

## Draft Strategic Vision and Objectives

Harborough District Council is seeking to work with partners, including the National Governing Bodies of Sport, and Sport England, to ensure that there is an appropriate quality network of sustainable outdoor playing pitch facilities available to provide opportunities for and promote and support participation in pitch sports.

The key drivers for the production of the strategy are related to the three strands of **Sport England** to **protect, enhance and provide** playing pitches, as follows:

**Protect:** To provide evidence to inform policy in the emerging Harborough Local Plan, and specifically to support Site Allocations and Development Management Policies which will protect playing fields and their use by the community, irrespective of ownership

**Enhance:** To ensure that sports facilities are effectively managed and maintained and that best uses are made of existing resources -whether facilities, expertise and/or personnel to improve and enhance existing provision – particularly in the light of pressure on local authority budgets

**Provide:** To provide evidence to inform Council investment decisions and to help secure external funding for new facilities and enhancements through grant aid and also through Section 106 agreements.

The strategy seeks to support Harborough and its partners in attaining **Leicestershire and Rutland Vision for sport** which is:

**PURPOSE** *(the reason we exist ..... this is at the very heart of our partnership)*

*To make sport and physical activity accessible for all*

**VISION** *(describes the future..... the way we want it to be)*  
*Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland the most sporting and physically active place in England by 2025.*

## VALUES

With integrity and a commitment to quality we aspire to be:

### **People focused**

Our staff, partners, coaches and volunteers are our greatest asset. Together we want to make a difference.

### **Outcome driven**

The outcome is more important than the outputs.

Dynamic

We respond to opportunities and environments in a strategic and decisive manner.

### **Equitable & inclusive**

We strive to break down the barriers and make sport and physical activity accessible for all.

## Ambitions

Through enhancing local partnerships and working smarter, our ambitions by 2017 are to ensure:

### **Ambition 1 Young People**

There is a year on year increase in participation by children and young people in high quality PE, Sport and Physical Activity.

### **Ambition 2 Adults**

The number of adults regularly taking part in Sport and Physical Activity increases year on year.

### **Ambition 3 Places to Play**

Facilities, playing pitches and spaces that encourage Sport and Physical Activity are high quality and accessible.

### **Ambition 4 Legacy**

The Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Special Olympics and other major sporting events continue to inspire generations to start, stay and succeed in Sport and Physical Activity.

### **Ambition 5 Clubs and Pathways**

There is a high quality structure to deliver sport with appropriate and accessible pathways.

The aim of this strategy is to deliver the overarching vision and achieve the specific values and ambitions as set out above.

To do this, it is essential that provision for each sport continues to evolve and improve to meet with changing needs and aspirations.

The timeframe of the Harborough Playing Pitch Strategy is for the next ten years (2016 to 2026), with regular full reviews to accord with Sport England guidance and the local development plan.