regardless of size) for sports activities with appropriate playground markings on the ground and on walls/fences etc to facilitate cricket and hockey as well as other sports (netball, basketball, short tennis) and general movement and ball skills. Schemes, which, should be considered to facilitate this include:
  - England Cricket Board playground markings.
  - Youth Sport Trust – ‘Zoneparc’.
  - DfES Sporting Playgrounds.

## **Primary/junior school playing fields**

- Primary and junior schools, which have existing playing fields on site or immediately adjacent should mark out a minimum of one 60m x 40m training grid, which can be used for pitch sports (e.g. mini soccer, tag rugby etc.).
- Formal arrangements to be in place for community use of school playing fields and other outdoor sports facilities where appropriate.

## **Secondary school playing fields**

- Continue the development of community use of schools pitches. Provide support, where appropriate in order for schools to achieve effective community use agreements.
- Support those schools that have existing community use and require improvements to the facilities to enable increased capacity as well improving facilities for curriculum purposes.
- Improvements to pitches and ancillary facilities to accommodate additional wear and tear, and improvements to site access, security and car parking may be required. This must include access to changing facilities, and where not possible access to toilets as a minimum.
- Work closely with the school sport partnership(s) to extend the range of sporting opportunities within the Borough for children and young people

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## STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR BUILT SPORTS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

This section sets out general objectives for the development of built sports facilities in Calderdale. They seek to address the issues raised in the Built Sports Facilities Assessment Report.

The following targets have been developed through the combination of information gathered during consultation, site visits and the catchment mapping. They reflect the key areas to be addressed over the lifetime of the Strategy. However, implementation must be considered in the context of financial implications and the need for some proposals to meet planning considerations.

Sports specific issues are addressed in the action plan element for built provision.

### Generic

- ❑ Develop an appropriate network of provision (in terms of distribution of facilities)
- ❑ Enhance site quality where appropriate through a programme of refurbishment, replacement and new build
- ❑ Review programming and pricing policies at all sites (taking a Calderdale wide perspective) to ensure that provision is maximised in the context of local need
- ❑ Review community use arrangements at all sites to ensure that provision maximised in the context of local need
- ❑ All secondary schools to have access to a 4-court sports hall
- ❑ Support clubs in aspirations to improve facilities and development aspirations
- ❑ Develop an effective marketing programme to increase awareness of provision

The Council has to be mindful of CPA and any other future assessment models introduced to monitor performance. With this in mind the Council will work towards providing adequate (top quartile) facilities to met any performance assessment placed upon it, either through its own facilities or in partnership with other providers

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## Provision standards

The table below details provision standards for open spaces and outdoor sports facilities. Detailed calculations can be found in the relevant study databases. It must be noted that standards have not been calculated for amenity greenspace and allotments, as there is some work to be done as part of the action plan to assess the sites identified as low value. Standards for provision for children and young people are estimated at this stage as the future of a number of sites remains to be reviewed. It is important to have aspirational standards for each type of provision so that when opportunities arise to develop new facilities the guidance is in place. The following notes should also be taken into account:

## Notes

- **Parks and gardens** – the priority is to meet catchment gaps; for small gaps a site of 0.04 ha is identified (as this is the minimum size required to generate a catchment) and for large gaps a local park (minimum 1.00 ha) is identified. Consultation has shown that visits to local parks are the most frequent; therefore priority should also be given to developing those facilities.
- **Natural/semi-natural greenspace** – due to the importance of this typology in the area it is recommended that all current provision is protected.
- **Green corridors** – due to their (generally) linear nature, it is not appropriate to set provision standards for green corridors in terms of hectareage.
- **Children and young people** – all potential closures are included; all new provision assumed to be LEAP (minimum 0.04ha); no account taken of space implications of upgrading LAPs.
- **Cemeteries, disused churchyards and other burial grounds** – it is recommended that existing provision is protected. It is not appropriate to set an accessibility standard.
- **Civic spaces** – it is recommended that existing provision is protected. It is not appropriate to set an accessibility standard.
- **Outdoor sports facilities** – standards have been calculated in line with Sport England guidance set out in 'Towards A Level Playing Field.'
- **Built sports facilities** – quantity standards are not applied to this typology; accessibility is addressed within the assessment report.
- Standards apply the level of provision desired to the 2013 projected population

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*Table 1: Local provision standards (Quantity standards are ha/1000 population)*

Typology	Standard	Brighouse	Elland	Halifax	Hebden Bridge	Sowerby Bridge	Todmorden
Parks and gardens	Quantity	1.39	0.85	1.79	0.24	0.95	4.10
	Quality	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment					
	Accessibility	All settlement areas within 400m of small local open space and 600m of local park and 1200m of district park  All settlement areas within 30 minute drive time of a borough park					
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	Quantity	5.47	4.54	12.65	271.87	92.00	130.60
	Quality	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment					
	Accessibility	All settlement areas within 400m of a site (0.04ha – 1ha) and 600m of a site (1.00ha – 3.00ha) and 1200m of a site greater than 3ha					
Amenity greenspace	Quantity						
	Quality	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment					
	Accessibility	All settlement areas within 400m of a site (0.04ha – 1ha) and 600m of a site (1.00ha – 3.00ha) and 1200m of a site greater than 3ha					
Provision for children and young people	Quantity	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.08
	Quality	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment					
	Accessibility	All settlement areas within 240m of a LEAP and 600m of a NEAP					
Allotments	Quantity						
	Quality	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment					

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Typology	Standard	Brighouse	Elland	Halifax	Hebden Bridge	Sowerby Bridge	Todmorden
	<b>Accessibility</b>	All settlement areas within 400m of a site (0.04ha – 1ha) and/or 600m of a site (1.00ha – 3.00ha) and/or 1200m of a site greater than 3ha					
<b>Cemeteries</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	0.24	0.51	0.27	0.11	0.30	0.30
	<b>Quality</b>	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment					
	<b>Accessibility</b>	N/A					
<b>Civic spaces</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04
	<b>Quality</b>	Score of 60% or higher on qualitative site assessment					
	<b>Accessibility</b>	N/A					
<b>Outdoor sports facilities</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	2.13	2.23	1.49	0.78	1.69	2.07
	<b>Quality</b>	Site quality rating of good (as defined by Sport England Electronic Toolkit)					
	<b>Accessibility</b>	Teams to have access to appropriate site at relevant time					



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## **ACTION PLAN**

### **Justification of sites within the Action Plan.**

*The following criteria have been used to identify priorities and justify the inclusion of sites within the action plan.*

- ❑ The appropriate catchment is deficient in the specified typology.
- ❑ The Site suffers from access problems in terms of safety, poor signage and poor disability provision.
- ❑ A project is currently underway to enhance the existing site and/or funding has been secured.
- ❑ An evaluation of the site's use is required as it is of poor quality and is underused.
- ❑ The desired action is small scale, short term and will enhance the quality of current provision, whilst aiding community empowerment.
- ❑ The importance of the site is identified in other strategies.

### **Management and development**

The following issues should be considered when undertaking site development or enhancement.

- ❑ Financial viability.
- ❑ Security of tenure.
- ❑ Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.
- ❑ Gaining revenue funding from planning contributions in order to maintain existing sites.
- ❑ Gaining contributions in the form of planning contributions, which assist with the creation of new provision where need has been identified.
- ❑ Analyse the possibility of shared site management opportunities.
- ❑ Opportunities to lease site to external organisations(s).
- ❑ Assisting community groups/parish councils to gain funding to enhance existing provision.
- ❑ Negotiation with landowners to increase access to private strategic sites.

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### ACTION PLAN 2006 – 2013

The Action Plan has been created to be undertaken over a seven-year timescale. The information within the assessment Report, Strategy and Action Plan will require updating as developments occur. It is not feasible to include all sites with identified development issues in the Strategy and Action Plan. Only sites, which meet the criteria listed above have, therefore, been included.

Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years).

#### Open spaces

Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
<b>Parks &amp; gardens</b>			
<b>Brighouse</b>			
Back Gooder Street	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Bramston St Rec	L	Increase provision on site (and size if feasible) to cover catchment gap to south; if not feasible new provision required (minimum 0.04ha)	Meet catchment gap
Halifax Road Rose Beds, Hillcrest, Maryville Avenue	S	Use higher impact planting	Increased value
King George cemetery/Memorial park	M	Increase number of litter bins and litter picking Improve lighting in park Explore options to improve parking	Improved site quality; improved access to site and perceptions of site safety
Rastrick Library/War Memorial	L	Increase provision on site (and size if feasible) to cover catchment gap to south; if not feasible new provision required (minimum 0.04ha)	Meet catchment gap
Southowram	L	Develop local park to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap

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<sup>1</sup> All site names as provided by CMBC in project database

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
		(minimum 1.00ha)	
Wellholme Park	M	Improve access to car park on Thornhill Road Ensure greater access to toilets in bowling pavilion	Improved site quality; improved access
Whinney Hill Park	M	Increase staff presence and events to address anti-social behaviour	Improved perceptions of site safety
<b>Elland</b>			
22-24 Stainland Road	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Clayhouse Park	M	Improve access to toilet facilities Enhance building to prevent water cascading	Improved site quality
Elland Bridge/Riverside Park etc	M	Improve site drainage	Improved site quality
Hullen Edge Park	M	Upgrade steps at NE entrance Improve lighting within park Prune (where relevant) overhanging trees	Improved site quality and perceptions of site safety
Library	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Pockets east of Elland Bridge/Riverside Park	L	Develop new provision to meet catchment gap (minimum 0.04ha)	Meet catchment gap
Pockets southeast of Hullen Edge Park	L	Develop new provision to meet catchment gap (minimum 0.04ha)	Meet catchment gap
Shaw Park	M	Upgrade building on site Improve signage	Improved site quality and access
The Townings/Stainland Library etc	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
<b>Halifax</b>			
Albert Road	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Area west of Shroggs Park	L	Develop new provision to meet catchment gap (minimum local park 1.00ha)	Meet catchment gap

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Boothtown Rd. Rest Garden	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Lister Lane Beds	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Manor Heath Park	M	Upgrade car parking Reinforce ground used for car parking for events Provide cycle rack Develop weatherproof electricity supply to support staging of events Greater enforcement in relation to unauthorised vehicle access Develop additional picnic table provision which is accessible to disabled	Improved site quality, access, usage and perceptions of site safety
Mixenden Urban Park	M	Upgrade path quality	Improved site quality and access
Peoples park	L	Improve links from town centre Improve promotion of events	Improved access and usage
Piece Hall/Westgate Planters	S	Higher impact planting	Increased value
Shelf Hall Park	M	Upgrade paths	Improved site quality and access
Shelf Memorial Garden	M	Upgrade paths	Improved site quality and access
Shibden Park	M	Improve vehicular access from Godley Lane Develop disabled parking Upgrade path quality Improve signage Improve number of seats and litter bins	Improved site quality and access
West View Park	M	Upgrade paths Improve lighting	Improved site quality and perceptions of site safety
<b>Hebden Bridge</b>			

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Calder Holmes Park	M	Upgrade lighting in park Improve path quality Introduce disabled parking	Improved site quality and access
Cragg Rd Play Area	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
New Road Memorial Gdns/Heb	M	Examine ways to increase amenity value	Increased value of site
<b>Sowerby Bridge</b>			
Alan Park	M	Enhance woodland walk areas	Improved site quality and value
Bolton Brow Gardens	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Cemetery Fields	S	Upgrade fences Increase number of litter bins and dog foul bins	Improved site quality
Crow Wood Park	S	Develop toilet provision Improve site signage	Improved site quality and access
Dale View	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Mill Fold Recreation Ground	L	Examine potential to extend provision so catchment covers gaps to north and south; else new provision required (each minimum of 0.04ha)	Meet catchment gap
Norland Park	S	Improve signage to access park	Improved access
The Newlands/ Sowerby Park/Stocks Ln	M	Upgrade path quality	Improved site quality and access
West Street Gardens	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
<b>Todmorden</b>			
Ash/Birch Street	S	Review use of low value site	Effective land use
Burnley Road Todmorden	S	Improve provision of litter bins Introduce seating	Improved site quality
Cornholme	L	Develop new provision to meet catchment gap (minimum local park – 1.00 ha)	Meet catchment gap

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
St Peter's Gate	L	Examine potential to meet catchment gaps to north and south; else new provision required (minimum of 0.04ha)	Meet catchment gap
<b>Natural/semi-natural greenspace</b>			
<b>Elland</b>			
East Holywell Green (area east of Whittle Wood)	L	Develop new provision (or enhance existing provision) to cater for small catchment gap (minimum 0.04 ha)	Meet catchment gap
<b>Halifax</b>			
Area east of Broom Bank	L	Develop new provision (or enhance existing provision) to cater for catchment gap (minimum 0.04 ha)	Meet catchment gap
Area east of Fall Spring Wood	L	Develop new provision (or enhance existing provision) to cater for catchment gap (minimum 0.04 ha)	Meet catchment gap
Area west of Southowram Bank	L	Develop new provision (or enhance existing provision) to cater for catchment gap (minimum 0.04 ha)	Meet catchment gap
Beechwood	M	Upgrade poor quality of footpath and absence of signage and information	Improved site quality and access
Long Wood	M	Increase site presence to address dog fouling and vandalism on site	Improved site quality
Shibden Park Cunnery Wood	M	Develop wildflower meadow and sensory garden with disability access as part of redevelopment of park.	Improved site quality and value
<b>Sowerby Bridge</b>			

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Milner Royd LNR	M	Site to be disposed of and replaced with new LNR	Upgraded provision of LNRs
<b>Amenity greenspace<sup>2</sup></b>			
<b>Brighouse</b>			
Chapel Croft		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Smith Crescent and Carr Green Recreation Ground	
Fairfax Crescent		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Southowram Estate, Fairfax Crescent and New Street Estate	
Field Lane Estate		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Smith Crescent	
Granny Hall lane		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Granny Hall Lane and Lane Head Recreation Ground	
Oaklands		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by range of sites including Thornes Parl	
Smith House Estate		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by range of sites	
South east Brighouse (south of Clifton Rec)		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Stoney Lane Estate Rec		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Nunlea and Smithhouse Estate	
Sunnybank Terrace		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Bramston St Rec	
Thornhill Rd C/Park		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Thornes Park	

<sup>2</sup> Priority and outcome not identified as decision on future required

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
<b>Elland</b>			
Area east of Park Road Recreation Ground		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Area south east of Rosemount Avenue		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Bean Street		Examine potential to expand if Bean Street (658) has change of use/review use	
Bean Street/Dewsbury Road/Banks End		Examine potential to expand if Bean Street (658) has change of use/review use	
Brigate Mills		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by wide range of provision	
Charles Street		Improve condition of grass	Improved site quality
Heathfield Rec		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Whitwell Avenue Estate	
North Northowram (north of Northowram Recreation Ground)		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Very small area south of Charles Street		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
<b>Halifax</b>			
5Heath Hill/Moor End Road Junction		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision	
Akroyd park/memorial garden		Low value site; review use but in the context of wider site	
Area east of Lister Court		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap



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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Area north east of Holdsworth Road		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Backhold Hall		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Backhold)	
Boy Lane Playing Fields		Low value site; review use in context of site review may create a very slight catchment gap to south of Furness Estate	
Broad Street		Explore potential identified by Halifax Renaissance Strategy	Meet identified need
Broad St Planting		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Lister Court)	
Buxton Way/Enderby Close		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Blackburn House/Close	
Chatham Street Community Centre		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Brunswick Gardens)	
Claremount Recreation Ground		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Horley Green Road	
Copley Turning Circle		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Lydbrook Park	
Cow Green		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Brunswick Gardens)	
Crib Lane		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Angel Road, Crib Lane Estate)	
Crossley Gardens		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Rotherry/Charry Court	
Denfield Cres		Low value site; review use as catchment	

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
		covered by various provision (e.g., Nursery Close)	
Forest Bank Training Centre		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Turner Avenue South Estate)	
Four fields playing fields		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Turner Avenue South Estate)	
Furness Avenue		Low value site; review use but in the context of the need for additional parks and gardens provision in the area; if retained, address use of site for dumping	
Grosvenor Terrace		Low value site; review use in conjunction with Chatham Street Community Centre as catchment covered by various provision	
Grove Estate		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Athol Estate	
Hambleton estate		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Stanningly Estate	
Hanson Lane		Explore potential identified by Surestart	Meet identified need
Horton House		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Brunswick Gardens)	
Jubilee Adventure Playground		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various sites	
Ling Bob/ Weatherhouse/Ryecroft.etc		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Ling Bob Rec)	
LittleMoor Road Estate		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Natty Lane	

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
		Recreation Ground)	
Magistrates Court		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Heath Lea)	
Paradise Street Car Park, West Parade Flats		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Brunswick Gardens)	
Queens Road J&I/Community Centre		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Ryburn Court)	
Range Bank		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Spring Terrace	
Registry Office		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision	
St Annes Play Area/Angel Rd		Greater enforcement required to address illegal vehicle use (not prevented by tree stumps)	Improved site quality and perceptions of site safety
Turner Avenue Nth Estate		Low value site; review use in conjunction with Forest Bank Training Centre	
Victoria St. Car Park		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Lister Court)	
<b>Hebden Bridge</b>			
Birchcliffe Road 1		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Dood Naze)	
Blackshaw		Develop new provision to meet demand	Meet catchment gap
Dodd Naze 1		Thin/prune trees and explore potential to underplant with wild flowers	Improved site quality, value and perceptions of safety
Eaves Road Rec ground		Greater enforcement required to address illegal use of site by quad bikes	Improved site quality and perceptions of site safety
Scout Road rec		Upgrade access to site	Improved access

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
<b>Sowerby Bridge</b>			
Area west of Whiteley Park		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Beechwood Avenue		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Beechwood and Beechwood Estate)	
Brig Royd/GreenAcres Estate		Low value site; consider change of use/review use as catchment covered by other provision (e.g., Mill Fold Recreation Ground, Ripponden Wood Rec)	
Kershaw Estate		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Kershaw Estate (206) and Luddenfoot (834)	
Rawson Wood OAP		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Sowerby, The Newlands)	
Ripponden Old Bank/School Close		Low value site; consider change of use/review use as catchment covered by Mill Fold Recreation Ground	
Rishworth Turning circle		Low value site; review use in conjunction with St John's Close Estate	
South Luddenden Foot (south of Luddenfoot Industr.)		Develop new (or enhance existing) provision to cater for catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Sowerby Estate		Low value site; retain as would create small catchment gap	
St John's Close Estate		Low value site; review use in conjunction with Rishworth Turning Circle	

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<b>Site<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Recommended actions</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>
Whiteley Park		Enhance use for wildlife	Improved site value
Willow Street		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Nelson Place, Norland View)	
Willowfield Estate		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by various provision (e.g., Bairstow Mount)	
<b>Todmorden</b>			
Cornholme Library		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Bobbin Mill Close	
Daisy Bank Car Park		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Bobbin Mill Close	
Dineley Avenue		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Ashenhurst Estate and Harley Wood	
Lennox Road		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Portsmouth Rec	
Longfield Estate		Low value site; review use in conjunction with Todmorden Lock	
Mount Street Car Park		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Fielden Terrace	
Myrtle Street Car Parks		Low value site; review use in conjunction with Rochdale Road and St Mary's Church	
Rochdale Rd (Opp conservative club)		Low value site; review use in conjunction with St Mary's Church and Myrtle Street	
St Mary's Church		Low value site; review use in conjunction with Rochdale Road and Myrtle Street	
Todmorden Lock 18		Low value site; review use in conjunction with	

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
		Longfiled Estate; if retained need to address issue of litter	
Woodlands Avenue		Retain – greater tree management required; address tree vandalism and young people using site to 'hang around'	
<b>Provision for children and young people<sup>3</sup></b>			
<b>Brighthouse</b>			
Area southwest of 758.3		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Area west of 720.3		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Bramston St		Upgrade to NEAP	Site that meets local need
Burnsall Road		Upgrade equipment on site	Site that meets local need
Church Lane		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Fairfax Crescent		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Finkil Street Rec		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Higgin Lane Play Area		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
King George V		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Lane Head		Upgrade equipment on site	Site that meets local need
Oaklands		Upgrade site through installation of equipment for older children	Site that meets local need
Smith House Estate		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
South Southowram		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Stoney Lane Estate		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Thornton Road		Install new equipment on site to meet community need	Site that meets local need
Victoria Road, Bailiff Bridge		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
West Norwood Green		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap

<sup>3</sup> Priority not identified as decision on future required

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Whinney Hill Park		Upgrade equipment on site	Site that meets local need
William Street		Consider for closure (would be covered by upgraded Bramston St)	Potential Effective land use
Elland			
Ainley Top		Upgrade to LEAP; upgrade surface	Site that meets local need
Clay House		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Greetland Rec		Upgrade to NEAP	Site that meets local need
Heathfield Estate		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Jagger Green Lane Rec		Upgrade site	Site that meets local need
James Street		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Kinnard/Plains Lane		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Park Road		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Ravenstone Drive		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Rosemount Ave		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Shaw Park		Upgrade to NEAP	Site that meets local need
Sowood		Upgrade equipment on site	Site that meets local need
Halifax			
Akroyd Park		Upgrade to NEAP	Site that meets local need
Area between 516.3 and 1180		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Area west of 1204		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Bradshaw Park		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resources and site that meets local needs
Caddyfields		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Dodgeholme Road		Upgrade to LEAP;	Site that meets local need
East Central Halifax (east of 537.3)		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
East Central Halifax (north of 537.3)		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Grantham Road		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Horley Green		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Littlemoor Road		Consider for closure as covered by Natty Lane	Effective use of resoures
Moor Lane		Consider for closure (would be covered by upgraded Myrtle Avenue)	Effective use of resoures
Mount Tabor		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
Myrtle Avenue		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Natty Lane Rec		Upgrade site	Site that meets local need
North east of 833.7		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Northeast of 785.6		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Outdoor Basketball Goals		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
People's Park		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Sandall Green		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Selby, Abbey Park		Consider for closure (actioned)	Effective land use
Shroggs Park		Upgrade site	Site that meets local need
Siddal		Upgrade to LEAP (completed)	Site that meets local need
St Winifred's Close		Consider for closure (would be covered by upgraded Myrtle Avenue) - actioned	Effective use of resoures
Towngate		Refurbish equipment	Site that meets local need
Wainstalls Village		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
Warley Rec		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
<b>Hebden Bridge</b>			
Birchcliffe Road		Consider for closure (would be covered by various sites)	Effective use of resoures
Burnley Road		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs



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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Charlestown		Upgrade provision to meet local need	Site that meets local need
Cragg Rd		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site; upgrade surface	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
Nest Estate		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Old Town		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
Pecket Well		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
White Lee Rec		Upgrade to NEAP (including teenage provision)	Site that meets local need
Sowerby Bridge			
Barkisland Rec		Upgrade surface	Site that meets local need
Beech Road Rec		Upgrade site	Site that meets local need
Beechwood		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Crow Wood Park		Upgrade surface	Site that meets local need
Holmes Park		Upgrade to NEAP	Site that meets local need
Jerusalem Farm		Consider for closure	Effective use of resoures
John Murgatroyd/ Midgley Rec		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
Kershaw Estate		Refurbish site to meet local need	Site that meets local need
Lower Bentley Royd		Consider for closure	Effective use of resoures
Mill Bank Rec		Upgrade site	Site that meets local need
Norland Town		Examine provision in relation to catchment served by site	Effective use of resoures and site that meets local needs
Norland View		Consider for closure (would be covered by Crow Wood Park)	Effective use of resoures
The Newlands		Consider for closure and replacement with skateboard park on site	Site that meets local need
Triangle Park		Consider for closure	Effective use of resoures
Whiteley Park		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
<b>Todmorden</b>			
Area north of Scott Street		Develop LEAP to meet catchment gap	Meet catchment gap
Ashenhurst		Consider for closure	Effective use of resoures
Cambridge St/Tipside		Upgrade to NEAP	Site that meets local need
Carr House Estate		Upgrade site	Site that meets local need
Fielden Terrace/Meado		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Harrison Street		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
Knowlwood Rd/Spoon Dam Shade		Upgrade to NEAP	Site that meets local need
Portsmouth Rec		Upgrade to LEAP; upgrade surface	Site that meets local need
Russell Street		Upgrade to LEAP	Site that meets local need
<b>Allotments<sup>4</sup></b>			
<b>Brighouse</b>			
Common Lane		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Marsh Lane	
Oaklands 1		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Lillands Lane	
Stoney lane allotments		There is potential for this area to be used as a different typology	
Waterloo Road 12		Bring all plots back into use	Improved access to provision
<b>Elland</b>			
Allotment Gardens - Crest Road		Low value; future should be considered in conjunction with Stanley Road (only half of plots in use)	
Allotment Gardens - Stanley Road		Low value; future should be considered in conjunction with Crest Road	

<sup>4</sup> Priority and outcome not identified as decision on future required

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Drury Lane 1		Address management as used as gardens by local residents rather than allotments	Improved site quality
<b>Halifax</b>			
Allotment Gardens - Hopwood Lane		Encourage greater use (half of plots not in use)	Improved access to provision
Clover Hill Road		Low value site; retain as would create catchment gap, but deal with overgrown areas of site	
Gordon Street		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by York Terrace	
Sandhall 3		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Albert View	Effective land use
Whitegate Road		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by other sites (Whitegate and Haigh Lane)	
<b>Hebden Bridge</b>			
Sandall Street		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Windsor Road and Station Road	
<b>Sowerby Bridge</b>			
Milner Royd		Low value site; review use as catchment covered by Pye Nest	
Triangle Allotments		Low value site; consider future in context of catchment served by site and fact that site is disused	
<b>Todmorden</b>			
Lime Avenue 31		Encourage use as half of plots not in use	Improved access to provision
Pitts Estate 30		Low value site; retain as would create catchment gap, but need to address absence of facilities on-site	

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The Hollins		Low value site; review use as covered by Lime Avenue and Hole Bottom	
<b>Cemeteries</b>			
<b>Brighouse</b>			
Lightcliffe Cemetery	S	Address fact site is overgrown	Improved site quality
<b>Elland</b>			
Blackley Methodist Church	S	Address fact site is overgrown	Improved site quality
<b>Halifax</b>			
All Souls Cemetery - Lincoln Way, Boothtown	M	Potential for nature conservation at the site	Enhanced site value
Bethel Chapel	S	Address fact site is overgrown	Improved site quality
Cripplegate/Parish/Square Church/cemetery	M	Upgrade path quality	Improved site quality and access
Lister Lane	M	Develop as a valuable wildlife site, especially as an education resource	Improved site value
St Michael & All Angels Church	S	Address overgrown nature	Improved site quality
<b>Hebden Bridge</b>			
Mytholmroyd Methodist Church	S	Introduce seats and bins	Improved site quality
<b>Sowerby Bridge</b>			
St Bartholomew's Church	S	Address fact site is overgrown	Improved site quality
<b>Todmorden</b>			
Todmorden Unitarian Church	S	Address fact partially overgrown	Improved site quality

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Site <sup>1</sup>	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
<b>Civic space</b>			
<b>Halifax</b>			
Piece Hall	M	Address disabled (wheelchair) access and wider redevelopment as centrepiece of Halifax Renaissance Strategy; work required to address anti-social behaviour problems	Improved site quality, access, value and perceptions of site safety
St Georges Square	L	Consider development as an urban square	Improved site value
<b>Todmorden</b>			
Todmorden Market/ Bramche Square	L	Consider renovation of building within Square and continue work to address anti-social behaviour problems	Improved site quality, access, value and perceptions of site safety

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### Outdoor sports facilities

Site	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
All school sites	M	Work with secondary and primary/junior schools to formalise arrangements for community use of playing fields, tennis/netball courts.	Improved access to provision
<b>Brighouse</b>			
Bailliff Bridge Recreation Ground	M	Upgrade poor quality pitches	Improved site quality
	M	Develop changing accommodation	
Broad Oak Park	S	Transfer some use from site to prevent overplay	Improved site quality
Field Lane	M	Upgrade poor quality pitches	Improved site quality
	M	Develop changing accommodation	
Long Lane Playing Field	L	Upgrade poor quality pitch	Improved site quality
	M	Consider redesignation of senior pitch for junior or mini use (already playing across senior pitch)	
Southwram Recreation Ground	L	Develop changing accommodation	Improved site quality
Wellholme Park	L	Address informal use	Improved site quality
	L	Develop changing accommodation	
Woodhead Recreation Ground	S	Transfer mini soccer from Carr Green Playing Fields	Improved site quality
	L	Develop changing accommodation	
	M	Provide 1 junior football pitch to meet needs of Brighouse Juniors FC	Meet identified need
<b>Elland</b>			
Clayhouse Park	L	Upgrade poor pitch quality	Improved site quality
	L	Develop changing accommodation	
Greetland Recreation Ground/ Goldfields	S	Upgrade adequate and poor pitch quality to accommodate current levels of use	Improved site quality

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Site	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Hullen Edge Recreation Ground	M	Upgrade poor pitch quality	Improved site quality
	M	Upgrade changing accommodation	
Old Earth Primary School	L	Upgrade adequate pitch quality and/or transfer some junior use to other sites	Improved site quality
Stainland Recreation Ground	M	Upgrade adequate and poor pitch quality	Improved site quality
	M	Upgrade changing accommodation	
	M	Upgrade poor quality tennis court	
	M	Provide senior pitch that meets the requirements of Elland United FC	Meet identified need
<b>Halifax</b>			
Bradshaw Park	L	Upgrade changing for bowls	Improved site quality
Crossley Sports Ground	S	Transfer some rugby league use from site to prevent over play	Improved site quality
Ellen Royd Playing Field	L	Upgrade adequate pitch quality	Improved site quality
Four Fields	L	Develop changing accommodation	Improved site quality
	S	Transfer some rugby league use from site to prevent over play	
Grantham Road Recreation Ground	S	Transfer some junior and mini use to other sites	Improved site quality
Holmfield Rec Ground	L	Upgrade poor quality pitch	Improved site quality
Holy Trinity Primary School	L	Upgrade poor quality pitch	Improved site quality
Ling Bob Playing Fields	M	Develop changing accommodation	Improved site quality
Mixenden Urban Park	L	Upgrade bowling green to address vandalism issues	Improved site quality
Moor Lane Recreation Ground	L	Develop changing accommodation	Improved site quality
Natty Lane Recreation Ground	L	Upgrade changing accommodation	Improved site quality
Northowram Recreation	L	Upgrade changing accommodation	Improved site quality

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Site	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
Ground		Resurface tennis courts	
Old Crossleyans CC and Squash Club, Broomfields	L	Upgrade adequate pitch quality	Improved site quality
Old Rishworthians	L	Upgrade adequate pitch quality	Improved site quality
Shelf Hall Park	L	Upgrade mini poor pitch quality	Improved site quality
	S	Redesignate senior pitch for junior or mini or transfer some junior or mini use to other sites	
	L	Upgrade changing accommodation	
	L	Upgrade bowling green	
Shroggs Park	L	Upgrade changing accommodation	Improved site quality
	L	Fence bowling green	
Siddal Recreation Ground	L	Upgrade bowling green and ancillary facilities	Improved site quality
Spring Hall	M	Upgrade changing accommodation (football and athletics)	Improved site quality
	M	Upgrade bowling green and ancillary facilities	
	M	Upgrade poor quality tennis courts	
	M	Provide: 1 senior football pitch to meet needs of Copley United FC 1 senior pitch and 1 junior football pitch to meet needs of Halifax Irish Centre FC 1 junior football pitch to meet needs of Warley Rangers FC 1 junior pitch to meet needs of Siddal ARLFC 1 senior pitch to meet needs of Illingworth ARLFC	Meet identified need
<b>Hebden Bridge</b>			
Burnley Road Jnr School	L	Upgrade adequate junior pitch quality	Improved site quality
Calder Holmes Park	L	Upgrade adequate pitch quality	Improved site quality



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Site	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
	L	Upgrade changing accommodation	
	L	Upgrade poor quality tennis courts	
Old Town	L	Upgrade bowling green	Improved site quality
Scout Drive	M	Provide bowls club with adequate lease	Provide longer-term security for club
Stubbings Playing Field	L	Upgrade poor pitch quality	Improved site quality
White Lee Recreation Ground	L	Upgrade changing accommodation	Improved site quality
	M	Provide 1 junior pitch to cater for needs of Calder 76 FC	Meet identified need
<b>Sowerby Bridge</b>			
Allan Park	L	Upgrade bowling green; fence site	Improved site quality
	L	Resurface tennis courts	
Cemetery Fields	L	Develop changing accommodation	Improved site quality
Holmes Park	M	Upgrade changing accommodation	Improved site quality
Mill Fold Recreation Ground	L	Upgrade bowling green site to address vandalism issues; upgrade changing accommodation	Improved site quality
Ripponden Wood Recreation Ground	S	Transfer some junior/mini usage from site to prevent over play	Improved site quality
	M	Provide 1 junior pitch to cater for needs of Sowerby Bridge FC	Meet identified need
<b>Todmorden</b>			
Centre Vale Park	M	Upgrade changing accommodation to cater for junior use	Improved site quality
Harley Wood Playing Fields	L	Upgrade poor junior pitch quality	Improved site quality

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### Built sports facilities

Site	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
All community use sites	S	Review community use arrangements at all sites to ensure that provision maximised in the context of local need	
All sites	S	Review programming and pricing policies at all sites (taking a Calderdale wide perspective) to ensure that provision maximised in the context of local need	
Crossley Heath, Calder High, Todmorden High, Rastrick High, St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and North Halifax schools	L	Ensure that sports facilities and their access are considered at the start of the Building Schools for the Future programme to enable maximum community use. Explore community use options  In developing sports facilities consideration should be given to the development of centres of excellence for sports e.g. basketball, netball,	Provision of good quality facilities to meet both curricular, extra curricular and community use at this school sports 'hub' site.
Forest Cottage	S	Upgrade to address fire safety and DDA issues	
Generic	M	Explore potential to locate fitness facilities in community provision	Provision of good quality facilities meeting current demand and the needs of the users.
Halifax Pool	S-L	Consider closure and relocation to North Bridge Leisure Centre	Provision of good quality facilities meeting current demand and the needs of the users.  Will allow time in the main pool for additional public swimming and required additional club hours.
Halifax Table Tennis Club	M	Secure future of site	Long-term security for club.

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Site	Priority	Recommended actions	Outcomes
North Bridge Leisure Centre	L	Refurbish.	To meet competitive demand for sports hall usage in its catchment area.  Will ensure appropriate community usage of the facilities.
Rastrick Tennis Club	L	Refurbish indoor provision	Enhanced provision
Sowerby Bridge	M	Develop satellite facility for Halifax Acro to meet local need.	Meeting current demand
Sowerby Bridge, Elland and Brighouse swimming pools	S-L	Review the condition of all three pools and investigate investment opportunities.	Provision of good quality facilities meeting current demand and the needs of the users.  Meet gaps identified within the hierarchy.  To further accommodate and develop the 'Learn to Swim' programme.  Greater efficiency in terms of staffing issues and user satisfaction.
St Mary's Centre, Stainland Youth Centre, Raven Street Youth Centre, YMCA, Furness Community Centre, Mixenden Community Centre, The Vale, Brighouse Civic Hall	M	Refurbish sites to increase quality and meet local need	Increasing accessibility to facilities for a range of sports and users.
Todmorden Sports Centre	L	Expand fitness provision	Increasing accessibility to facilities for a range of users.

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## APPENDIX 1: DEVELOPMENT ROUTE OF PROVISION

A number of characteristics for both development routes are identified. These apply either to site elements that are already in place or, in some instances, are not in place but have the potential to be developed:

Development route 1	Development route 2
Strategically placed in the <b>local analysis area</b> context.  Accessible for residents within local analysis/settlement area	Strategically placed in the <b>local village</b> context  Accessible for residents in the immediate locality
10 minute drive-time.	5 minutes or under drive-time
Often services two sports, e.g. football, tennis.	Often services one pitch sport and one or two clubs use as a home ground e.g. football.
Good quality ancillary facilities with changing rooms/shower (men's and women's)/toilets. Making reasonable adjustments to comply with DDA requirements.	Ideally include good quality ancillary facilities with changing rooms/showers/toilets. Making reasonable adjustments to comply with DDA requirements.
Linked to NGB facilities strategies.  Clubs have/are working towards achieving Charter Standard or equivalent accreditation.	Clubs currently working towards achieving Charter Standard or equivalent accreditation.

Development Route 1 sites are the largest providers of playing pitches in the Borough. CMBC and its partners should secure and commit significant funding to their maintenance and, where necessary, improvement. Improvements in the quality of these pitches will relieve pressure on other sites across the Borough and increase capacity and the adequacy of a large proportion of the pitch stock. Consideration should be given to prioritise those sites highlighted as being played over capacity or under capacity (due to poor quality).

Development Route 2 sites are smaller than development Route 1 sites. They will predominantly be parish council/voluntary sector managed facilities.

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### *Conclusion*

It should be recognised that this model is intended to be flexible to assist with funding priorities. Through investment, sites can be reclassified. It should also be noted that although Development Route 2 sites would generally be considered as local priorities in some instances they may become district-wide priorities. This is likely to be the case in areas, which have a particularly low level of provision.