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07 September 2022

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services and Licensing Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm**

Kathy O'Leary  
Chief Executive

**Please Note:** The meeting is being held in the Council Chamber at Stroud District Council and will be streamed live on the Council's [YouTube Channel](#). A recording of the meeting will be published onto the [Council's website](#). The whole of the meeting will be recorded except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of press and public.

If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact [democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk). This is to ensure adequate seating is available in the Council Chamber.

### AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**  
To receive apologies of absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2022.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
The Chair of the Committee will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

#### **DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS Noon on Friday, 9 September 2022**

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and can be sent by email to [Democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:Democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk)

5. **PERFORMANCE MONITORING (Pages 11 - 36)**  
To review the Performance Monitoring Report for Q1.
6. **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q1 2022/23 (Pages 37 - 44)**  
To present the 2022/23 forecast outturn position against the revenue budgets and Capital Programme that the Committee is responsible for, in order to give an expectation of possible variances against budget.
7. **CCTV IN TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (Pages 45 - 70)**  
Consider the results of the survey on whether there are local circumstances that would make it proportionate to impose mandatory CCTV in Stroud licensed taxi and private hire vehicles.
8. **PLAY AREA CONSULTATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS (Pages 71 - 172)**  
To brief members of Housing Committee on the Play Area and Development Action Plans Progress.
9. **HEALTH, WELLBEING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ACTION PLAN 2022-25 (Pages 173 - 224)**  
To provide a focus for priorities in the current Council Plan and Leisure & Wellbeing Strategy that impact health and wellbeing This is Plan provides more detail about priorities that have previously been agreed by Full Council.
10. **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
  - (a) Know your Patch
  - (b) Woodchester Park Mansion
11. **MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT (TO NOTE)**
  - (a) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust) (Pages 225 - 226)
  - (b) Police and Crime Panel (Pages 227 - 228)
  - (c) Citizens Advice
  - (d) Mental Health Champions (Pages 229 - 230)
  - (e) Homestart (Pages 231 - 244)
  - (f) Woodchester Park Mansion (Pages 245 - 246)
  - (g) Progress on Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) Information Sheet (Pages 247 - 248)
  - (h) Progress on Stratford Park Lido Information Sheet (Pages 249 - 250)
12. **WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 251 - 254)**  
To consider the work programme.
13. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**  
See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.
14. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**
  - (a) Motion regarding the Cost of Living, is proposed by Councillor Beki Aldam and seconded by Councillor Kate Crews  
**This Committee notes:**
    - The 80 per cent increase in the price cap on energy bills from 1st

October 2022, which follows on from a 54 per cent increase in April this year, and that a further rise in energy bills is expected from 1st January 2023.

- The high rate of inflation in the UK, currently at 10 per cent, and predicted by the Bank of England to rise to 13 per cent this winter.
- These factors are causing a Cost of Living Crisis and resulting in a significant fall in people's income as pay growth and benefit uprating fails to keep pace with the increase in the cost of essential items.
- Food poverty is already a reality for at least 4.7 million adults in the UK [[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/food\\_poverty](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/food_poverty)], and the Cost of Living Crisis will greatly exacerbate this problem.
- Those on the lowest incomes will be hardest hit by inflation and the increase in energy bills, and the support offered to them by Government so far is completely inadequate to bridge the Cost of Living gap [<https://jpit.uk/enoughtolive>]
- The Cost of Living Crisis will also have a damaging impact on local businesses and valued employers in Stroud District, who will require additional financial support from Government to cover their basic costs.
- Without urgent government intervention there will be a significant increase in the number of households who experience food poverty and fuel poverty in Stroud District this winter, leading to increased health problems; a rise in mental health issues and emergencies; decreased quality of life; and an exacerbation of associated social and emotional issues.

**This Committee believes that:**

- No one in the Stroud District should go hungry.
- None of our residents should have to choose between food or warmth, or not be able to have either.

**This Committee therefore resolves to**

- Declare a 'Cost of Living Emergency.'
- Request the Chief Executive to write to the new Prime Minister, and local Stroud District MPs, to call for:
  - Immediate financial support to help people to manage the Cost of Living Crisis, with most support provided to low income households, and
  - A fully funded nationwide commitment to improve the energy efficiency of homes (and consequently reduce energy bills), noting that this initiative is also required to deliver on the Government's own commitment to net zero carbon by 2050.
- Continue to support the District Council's work to tackle food poverty and fuel poverty through partnership with third sector and voluntary organisations, Citizens Advice, the network of Community Hubs across Stroud District, town and parish councils.
- Share information with residents on the help and support to manage cost of living crisis pressures that is available to them in Stroud district.
- Ensure the Cost of Living Crisis is taken into account in all the

decisions made by this Committee for as long as this Crisis continues.

- Propose to Council that the Council supports The Great Homes Upgrade campaign, which is calling on the Government to upgrade 19 million homes by 2030 to make sure that everyone can have a well-insulated home, heated by clean, green energy.  
[[www.greathomesupgrade.org](http://www.greathomesupgrade.org)]

### **Members of Community Services and Licensing Committee**

#### **Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)**

Councillor Gordon Craig  
Councillor Kate Crews  
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds  
Councillor Trevor Hall  
Councillor Jessie Hoskin

#### **Councillor Beki Aldam (Vice-Chair)**

Councillor Julie Job  
Councillor John Jones  
Councillor Gill Oxley  
Councillor Nigel Prenter  
Councillor Ken Tucker



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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

23 June 2022

7.00 pm - 8.05 pm

Council Chamber

### Minutes

#### Membership

##### **Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)**

Councillor Natalie Bennett

Councillor Gordon Craig

Councillor Kate Crews

Councillor Jonathan Edmunds

Councillor Jessie Hoskin

\*= Absent

##### **Councillor Beki Aldam (Vice-Chair)**

Councillor Julie Job

Councillor Gill Oxley

Councillor Nigel Prenter

Councillor Ken Tucker

Councillor John Jones \*

#### Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Communities

Community Access and Engagement  
Manager

Licensing Manager

Head of Community Services

Project Manager Leisure, Health and Wellbeing  
Democracy & Information Governance Officer

#### CSLC.001 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Jones.

The Chair, Councillor Brine, welcomed Councillor Bennett to her first Community Services and Licensing Committee.

#### CSLC.002 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

#### CSLC.003 Minutes

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March are approved as a correct record.

#### CSLC.004 Public Question Time

There were none.

## **CSLC.005 Performance Monitoring**

The Chair, Councillor Brine advised Committee he was pleased to see the performance monitors comments and the new format allowed Committee to better monitor the red and amber objectives for further information.

Councillor Prenter informed Committee that it would be helpful for Committee Members to let the performance monitors know in advance of any items of interest.

## **CSLC.006 Corporate Care Standards**

The Community Access and Engagement Manager advised the Standards had been designed to reflect the current community contact channels and what the expectation and response times would be when a customer accesses council services. The Standards had been developed by an officer/Member working group and would be renamed to 'Our Service Standards'. The response times listed were maximum timescales and staff would endeavour and be reminded to respond before reaching the maximum response time. A review would be undertaken in 12 months' time to improve on the Standards.

Councillor Craig questioned if the Council should challenge itself more in terms of response times. The Community Access and Engagement Manager explained where possible a response would be provided before 10 working days; however, the Standards overarched all service areas who had a variety of contact channels and ranging query complexities, she also advised that the Standards were similar to other councils in comparison.

Councillor Crews asked whether triaging had been considered to manage expectations. The Community Access and Engagement Manager advised the review by the Corporate Peer Challenge identified an opportunity to improve our Customer Service Centre by centralising customer contact channels and identifying new technologies/contact channels.

The Chair, Councillor Brine, asked whether Committee would be happy to accept a friendly amendment to include 'and Community Services and Licensing Committee' under (b) of the decision box to allow the Committee to review data annually.

The amendment and decision were proposed by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Prenter.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was passed unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) To approve the Corporate Care Standards and recommend to Council for adoption and that;**
  - (2) Performance data is reported annually to Audit & Standards Committee and Community Services and Licensing Committee; and**
  - (3) Any future amendments to the Standards are approved by Community Services & Licensing Committee and that the terms of reference of the Community Services and Licensing Committee in Article 8 of the Constitution be amended accordingly.**

**CSLC.007 Stroud District Council Taxi Fares**

The Licensing Manager presented the report advising taxi traders had submitted proposals in early 2022 to consider an increase in taxi fares in the Stroud District due to the increased fuel costs, maintenance to vehicles and cost to purchase a vehicle. A Task and Finish Group had been created and had reviewed the proposals to allow traders to maintain a sustainable business whilst balancing customer affordability. The proposal, which if agreed, would come into force on the 18 July 2022 subject to no objections following a public notice. The Licensing Manager advised the fares outlined in appendix C were maximum rates and traders could choose to charge less. She also confirmed that fares had not been increased in four years. The report proposed an annual review to determine whether subsequent increases were required based on inflation rates.

Councillor Bennett asked whether an equality impact assessment had been undertaken. The Licensing Manager acknowledged there would be an impact however explained it would be difficult to assess the balance between customer affordability and allowing traders to maintain a sustainable business, however she would include the assessment next time.

Proposed by Councillor Prenter and seconded by Councillor Craig.

Councillor Edmunds was nominated and appointed to replace Councillor Robinson on the Task and Finish Group.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was passed unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
- a) **To approve an increase in Stroud District Council's taxi fares in accordance with the recommendations of the Taxi Task and Finish Group in Appendix C;**
  - b) **If (a) is resolved, or any variation on the recommendation, approve the procedure and delegation outlined in paragraph 5.3 of this report;**
  - c) **To approve the methodology and timescales for future reviews of Stroud District Council's taxi fares outlined in paragraph 5.6 of this report.**

**CSLC.008 Woodchester Mansion Grant**

The Strategic Director of Communities presented the report on behalf of the Strategic Director of Resources and advised Stroud District Council (SDC) were the freeholder of the site however the building was operated by the Woodchester Mansion Trust. As a direct impact of Covid-19 the Trusts financial position had been impacted, and they were unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding through the National Covid Cultural Recovery Fund and therefore approached SDC for an additional grant of £50K which would be paid out of a dedicated reserve for the repair and maintenance of SDC buildings.

Councillor Craig asked whether SDC had offered support to the Trust to assist with completing future grant funding applications such as expertise of an SDC officer. The Strategic Director of Communities advised quarterly meetings were taking place with the Trust, Chief Executive and the Community Health and Wellbeing Manager who would be able to support them with future grant applications.

## Agenda Item 3

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Proposed by Councillor Tucker and seconded by Councillor Bennett.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) To agree a grant of £50k towards conservation efforts on Woodchester Mansion
- b) Request the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, provide funding through Council reserves as set out in the report and enter into a grant agreement with Woodchester Mansion Trust.

The Chair, Councillor Brine informed Committee that he would be moving items 10f, progress update on the Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) and 10g, progress on the Lido up the agenda ahead of item 9.

### **CSLC.009 Member/Officer Reports (To Note)**

10f) Progress update on the Lido

The Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing informed the Committee that a Task and Finish Group had been established and was looking at three elements relating to the Lido: increasing the temperature of the pool, refurbishment of the changing rooms and accessibility to the pool. The temperature of the pool had been increased by using the excess heat from the combined heat and power units and further increases would be explored in the future. Kenny Roberts from Friends of Lido and Stroud College had removed the false ceiling in the changing rooms to expose the original ceiling and work would continue throughout the season. Accessibility of the pool had been explored by reviewing opening hours, the impact on older people, wheelchair access and entering/exiting the pool however consultation needed to be undertaken with key groups to explore further. The introduction of two early morning swimming sessions were popular however there continued to be lifeguard staffing shortages.

Councillor Aldam advised Members that a Committee trip to the Lido would be arranged over the upcoming weeks.

Councillor Crews commented whether funding could be considered to provide shelter for the lifeguards when the weather is cold and wet, and whether the temperature could remain at 20 degrees instead of a further increase to 24 degree. Finally she also stated that users from outside of the district were not aware the Lido was open and possibly more needed to be done to promote outside of the district. The Chair, Councillor Brine gave thanks to Kenny Roberts and the Senior Community Services Officer for the work they had done.

10g) Progress update on the Local Authority Trading Company (LATC)

The Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing advised that the business case for the LATC would come to the January Committee for decision. The first meeting on the feasibility investment plan would be taking place at the end of June and work was underway on the demobilisation of the current contract with SLM. SDC Officers would also be visiting other centres across the country to help decide what the new community lifestyle centre would look like at the end of June.



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Councillor Oxley asked for more information on the new centre proposed on the M5/A38 corridor. The Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing advised as part of the consultation it was identified there was a demand for a new centre and additional feasibility work would be required to determine where the centre should be placed.

Councillor Job asked what officers' thoughts were as part of making Stratford Park Leisure Centre a Community Centre. The Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing advised the terminology 'leisure' was becoming outdated due to more collaboration with community groups and the NHS and therefore a demand for community space is needed.

## **CSC.L010   Appointments**

### a)      Performance Monitoring Representatives for 2022-2023

Nominations were received by Councillors Job and Prenter who were appointed for 2022-2023. The Chair, Councillor Brine asked for a third nomination to support Councillor Job and Prenter and for Members to contact him if they were interested.

### b)      Outside Bodies for 2022-2023

The below nominations and appointments were approved.

Cowle Trust (Museum in the Park)	Councillor Prenter
Kingshill House Charitable Trust	Councillor Hall
Stroud & Rodborough Educational Charity	Councillor Robinson, Prenter (until July 2025) and Libby Bird (until September 2025)
Stroud Citizens Advice	Councillor Hoskin (main)
Stroud Festival Limited	Councillor Aldam
Woodchester Park Mansion	Councillor Robinson
Community Safety Partnership	Councillor Brine
Youth Council	Councillor Prenter
Homestart	Councillor Bennett

The Chair, Councillor Brine advised Committee to contact himself or Democratic Services if they were interested in any of the below representations, otherwise they would remain vacant and offered to Members outside of Committee.

Stroud Citizens Advice	1 x substitute
Woodchester Park Mansion	1 x representative

The Chair, Councillor Brine, advised Democratic Services would contact Stroud Older Persons Forum regarding the status of the group and whether a representation was required. He continued that the two representations for Stroud Road Safety Liaison Group would remain vacant whilst Councillor Tucker awaited a response from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. Councillor Tucker also suggested the title be changed to Road Safety Group. The Chair, Councillor Brine, asked the Head of Community Services to contact the Community Health and Wellbeing Manager to query why Members had not received the meeting invitations for the Stroud District Council Know Your Patch.

## **CSLC.011 Member/Officer Reports (To Note)**

- a) Gloucestershire Health Overview Scrutiny Committee

The Member report had been circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions.

- b) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust)

The Member report had been circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions.

- c) Police and Crime Panel

The Member report had been circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions.

- d) Citizens Advice

The Member report had been circulated prior to Committee.

The Chair, Councillor Brine, informed Committee he was impressed with the quality of the report and questioned whether the 200+ referrals referred to in the statistics were monthly, quarterly, or annually. Councillor Craig advised it was a rolling figure of ongoing work.

- e) Homestart

Councillor Bennett advised she attended a meeting last week and she would provide an update at September Committee.

## **CSLC.012 Work Programme**

There were no additions to the work programme.

**RESOLVED** To note the above Work Programme.

## **CSLC.013 Member Questions**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Chair



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## Performance Monitoring Report: CS&L Committee

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022</b>	
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Members: Julie Job &amp; Nigel Prenter</b> <b>Officers: Keith Gerrard, Mike Hammond, Ange Gillingham, Adrian Blick, Emma Keating-Clark, Hannah Emery, Seb Williams, Steve Miles, Morgan Smith, Maxie Wells, Cate James-Hodges</b>	
<b>Performance Update (See report below/attached)</b>		
<b>Council Plan Priorities (see performance management system)</b>	<b>Summary:</b>	<b>Progress &amp; RAG Status</b>
	<b>Action Plans:</b>	<b>16 On Target</b>
	<b>See detailed report below.</b>	<b>1 Not started</b>
	<b>Actions where no information has been provided will be highlighted</b>	<b>1 Overdue</b>
<b>Council Plan Performance Indicators or Milestones (see performance management system where applicable)</b>	<b>Summary:</b>	<b>Progress &amp; RAG Status</b>
	<b>Milestones:</b>	<b>25 On Target</b>
		<b>8 Not started</b>
		<b>2 Overdue</b>
		<b>6 Completed</b>
	<b>Summary:</b>	<b>Progress &amp; RAG Status</b>
	<b>Performance Indicators:</b>	<b>7 On Target</b>
	<b>1 Completed</b>	
<b>Reports being presented to this Committee associated with Council Plan:</b>	<b>CCTV in Taxis</b>  <b>Draft Vehicle Emissions Policy for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles for consultation</b>	
<b>Service Area Indicators (not covered in Council Plan)</b>		





## Agenda Item 5




<b>Risks</b>	<b>Corporate Risk Register presented to Audit &amp; Standards Committee. <i>List any relevant Service specific risks.</i></b>
<b>Relevant finance issues</b>	<b>See Q1 Budget monitoring report</b>
<b>Any other service issues considered at the meeting (eg staffing / resources)</b>	
<b>Follow up (any issues for consideration at the next meeting)</b>	

<b>Any issues of significant concern to be reported to Audit and Standards</b>	
<b>Any actions/recommendations for the Committee</b>	
<b>Report submitted by</b>	<b>Cllr. Nigel Prenter</b>
<b>Date of report</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>



Please complete and return to the Democratic Services ASAP for circulation to the Committee

**CW1: Community resilience: Support communities to help each other and build resilience through a network of community hubs and other community-led networks, with mental and physical health and wellbeing at its heart.**

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
» <a href="#">CW1.2.1</a>	Write a 3-year health and wellbeing plan which is linked to the Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy by March 2022	15/09/2022	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	13/07/2022: The plan is being written and will be presented to CS&L committee in September 2022
Performance Members Comments: See overall comments below under CW1.2.2						
» <a href="#">CW1.2.2</a>	Adopt a measure for each element of the action plan which is reported on quarterly through the performance monitoring mechanism	01/12/2022	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: The plan is at the draft stage and has a broad remit looking at everything touching health and wellbeing, including housing. In terms of agreeing measures a variable plan is required, in some cases using numerical values, in others, action plans or case studies. These will be negotiated with different services and members.						
<a href="#">CW1.4</a>	Work to reduce the impacts and causes of anti-social behaviour by developing a district wide policy in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership	30/12/2022	Mike Hammond	On Target 	27/07/2022: Quarter 1	27/07/2022: Quarter 1: The ASB Policy has been written and consulted with other officers. In addition we have also consulted with the Chair of Stroud District CSP who has also agreed it
Performance Members Comments: Good progress has been made with the CAB but the SLA has not been agreed. In reality the cost of living crisis has led to immense pressure on the CAB and SDC is building a more 2-way relationship with them with practical advice from the Household Support Fund. Even though the target date for the ASB Policy is December, SDC is looking to push it back so that other opportunities can be explored. There are other schemes in Gloucestershire that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are pushing and SDC want the overarching policy to be as thorough as possible. Members of SDYC asked if there would be interaction with young people in forming the policy and were told that SDC would get back to them.						
» <a href="#">CW1.4.1</a>	Reduction in anti-social behaviour instances/ reports	30/12/2022	Mike Hammond	Not Started 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: Most of the information is through the police and SDC are starting to collate statistics released by the OPCC. Part of the bid for Safer Streets 4 is for more money for anti-social behaviour.						

» <a href="#">CW1.4.2</a>	In collaboration with the Stroud Community Safety Panel, develop and adopt a proactive programme of ASB preventative training and awareness raising. • Report quarterly on delivery of preventative ASB training and awareness raising	30/12/2022	Mike Hammond	On Target 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: See comments above under CW1.4 and CW1.4.1						
» <a href="#">CW1.5.1</a>	Create a Food Justice task and finish group by June 2022 which will define future performance indicators and is connected to the Health and Wellbeing action plan. This food work will start later than planned due to new non-recurring funding that will enable a new food role to support this work. Recruit Food Officer with COMF funding. Report quarterly on Food Justice performance.	30/06/2022	Emma Keating Clark	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Cllr Brine and Cllr Adlam have agreed to support recruitment of councillors into the Food Task and Finish Group. Due to funding regulations, the district food post will now be hosted within the voluntary sector. Discussions with the Long Table and GL11 are underway. They have been working on a food activities for the Hubs for some time and are well placed give this work longevity.
Performance Members Comments: A serious cost of living crisis has led to partners needing help and SDC becoming involved in more practical, frontline work supporting an affordable food network. The Long Table have their own food capacity and logistics, and with more funding from SDC (they are up for it) will be really good. There are a few gaps in hubs, e.g. Hardwicke and Berkeley, and the next phase is going into these areas.						
» <a href="#">CW1.5.2</a>	Establish feeding Stroud partnership by March 2022	01/09/2022	Emma Keating Clark	On Target 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: SDC is looking at what it can realistically do. Feeding Gloucestershire will be launched in September and an SDC-based scheme later. The Independent Food Aid Network is supplying practical advice.						

**CW3: Community engagement: Strengthen local democracy by developing a culture of community engagement to enable greater involvement of residents, council tenants, communities and businesses in decisions on council services and priorities.**

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
» <a href="#">CW3.2.1</a>	First 2 contact services centralised by end of 2022	31/12/2022	Adrian Blick	Overdue 	N/A	01/07/2022: The Customer Contact Vision is being written and this will then be turned into a strategy which will include a roadmap for consolidation of these services. This is taking longer than anticipated due to competing priorities and may not now complete by end 2022. 08/2022: CCV will be completed and reviewed in September
Performance Members Comments: There is not yet a written strategy that has been reviewed due to resource capacity and the challenge of the data being collected. So SDC is focusing on other parts which need to be done regardless such as processing engineering in Customer Services and tasks they are doing that they shouldn't be and which can be re-allocated to other teams. The aim is to get to Review by September.						
» <a href="#">CW3.2.2</a>	Straightforward processes identified and made available for self-service via the internet	31/12/2022	Liz Shellam	On Target 	N/A	01/07/2022: Bulky Waste process is nearing completion for deployment Q3 2022 A roadmap for delivery has been developed and the team will prioritise delivery accordingly. This is a change to original plan as the team is focusing on the services that are most committed to the activity. 08/2022: Bulky Waste process implemented. Build of next processes in roadmap has started


Performance Members Comments: The shift is from customer contact by telephone to online self-service, which will improve service, though telephone and email service will also be available. Bulky Waste will be the first self-service digital platform to go live, next week.						
» <a href="#">CW3.3.1</a>	Over 50% of Town and Parish councils participate in developing a new strategic framework to identify key issues and ways of working jointly with district (end 22)	31/12/2022	Hannah Emery	On Target <span style="color: green;">■</span>	N/A	23 Parish and Town Councils have actively taken part in the 4 Working Groups held so far, the next Working Group will be held on 13 September. All Parish and Town Councils will have an opportunity to comment on or put forward amendments to the draft Charter developed by the Working Group during the consultation period in September/October 2022.
Performance Members Comments: There have been 4 working groups so far, with 23 town and parish councils taking part. They are preparing a Draft Charter to sign up to for approval by Council in October. They are trying to build a Town and Parish Council Hub to upload information and guidance to, which will make a big difference. A forum so they can engage with each other will be added.						
» <a href="#">CW3.3.3</a>	Market Town meetings and other town and parish meetings convened by SDC	31/12/2022	Hannah Emery	On Target <span style="color: green;">■</span>	N/A	The Working Group have put together an Annual Schedule of events list which includes training, strategic forums and the Market Towns Forum.
Performance Members Comments: An annual schedule of forums and meetings at SDC and training events will be drawn up. SDC is also working with GCC and Cotswold. Once approved in October, councils will be invited to sign up to it. Working with SDYC's Youth Forums will be added in November.						




**CW4: Leisure and Culture Services: Adopt a long term investment plan for leisure services and facilities across the district to ensure everyone has access to good quality leisure opportunities that meet their needs.**

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
<a href="#">CW4.2</a>	Working with partners, increase the number, accessibility, and quality of playing pitches, play areas and outside spaces within the district.	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target <span style="color: green;">■</span>	13/04/2022: Quarter 1	13/07/2022: Quarter 1: Throughout May, June and July work has continued through: 1. Public online consultation 2. Stakeholder consultation 3. An in-depth review of the conditions of the areas along with relevant health and demographic profiling of the areas which need the areas the most. 4. Discussion and visit with play providers to gain an understanding of play equipment and what is possible with the money we have.
Performance Members Comments: Consultation of various kinds is ongoing. Some play areas are surrounded by housing for older people. For example, there is a good play area just 5 minutes away from a Berkeley housing estate so it would make sense to turn the play area there into a community space of a different character. The next phase will involve more youth consultation to discover how teenagers use play areas.						
» <a href="#">CDPCW4.3a</a>	Increase the number of referrals to the Healthy Lifestyle Scheme received each year	N/A	Angela Gillingham	Target: 100 Actual:		
Performance Members Comments: In this quarter, 78 referrals were made. A member of staff was lost but others are being trained.						
» <a href="#">CDPCW4.3b</a>	Increase the number of participants who complete the 12 week Healthy Lifestyles programme	N/A	Angela Gillingham	Target: 30 Actual:		
Performance Members Comments: In the first quarter, 32 completed the scheme and have gone on to continue exercising.						
» <a href="#">CDPCW4.3c</a>	Increase participants at all of our activities including with the Healthy Lifestyles Choose to Move programme	N/A	Angela Gillingham	Target: 50 Actual:		





**CW5: Equality, diversity and inclusion: Embed equality, diversity and inclusion as a priority across the Council and the District with targeted support for those who experience the most disadvantage in our communities.**







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» <a href="#">CW5.5.1</a>	Performance measure to be determined in first period and will be informed through dialogue with adult social care/Integrated Care System.	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Phil Sullivan has agreed to represent Stroud as Chair of the Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance. Four districts, including SDC have pledged funding to support a county role for dementia which would make up for the lack of resource to support this work in the SDC Health & Wellbeing team. The Healthy Lifestyles Scheme continues to expand classes for older adults to improve the recovery and management of long term conditions. The funding to support this will come from the ILP grant money once we know more about the role. Health data has been collected from the CCG which the team will use to work on a plan to combat isolation and improve physical activity in isolated areas.
Performance Members Comments: See overall comment below under CW5.5.2						






» <a href="#">CW5.5.2</a>	Continue strategic planning in partnership with Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP) and Integrated Care System (ICS) (C)	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: We have now received the health inequalities data which will be used to identify where we need to focus our resources. We are currently arranging a meeting with the data provider to present the information to the team so that everyone fully understands where to focus collectively and not just in our own service areas.
<p>Performance Members Comments: The aim is to help the elderly in their own homes. SDC now have the data on health inequalities to help set priorities. They will overlap it with district clusters to see what is available and what people need. Work on the LATC also involves this. In some cases, the impact of this work may not be seen for 20 years but it is nonetheless vital. SDC have received recognition for the work they are doing, which has been show-cased, at a County-wide event organized by the NHS where GPs and others asked SDC about their projects. Young people are also supported by, e.g. the Eating Disorder Clinic in Dursley and SDC is looking at how to extend the Healthy Lifestyles Scheme to young people and recognize that instructors need additional training to deal with under-16s. SDYC will be involved.</p>						



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**CW1: Community resilience: Support communities to help each other and build resilience through a network of community hubs and other community-led networks, with mental and physical health and wellbeing at its heart.**


Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
<a href="#">CW1.1</a>	Develop community led networks and community hubs across the district by helping communities to develop their own networks and hubs, connecting smaller and larger hubs and providing support and training.	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	14/07/2022: Quarter 1	14/07/2022: Quarter 1: Year 1 targets have been met and we have extended the project into year 2. SDC continue to support the Hub post (using ILP grant) which is hosted by Creative Sustainability for another year. This is part funded by another organisation called Thirty Percy who have committed to fund for another 2 years. A number of UK Shard Prosperity Fund Expressions of interest have been submitted by partners in the HUB network to bring grant funding for the HUBS.
» <a href="#">CW1.1.1</a>	Develop a website for Hubs by December 2022, where Hubs can access resources and training	31/12/2022	Emma Keating Clark	Not Started 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW1.1.2</a>	Establish a Peer Network for the Hubs by December 2022	31/12/2022	Emma Keating Clark	Completed 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW1.1.3</a>	All Hubs connected and working together by the end of 2024 with quarterly reporting on progress of delivery plan	31/03/2024	Emma Keating Clark	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Year 1 targets have been met. Creative Sustainability CIC have secured match funding from Thirty Percy to continue the Hubs lead post in year 2 and 3. A number of UK Shared Prosperity Fund Expressions of Interest have been submitted by partners in the Hubs network to bring grant funding for the Hubs, extra staff to support developing Hubs and to encourage investment from Parish and Town Councils.

» <a href="#">CDPCW1.1</a>	10 well managed Hubs across the District serving the local community by the end of 2024	N/A	Emma Keating Clark	Target: Actual:		
<a href="#">CW1.2</a>	Act to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people in the district through delivery of a new 3 year Health and Wellbeing Plan	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	13/07/2022: Quarter 1	13/07/2022: Quarter 1: The plan is being written and will be presented to CS&L committee in September 2022.
» <a href="#">CW1.2.1</a>	Write a 3-year health and wellbeing plan which is linked to the Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy by March 2022	15/09/2022	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	13/07/2022: The plan is being written and will be presented to CS&L committee in September 2022
Performance Members Comments: See overall comments below under CW1.2.2						
» <a href="#">CW1.2.2</a>	Adopt a measure for each element of the action plan which is reported on quarterly through the performance monitoring mechanism	01/12/2022	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: The plan is at the draft stage and has a broad remit looking at everything touching health and wellbeing, including housing. In terms of agreeing measures a variable plan is required, in some cases using numerical values, in others, action plans or case studies. These will be negotiated with different services and members.						
<a href="#">CW1.3</a>	Ensure residents continue to receive the advice they need, by continuing our work in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau and developing a new Service Level Agreement.	31/03/2022	Keith Gerrard	Overdue 	15/07/2022: Quarter 1	15/07/2022: Quarter 1: See milestone for details. Should be completed in Q3.
» <a href="#">CW1.3.1</a>	SLA with CAB written and signed by 1st April 2022.	31/03/2022	Keith Gerrard	Overdue 	N/A	15/07/2022: CE of CAB is working with SDC officers on SLA detail.
<a href="#">CW1.4</a>	Work to reduce the impacts and causes of anti-social behaviour by developing a district wide policy in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership	30/12/2022	Mike Hammond	On Target 	27/07/2022: Quarter 1	27/07/2022: Quarter 1: The ASB Policy has been written and consulted with other officers. In addition we have also consulted with the Chair of Stroud District CSP who has also agreed it




Performance Members Comments: Good progress has been made with the CAB but the SLA has not been agreed. In reality the cost of living crisis has led to immense pressure on the CAB and SDC is building a more 2-way relationship with them with practical advice from the Household Support Fund. Even though the target date for the ASB Policy is December, SDC is looking to push it back so that other opportunities can be explored. There are other schemes in Gloucestershire that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are pushing and SDC want the overarching policy to be as thorough as possible. Members of SDYC asked if there would be interaction with young people in forming the policy and were told that SDC would get back to them.						
» <a href="#">CW1.4.1</a>	Reduction in anti-social behaviour instances/ reports	30/12/2022	Mike Hammond	Not Started 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: Most of the information is through the police and SDC are starting to collate statistics released by the OPCC. Part of the bid for Safer Streets 4 is for more money for anti-social behaviour.						
» <a href="#">CW1.4.2</a>	In collaboration with the Stroud Community Safety Panel, develop and adopt a proactive programme of ASB preventative training and awareness raising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report quarterly on delivery of preventative ASB training and awareness raising</li> </ul>	30/12/2022	Mike Hammond	On Target 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: See comments above under CW1.4 and CW1.4.1						
» <a href="#">CW1.4.3</a>	Agreed work outcomes with OPCC	30/12/2022	Mike Hammond	Not Started 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW1.4.4</a>	Draft a ASB policy that will be in line with the Council and the OPCC priorities.	25/02/2022	Mike Hammond	Completed 	N/A	
<a href="#">CW1.5</a>	Appoint Food Justice Champions to work with partners to tackle food injustice, set up a food partnership and develop a food strategy to address the causes of food poverty, promote sustainability and food justice.	01/09/2022	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	14/07/2022: Quarter 1	14/07/2022: Quarter 1: Cllr Brine and Cllr Adlam have agreed to support recruitment of councillors into the Food Task and Finish Group. Due to funding regulations, the district food post will now be hosted within the voluntary sector. Discussions with the Long Table and GL11 are underway. They have been working on a food activities for the Hubs for some time and are well placed give this work longevity.






» <a href="#">CW1.5.1</a>	Create a Food Justice task and finish group by June 2022 which will define future performance indicators and is connected to the Health and Wellbeing action plan. This food work will start later than planned due to new non-recurring funding that will enable a new food role to support this work. Recruit Food Officer with COMF funding. Report quarterly on Food Justice performance.	30/06/2022	Emma Keating Clark	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Cllr Brine and Cllr Adlam have agreed to support recruitment of councillors into the Food Task and Finish Group. Due to funding regulations, the district food post will now be hosted within the voluntary sector. Discussions with the Long Table and GL11 are underway. They have been working on a food activities for the Hubs for some time and are well placed give this work longevity.
Performance Members Comments: A serious cost of living crisis has led to partners needing help and SDC becoming involved in more practical, frontline work supporting an affordable food network. The Long Table have their own food capacity and logistics, and with more funding from SDC (they are up for it) will be really good. There are a few gaps in hubs, e.g. Hardwicke and Berkeley, and the next phase is going into these areas.						
» <a href="#">CW1.5.2</a>	Establish feeding Stroud partnership by March 2022	01/09/2022	Emma Keating Clark	On Target 	N/A	
Performance Members Comments: SDC is looking at what it can realistically do. Feeding Gloucestershire will be launched in September and an SDC-based scheme later. The Independent Food Aid Network is supplying practical advice.						

**CW3: Community engagement: Strengthen local democracy by developing a culture of community engagement to enable greater involvement of residents, council tenants, communities and businesses in decisions on council services and priorities.**



Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
<a href="#">CW3.1</a>	Develop a Community Engagement Strategy, which incorporates the Council's Hear by Right Commitment for young person's involvement, and ensures the voice of the community and key stakeholders is at the heart of council priorities.	31/03/2023	Mike Hammond	On Target 	27/07/2022: Quarter 1	27/07/2022: Quarter 1: The work on the development of Asset Based community work is ongoing and is helping to develop the Community Engagement Strategy. An approach has been agreed with Cascading of this across the authority.





» <a href="#">CW3.1.1</a>	SDC measures: • Develop a Community Engagement Strategy and implementation of action plan – • Monitor achievement of action plan milestones • Youth Council are involved in decision making and consultation	31/03/2023	Mike Hammond	On Target 	N/A	
<a href="#">CW3.2</a>	Improve customer service for residents by procuring a Digital Platform that provides for centralised first contact ensuring an easier access to services and that provides additional support for those with complex needs.	31/03/2023	Adrian Blick	On Target 	25/01/2022: Quarter 1	01/07/2022: Quarter 1: The team has developed a roadmap for process re-engineering and is now progressing the work in this priority order 08/2022: Refer to CW3.2.1 for update on Customer Contact Vision which will define centralized end state. Also, refer to CW3.2.2 which covers channel shift to more digital/on-line services
» <a href="#">CW3.2.1</a>	First 2 contact services centralised by end of 2022	31/12/2022	Adrian Blick	Overdue 	N/A	01/07/2022: The Customer Contact Vision is being written and this will then be turned into a strategy which will include a roadmap for consolidation of these services. This is taking longer than anticipated due to competing priorities and may not now complete by end 2022. 08/2022: CCV will be completed and reviewed in September
Performance Members Comments: There is not yet a written strategy that has been reviewed due to resource capacity and the challenge of the data being collected. So SDC is focusing on other parts which need to be done regardless such as processing engineering in Customer Services and tasks they are doing that they shouldn't be and which can be re-allocated to other teams. The aim is to get to Review by September.						





» <a href="#">CW3.2.2</a>	Straightforward processes identified and made available for self-service via the internet	31/12/2022	Liz Shellam	On Target 	N/A	01/07/2022: Bulky Waste process is nearing completion for deployment Q3 2022 A roadmap for delivery has been developed and the team will prioritise delivery accordingly. This is a change to original plan as the team is focusing on the services that are most committed to the activity. 08/2022: Bulky Waste process implemented. Build of next processes in roadmap has started
Performance Members Comments: The shift is from customer contact by telephone to online self-service, which will improve service, though telephone and email service will also be available. Bulky Waste will be the first self-service digital platform to go live, next week.						
» <a href="#">CW3.2.3</a>	Repetitive processes identified and automated	31/12/2022	Liz Shellam	On Target 	N/A	01/07/2022: As 3.2.2
» <a href="#">CW3.2.4</a>	Resource capacity increased to serve those with complex needs	31/03/2023	Liz Shellam	Not Started 	N/A	
<a href="#">CW3.3</a>	Work with Town and Parish Councils to develop, agree and implement a new strategic approach for partnership working between district, towns and parishes including specific support for rural communities.	31/12/2023	Hannah Emery	On Target 	13/07/2022: Quarter 1	13/07/2022: Quarter 1: The Draft Charter has been reviewed by the Working Group and SLT and is now ready for consultation with LMT and Members Work has started on the Town and Parish Council Hub which will be built on Sharepoint Workshop held on 13/07/2022 covered Emergency Response and draft annual schedule of events and training
» <a href="#">CW3.3.1</a>	Over 50% of Town and Parish councils participate in developing a new strategic framework to identify key issues and ways of working jointly with district (end 22)	31/12/2022	Hannah Emery	On Target 	N/A	23 Parish and Town Councils have actively taken part in the 4 Working Groups held so far, the next Working Group will be held on 13 September. All Parish and Town Councils will have an opportunity to comment on or put forward amendments to the draft Charter developed by the Working Group during the consultation period in September/October 2022.




Performance Members Comments: There have been 4 working groups so far, with 23 town and parish councils taking part. They are preparing a Draft Charter to sign up to for approval by Council in October. They are trying to build a Town and Parish Council Hub to upload information and guidance to, which will make a big difference. A forum so they can engage with each other will be added.









» <a href="#">CW3.3.2</a>	Positive feedback received from more than 50% of Parish & Town Councils on partnership working with district (end 2023)	31/12/2023	Hannah Emery	Not Started 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW3.3.3</a>	Market Town meetings and other town and parish meetings convened by SDC	31/12/2022	Hannah Emery	On Target 	N/A	The Working Group have put together an Annual Schedule of events list which includes training, strategic forums and the Market Towns Forum.
Performance Members Comments: An annual schedule of forums and meetings at SDC and training events will be drawn up. SDC is also working with GCC and Cotswold. Once approved in October, councils will be invited to sign up to it. Working with SDYC's Youth Forums will be added in November.						
» <a href="#">CDPCW3.3</a>	% of Town and Parish Councils signed up to the Charter	N/A	Hannah Emery	Target: Actual:		


**CW4: Leisure and Culture Services: Adopt a long term investment plan for leisure services and facilities across the district to ensure everyone has access to good quality leisure opportunities that meet their needs.**

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<a href="#">CW4.1</a>	Continue work to ensure that our leisure and wellbeing services are fit for the future by completing the Leisure Review options appraisal as well as supporting the recovery of the leisure centres from the pandemic.	31/12/2022	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	13/07/2022: Quarter 1	13/07/2022: Quarter 1: Both leisure centres continue to recover and are following the national trends with a large demand for swimming lessons and memberships still not hitting pre pandemic numbers. The Utility increases across the UK will impact both centres. SLM have requested a mid year price increase due to the increase in their utility costs. They are using the Pulse charges and other centres to benchmark against.
» <a href="#">CW4.1.1</a>	Agree the preferred management option of leisure, health and wellbeing services by March 2022	31/03/2022	Angela Gillingham	Completed 	N/A	




» <a href="#">CW4.1.2</a>	Write a 3-year rolling physical activity action plan to deliver the objectives of the Leisure and Wellbeing 20-year strategy by March 2022. KPIs will be set against each of the projects.	30/09/2022	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	13/07/2022: The physical activity action plan is being presented to CS&L committee in September 2022 as an appendix to the health and well being action plan. KPI's are set against each of the outcomes within the plan.
» <a href="#">CW4.1.3</a>	Report quarterly on the recovery and ongoing performance of Stratford Park and The Pulse leisure centres.	31/03/2022	Angela Gillingham	Completed 	N/A	
<a href="#">CW4.2</a>	Working with partners, increase the number, accessibility, and quality of playing pitches, play areas and outside spaces within the district.	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	13/04/2022: Quarter 1	13/07/2022: Quarter 1: Throughout May, June and July work has continued through: 1. Public online consultation 2. Stakeholder consultation 3. An in-depth review of the conditions of the areas along with relevant health and demographic profiling of the areas which need the areas the most. 4. Discussion and visit with play providers to gain an understanding of play equipment and what is possible with the money we have.
Performance Members Comments: Consultation of various kinds is ongoing. Some play areas are surrounded by housing for older people. For example, there is a good play area just 5 minutes away from a Berkeley housing estate so it would make sense to turn the play area there into a community space of a different character. The next phase will involve more youth consultation to discover how teenagers use play areas.						
» <a href="#">CW4.2.1</a>	Increase the number, accessibility and quality of 3G and grass pitches in the Stroud District, as identified within the playing pitch strategy (PI measure – by 2023 to have added 1 3G pitch and access to 1 additional grass pitch in Stroud. The strategy sits with Leisure Strategy and will be included within the action plan)	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	13/07/2022: Archway school are working with the FA and FF. The FF have completed a feasibility assessment on the main pitch but have found an unexpected telecom cable which could delay the work moving the project to the end of December 2023. Additional feasibility work is being conducted on the Redgra pitch for suitability for either the 3G or for the transfer of the current grass pitch. The FF have started their application for further funding to finish the project.






» <a href="#">CW4.2.2</a>	Support sports clubs with funding applications to improve their playing pitches and changing facilities (dependent on the application)	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	
<a href="#">CW4.3</a>	Increase physical activity and sports participation through our Healthy Lifestyles Scheme and in partnership with the Gloucestershire We Can Move programme.	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	13/07/2022: Quarter 1	13/07/2022: Quarter 1: We appointed a new team member to deliver Healthy lifestyles replacing the previous officer. He started in July 2022 and is currently working with The Pulse and SPLC team to deliver exercise on referral across the district.
» <a href="#">CW4.3.1</a>	Support implementation of a 'Refer All' system to improve the accurate reporting of the healthy lifestyles scheme – Refer All launch January 2022 with Active Glos.	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	13/07/2022: The system has been launched and is being used across the Pulse and SPLC. We are looking at how this data can be used to inform the "moving communities platform" so that we can use it to help calculate social value.
» <a href="#">CDPCW4.3a</a>	Increase the number of referrals to the Healthy Lifestyle Scheme received each year	N/A	Angela Gillingham	Target: 100 Actual:		
Performance Members Comments: In this quarter, 78 referrals were made. A member of staff was lost but others are being trained.						
» <a href="#">CDPCW4.3b</a>	Increase the number of participants who complete the 12 week Healthy Lifestyles programme	N/A	Angela Gillingham	Target: 30 Actual:		
Performance Members Comments: In the first quarter, 32 completed the scheme and have gone on to continue exercising.						
» <a href="#">CDPCW4.3c</a>	Increase participants at all of our activities including with the Healthy Lifestyles Choose to Move programme	N/A	Angela Gillingham	Target: 50 Actual:		
Performance Members Comments: There are 3 classes and there have been 222 participants in the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter. These are the most vulnerable who need exercise the most but need coaxing. A new staff member is starting up classes out of hubs, starting with 2 in Nailsworth. Others concentrate on dealing with cancer, cardio-vascular problems or balance and are being delivered out of village and town halls.						

<a href="#">CW4.4</a>	Support refurbishment of Stratford Park Lido by submitting a bid, in partnership with Stroud Town Council and Friends of the Lido to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	14/07/2022: Quarter 1	14/07/2022: Quarter 1: Consultants are including the Lido as part of the feasibility investment plan. This will give the council a good indicator of cost and how much we need to attract from external sources.
» <a href="#">CW4.4.1</a>	Set up a task and finish group to work on the development of the Stroud Lido	31/03/2022	Angela Gillingham	Completed 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW4.4.2</a>	Write a realistic development plan for Stroud Lido based on the findings of the Leisure Strategy and 2019 Stroud Lido business case	31/03/2023	Mike Hammond	On Target 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW4.4.3</a>	Heritage Lottery Fund Bid for Stratford Park Lido submitted by target date – amount determined by the action plan	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	
<a href="#">CW4.5</a>	Building on previous work, develop an Arts and Culture Strategy for the District.	31/03/2024	Keith Gerrard	On Target 	15/07/2022: Quarter 1	15/07/2022: Quarter 1: Draft consultant's brief has been produced.
» <a href="#">CW4.5.1</a>	Arts and Culture Strategy developed and agreed upon by 2024 with an agreed action plan	31/03/2023	Keith Gerrard	On Target 	N/A	15/07/2022: Brief for consultants drafted and to be published in Q2.
» <a href="#">CW4.5.2</a>	Strategy delivery plan reported quarterly to Community Leisure and Licensing Committee	31/03/2024	Keith Gerrard	Not Started 	N/A	
<a href="#">CW4.6</a>	Implement the Museum in the Park's free-to-join Supporter Scheme to provide residents with exciting opportunities to engage with the museum and extend community reach to new audiences ensuring the museum remains at the heart of the wider community.	30/04/2022	Keith Gerrard	Completed 	06/07/2022: Quarter 1	06/07/2022: Quarter 1: Primary implementation completed.





» <a href="#">CW4.6.1</a>	The successful implementation as per the project plan of the museum membership scheme by end of March 2022	31/03/2022	Kevin Ward	Completed 	N/A	
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**CW5: Equality, diversity and inclusion: Embed equality, diversity and inclusion as a priority across the Council and the District with targeted support for those who experience the most disadvantage in our communities.**


Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
<a href="#">CW5.3</a>	Lead and support action to reduce health inequalities in partnership with Public Health and local NHS trusts .	31/03/2024	Emma Keating Clark	On Target 	14/07/2022: Quarter 1	14/07/2022: Quarter 1: SDC are partnering Kids Stuff, Community Hubs and Citizens Advice to deliver the Household Support Fund to combat the cost of living crisis. SDC are also presenting the Community Hubs and Disordered Eating projects at the county ILP showcase event. This will inform future NHS practice and commissioning for health inequalities.
» <a href="#">CW5.3.1</a>	Ensure leisure and wellbeing plans are informed by health inequalities in our District; Continue to lead voluntary and statutory partnership to ensure District-wide prioritisation of health inequalities	31/03/2023	Emma Keating Clark	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: SDC are partnering Kids Stuff, Community Hubs and Citizens Advice to deliver the Household Support Fund to combat the cost of living crisis. SDC are also presenting the Community Hubs and Disordered Eating projects at the county ILP showcase event. This will inform future NHS practice and commissioning for health inequalities.
<a href="#">CW5.4</a>	Work with partners to improve the accessibility and welcome of public spaces and shops, and improve awareness of impairments both visible and invisible.	31/03/2025	Amy Beckett	On Target 	14/07/2022: Quarter 1	14/07/2022: Quarter 1: Stroud District and Stroud Town Council have looked at the accessibility of Stroud Town through the Levelling up fund

» <a href="#">CW5.4.1</a>	Measured campaign relating to increasing awareness of invisible impairments including neurodiversity	31/03/2023	Amy Beckett	Not Started 	N/A	14/07/2022: Not started
» <a href="#">CW5.4.2</a>	Future bids for public space improvements to include consideration of accessibility	31/03/2024	Amy Beckett	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Considered accessibility of Stroud high street through the levelling up bid
» <a href="#">CW5.4.3</a>	Working with business owners / community groups / community organisations (C)	31/03/2024	Amy Beckett	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Engagement with community hubs / social enterprises about how we can support them. Working with the Growth Hub to offer business support to the districts social enterprises etc
<a href="#">CW5.5</a>	Work with partners to support older people to stay in their homes for longer and continue to work to become a dementia friendly district.	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	Not Started 	13/04/2022: Quarter 4	13/04/2022: Quarter 4: Even though specific work has not started in this area we have been discussing how the ABCD approach can be used to develop in this area.
» <a href="#">CW5.5.1</a>	Performance measure to be determined in first period and will be informed through dialogue with adult social care/Integrated Care System.	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Phil Sullivan has agreed to represent Stroud as Chair of the Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance. Four districts, including SDC have pledged funding to support a county role for dementia which would make up for the lack of resource to support this work in the SDC Health & Wellbeing team. The Healthy Lifestyles Scheme continues to expand classes for older adults to improve the recovery and management of long term conditions. The funding to support this will come from the ILP grant money once we know more about the role. Health data has been collected from the CCG which the team will use to work on a plan to combat isolation and improve physical activity in isolated areas.




Performance Members Comments: See overall comment below under CW5.5.2						
» <a href="#">CW5.5.2</a>	Continue strategic planning in partnership with Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP) and Integrated Care System (ICS) (C)	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: We have now received the health inequalities data which will be used to identify where we need to focus our resources. We are currently arranging a meeting with the data provider to present the information to the team so that everyone fully understands where to focus collectively and not just in our own service areas.
Performance Members Comments: The aim is to help the elderly in their own homes. SDC now have the data on health inequalities to help set priorities. They will overlap it with district clusters to see what is available and what people need. Work on the LATC also involves this. In some cases, the impact of this work may not be seen for 20 years but it is nonetheless vital. SDC have received recognition for the work they are doing, which has been show-cased, at a County-wide event organized by the NHS where GPs and others asked SDC about their projects. Young people are also supported by, e.g. the Eating Disorder Clinic in Dursley and SDC is looking at how to extend the Healthy Lifestyles Scheme to young people and recognize that instructors need additional training to deal with under-16s. SDYC will be involved.						
» <a href="#">CW5.5.3</a>	Continue to progress the agreed action plan for older people, frailty and carers with ILP working group (C)	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW5.5.4</a>	Work with partners to establish Stroud Dementia Action Alliance (C)	31/03/2023	Angela Gillingham	Not Started 	N/A	
» <a href="#">CW5.5.5</a>	Contribute to Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance (C)	31/03/2024	Angela Gillingham	On Target 	N/A	14/07/2022: Phil Sullivan has agreed to represent Stroud as Chair of the Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance. Four districts, including SDC have pledged funding to support a county role for dementia which would make up for the lack of resource to support this work in the SDC Health & Wellbeing team. The Healthy Lifestyles Scheme continues to expand classes for older adults to improve the recovery and management of long term conditions.

**EC4: Mobility / Transport: Support development of an integrated active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport network and the development of electric charging infrastructure working with county and regional partners.**

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
<a href="#">EC4.4</a>	Review taxi and private hire licensing conditions to consider moving from an 'age' condition to an 'emissions' based condition – to encourage an increase in the percentage of low and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (CN2030 M8)	31/03/2023	Rachel Andrew	On Target 	30/06/2022: Quarter 1	30/06/2022: Quarter 1: Emission Policy review was put on hold so that Task and Finish Group could concentrate on the request by the trade for a Taxi Fare increase. The Fare increase went to Committee on 23rd June. Task and Finish Group will now focus on Emissions Policy with a view of taking a recommendation to Committee in September which could then be consulted on. Members on the Task and Finish Group have since asked for more time to consider an emissions policy proposal as they have been unable to finalize a draft due to holiday commitments. The group will reconvene in September 2022 with a view to taking a proposal to Committee for consideration on 1st of December 2022 prior to a public consultation.
» <a href="#">CDPEC4.4</a>	Increase the % of taxi and private vehicles that are Euro 6 standard or EV from 50% (2021) to 75% by 2023	N/A	Rachel Andrew	Target: Actual:		The ambition of the Emission Policy review in EC4.4 is to achieve this target. As part of the review, the Task and Finish Group are considering interim measures to the taxi vehicle policy which could include a requirement that all vehicles are Euro 6 compliant or above. The Task and Finish Group aim to take a draft proposal to Committee for consideration on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 prior to a public consultation.

**ER1: Economic recovery: Support our high streets and businesses to enable recovery of the local economy from the impacts of COVID-19 and build foundations for a sustainable and inclusive local economy**

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	Lead Officer	Status	Last Monitored	Comments
<a href="#">ER1.4</a>	Work with partners across Stroud district to grow a sustainable visitor economy, including the night time economy, walking and cycling, culture and leisure attractions.	31/03/2026	Amy Beckett	On Target 	14/07/2022: Quarter 1	14/07/2022: Quarter 1: Tourism officer in post
» <a href="#">CDPER1.4</a>	% increase in expenditure by tourists in the district based on 2019/20 data Direct Visitor spend (£149,610,000)	N/A	Amy Beckett	Target: Actual:		

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q1 2022/23</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To present the 2022/23 forecast outturn position against the revenue budgets and Capital Programme that the Committee is responsible for, in order to give an expectation of possible variances against budget.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RESOLVES to note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital Programme for this Committee.</b>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	Budget holders have been consulted about the budget issues in their service areas. The feedback has been incorporated into the report to explain difference between budgets and forecast income and expenditure.			
<b>Report Author</b>	Adele Rudkin, Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: <a href="mailto:adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk">adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk</a>			
<b>Options</b>	None			
<b>Background Papers</b>	None			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Committee Budget Detailed Breakdown			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

**1 Background**

- 1.1 This report provides the first monitoring position statement for the financial year 2022/23. The purpose of this report is to notify members of any known significant variations to budgets for the current financial year, highlight any key issues and to inform members of any action to be taken if required.
- 1.2 **Due to the volume of information contained in the report, it would be helpful where members have questions on matters of detail if they could be referred to the report author or the appropriate service manager before the meeting.**

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The monitoring position for the Committee at 30 June 2022 shows a **projected net revenue overspend of £285k** against the latest budget.
- 2.2 The Capital programme is showing a forecast spend of £337k against a budget of £337k.

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2.3 Table 2 shows the capital spend and projected outturn for the Community Services & Licensing Committee for 2022/23.

### 3. Revenue Budget Position

3.1 Council approved the General Fund Revenue budget for 2022/23 in February 2022 including budget proposals of the administration.

3.2 The latest budget for Community Services and Licensing Committee taking into account the adjustments for carry forwards is £3,463m (Original Budget was £3.307m), with a **projected net overspend of £285k** against the latest budget, as summarised in Table 1.

3.3 The outturn position is mainly attributable to those items outlined in Table 1 with an explanation of the significant that have arisen (a significant variation is defined as being +/- £20,000 on each reporting line).

3.4 Appendix A provides a more detailed breakdown on the Committee's budget

**Table 1 – Community Services and Licensing Revenue budgets 2022/23**

	Para Refs	2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2022/23 Outturn Variance (£'000)
<b>Community Services Committee</b>					
Community Safety		171	179	174	(5)
Cultural Services - Arts and Culture		410	410	400	(11)
Cultural Services - Community Health & Wellbeing		165	295	296	2
Cultural Services - Sports Centres	3.5	(90)	(90)	(76)	14
Customer Services	3.6	475	475	458	(17)
Grants to Voluntary Organisations		330	330	330	0
Licensing		(44)	(44)	(44)	0
Public Spaces	3.7	1,401	1,419	1,453	34
Revenues and Benefits	3.8	380	380	646	266
Youth Services		109	109	110	1
<b>Community Services and Licensing TOTAL</b>		<b>3,307</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>285</b>

Table contains roundings.

### 3.5 Cultural Services – Sports Centres - Update

(Darren Young 01453 540995, [darren.young@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:darren.young@stroud.gov.uk))

#### The Pulse

Quarter one has seen steady financial progress, in terms of pandemic recovery, for the Pulse with all areas now showing strong signs of recovery. Particularly strong performance is being seen in the swimming pool with our Junior learn to swim programme exceeding pre-covid occupancy and family swimming exceeding the first quarter targets by a considerable margin. Quarter two will see 6 weeks of summer holidays which are challenging and rewarding, indications (early bookings) suggest the summer will be particularly busy. Membership uptake remains a constant challenge with forecasts not being met during the first few months, in reality our annual member base remains 150-200 below target and below pre pandemic levels. A large-scale membership campaign is in its planning infancy, expecting go live on the 1st September to potentially boost numbers pre-Christmas. Expenditure has been challenging due to large spend requirement for a

disabled hoist, heat retention pool cover and pool access steps. As we move through the year any potential savings will be investigated to offset the additional expenditure.

### 3.6 **Customer Services – (£17k) underspend**

(Liz Shellam, xtn 4234, [liz.shellam@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:liz.shellam@stroud.gov.uk))

Following Covid-19, cash deposits are no longer held at Ebley Mill, therefore no secure cash collections by G4S. This has led to a budget saving in year and will be considered at budget setting later in the financial year.

An in-year vacancy saving of (£21k) has been recognised. Several staff have successfully attained internal development opportunities in other service areas which has resulted in vacancies within the team. These roles are actively being recruited to in order to backfill any outstanding positions, however, success is varied in attracting candidates due to the current employment market and offering fixed term contracts. This saving has been attributed to overall salary saving reported through to Strategy & Resources Committee.

### 3.7 **Public Spaces – £34k overspend**

(Mike Hammond xtn 4227, [mike.hammond@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:mike.hammond@stroud.gov.uk))

There are several contributory factors which culminate in an overspend of £34k. Commons & Woodlands £11k, extensive tree works have been identified in the woodlands we own in the Dursley area. £9k attributable to dry stone wall works are required in the closed cemetery that SDC manage in Berkeley. The planned upgrade of Nailsworth Public conveniences resulting in a small overspend of £4k. The Ubico contract is forecasting minor additional costs within this Committee of £14k. Stratford Park is estimating extra expenditure of £4k for scheduled maintenance for the bandstand and roof repairs to the canoe store. There are modest underspends across Public spaces amounting to (£8k).

### 3.8 **Revenues & Benefits – £266k unachieved income/underspends**

(Simon Killen 01453 754013, [simon.killen@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:simon.killen@stroud.gov.uk))

The most significant variance of 234k is the shortfall on housing benefit subsidy claims, principally for supported accommodation. Although there is a higher rent allowable in supported accommodation, where the cost of housing is significantly higher than the amount allowable under housing benefit this cannot all be claimed back through housing benefit subsidy and part of the cost is borne by the local authority. Additional budget to address some of the costs was actioned as part of budget setting last financial year. This will continue to be monitored and the situation is subject to change throughout the year as housing benefit claims change and are difficult to predict.

An in-year saving on salaries (£88k). In year vacancies have arisen due to several posts that have proved difficult to recruit to and in addition a member of staff taking retirement. These positions have now been advertised with the intention to recruit in the near future. This amount has been factored into the overall corporate vacancy saving figure reported to Strategy & Resources Committee.

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## 4. Capital

Table 2 below shows the 2022/23 Capital Programme for this Committee.

**Table 2 – Capital Outturn forecast**

		<b>2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)</b>	<b>2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)</b>	<b>2022/23 Forecast Outturn (£'000)</b>
<b>Community Services Capital Schemes</b>	<b>Para Refs</b>			
Community Buildings Investment	4.1	0	117	117
Stratford Park Lido	4.2	190	220	220
<b>Community Services Capital Schemes TOTAL</b>		<b>190</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>337</b>

### 4.1 Community Buildings Investment

Discussions have continued to take place with Kingshill House Trust regarding a Community Asset Transfer. A capital budget provision of £50,000 in 2017/18 and £50,000 in 2018/19 was made as part of a funding package to help assist the transfer. Covid has had a significant impact on Kingshill House and there have been changes on the board of Trustees. The council will need to see a robust business case and be confident that the board is able to take on the freehold interest before agreeing final terms and reporting back S&R for approval.

### 4.2 Stratford Park Lido

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the 2019 business plan developed for the lido had not been explored further. It has subsequently been picked up by the leisure consultants and included within the 20-year Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy.

The indicative costs to fully upgrade the Lido were estimated at £7.3m. £1.8m would provide a sustainable heating system and upgrade the plant room. The money allocated to the lido to upgrade the facility is not enough on its own therefore one of the actions coming out of the strategy is to explore further funding options for this facility. This will be included as part of the bigger picture to secure future capital for all the Leisure facilities.

## 5. IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report as it reports on previous financial activities and expected forecasts.

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### 5.2 Legal Implications

As the report and recommendation concerns budget monitoring there are no specific legal implications. More generally, the authority is required to set a balance budget having given regard to the advice of its Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer). Section 25 of the 2003 Local Government Act requires the Section 151 Officer to comment on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves.

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**5.3 Equality Implications**

There are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision

**5.4 Environmental Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category.

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## Appendix A

		Appendix A			
		2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2022/23 Outturn Variance (£'000)
<b>Community Services Committee</b>	Para Refs				
Careline Services		(112)	(112)	(116)	(4)
Community Safety		13	21	21	0
Neighbourhood Wardens		243	243	243	(1)
Stroud and Dursley CCTV		27	27	27	0
<b>Community Safety</b>		<b>171</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>(5)</b>
Museum in the Park		406	406	396	(11)
Subscription Rooms		4	4	4	0
<b>Cultural Services - Arts and Culture</b>		<b>410</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>(11)</b>
Community Health & Wellbeing		165	295	296	2
<b>Cultural Services - Community Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>		<b>165</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>2</b>
Stratford Park Leisure Centre		214	214	203	(11)
The Pulse		(304)	(304)	(279)	25
<b>Cultural Services - Sports Centres</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>(90)</b>	<b>(90)</b>	<b>(76)</b>	<b>14</b>
Customer Service Centre		475	475	458	(17)
<b>Customer Services</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>(17)</b>
Grants to Voluntary Organisations		330	330	330	0
<b>Grants to Voluntary Organisations</b>		<b>330</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>0</b>
Licensing		(44)	(44)	(44)	0
<b>Licensing</b>		<b>(44)</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>0</b>
Amenity Areas		171	189	192	3
Cemeteries		30	30	37	8
Commons and Woodlands		15	15	26	11
Grassed Areas Contribution to HRA		200	200	200	0
Public Conveniences		230	230	239	8
Public Space Service		560	560	547	(13)
Stratford Park		190	190	205	14
Street Naming Maintenance		5	5	8	3
<b>Public Spaces</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>34</b>
Business Rate Collection		(101)	(101)	(101)	(1)
Council Tax Collection		233	233	234	1
Council Tax Support Administration		25	25	32	7
Creditors		93	93	93	0
Housing Benefit Administration		107	107	107	0
Rent Allowances and Rebates		22	22	282	259
<b>Revenues and Benefits</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>266</b>
Hear by Right / Youth Services		109	109	110	1
<b>Youth Services</b>		<b>109</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Community Services and Licensing TOTAL</b>		<b>3,307</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>285</b>

The outturn variances on the above table reflect reserve movements as outlined in Table 1, table contains roundings.

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## STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>CCTV IN TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	Consider the results of the survey on whether there are local circumstances that would make it proportionate to impose mandatory CCTV in Stroud licensed taxi and private hire vehicles.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<p><b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b></p> <p><b>a. Agree that there is not strong enough local evidence to support mandatory CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles</b></p> <p><b>b. Agree to review and enhance the current policy on optional CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles</b></p>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	<a href="#">Public consultation with online survey</a> <a href="#">Press release on consultation</a>			
<b>Report Author</b>	Rachel Andrew, Licensing Manager Tel: 01453 754440 Email: rachel.andrew@stroud.gov.uk			
<b>Options</b>	Alternatively, Committee may decide that there is strong enough local evidence to support mandatory CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles, and request further work to develop an appropriate policy			
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#">Statutory taxi and private hire standards Report to Community Services and Licensing Committee 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 agenda item 7</a>			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Results of Consultation on Mandatory CCTV in licensed vehicles			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	Yes	No	No

**1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards issued in 2020 recommend that “All licensing authorities should consult to identify if there are local circumstances which indicate that the installation of CCTV in vehicles would have either a positive or an adverse net effect on the safety of taxi and private hire vehicle users taking into account potential privacy issues.”
- 1.2 The Department for Transport’s view is that “CCTV can provide additional deterrence to prevent the potential risk to public safety and has an investigative value if there is an incident. It can provide a safer environment for the benefit of taxi/private hire vehicle passengers and drivers.”

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- 1.3 However, the Department for Transport adds that “imposition of a blanket requirement to attach CCTV as a condition to a licence is likely to give rise to concerns about the proportionality of such an approach and will therefore require an appropriately strong justification and must be kept under regular review”. Such a policy could impact on the privacy of the passenger and the driver and will have cost implications to the vehicle licence holder and introduce a responsibility to the Council to be the data controller for all data captured.
- 1.4 The Gloucestershire Licensing Officers group agreed a County consultation document which each authority used to identify if there is local evidence in their own district that would support a mandatory CCTV policy. Each authority will make its own decision, based on local evidence.
- 1.5 Community Services and Licensing Committee approved undertaking a public consultation on this matter at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The survey started in July 2022 to match the timings of some of the other Gloucestershire authorities. Gloucester and Cheltenham consulted at the same time as Stroud. However, Tewkesbury, Cotswold and Forest of Dean are just starting the process.

## 2. SURVEY RESULTS

- 2.1 Public consultation was undertaken using an online survey. The survey was open between 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Links to the survey were circulated to all taxi and private hire licence holders, Ward Councillors, Town and Parish Councils and relevant agencies. There was a press release on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to encourage public comments.
- 2.2 The full results of the survey are Appendix A to this report. Page 2 and 3 of the Appendix show the percentage responses to each question and the following pages detail all comments made by the respondents.
- 2.3 There were 69 responses to the survey. 32 of the responses were from taxi and private hire licence holders, 24 were from the public and 13 were from agencies, Councillors and Town Parish Councils.
- 2.4 63% of responses agreed that CCTV will benefit the safety of passengers and 75% agreed it would benefit the safety of drivers. 68% agreed that that it would reduce the fear of crime.
- 2.5 30% of responses felt that there were adverse effects on the privacy of passengers and drivers. 57% felt the benefits to public safety outweigh the adverse effect on privacy.
- 2.6 60% of responses felt that the benefits to public safety outweigh the costs incurred by licensed holders.
- 2.7 13% of responses felt there were local examples where CCTV could have been beneficial to public safety and 11% felt there were local examples for driver safety. However, the comments demonstrate very few actual local examples with just one where a passenger felt unsafe when a driver did not take a direct route and three examples of assault or allegations against drivers. Licence holders can already have video CCTV in their vehicles if they choose for their own protection.
- 2.8 **Overall, 50% agreed there were local circumstances that were proportionate to make CCTV mandatory in Stroud district and 50% disagreed.**

- 2.9 There were further questions about audio recording. 60% felt audio recording would benefit passenger safety and 69% felt it would benefit driver safety. 63% felt audio would reduce the fear of crime. Of the 50% that felt CCTV was proportionate, 58% of those felt it should be video and audio.
- 2.10 There was a wide range of comments to all the questions which demonstrate some strong views and interesting points. Below is a summary of comments. The full list of responses is detailed in Appendix A
- Women and vulnerable groups would feel safer with CCTV, especially at night
  - More likely to be the driver rather than the passenger that is at risk
  - CCTV makes people feel safer
  - One example of a female driver being assaulted and another of a driver being assaulted and then the passenger alleging it was the driver's fault
  - One example of a daughter being frightened when taxi did not take her on direct route
  - Gloucestershire County Council's Integrated Transport Unit states that contract drivers have been assaulted by passengers or had allegations against them made by passengers, CCTV provided evidence
  - Gloucestershire Council School contracts already require mandatory CCTV
  - Drivers would be protected against false allegations
  - It would deter assaults on drivers
  - It would deter non-payment by customers
  - It would be a deterrence to bad behaviour by customers
  - It would provide evidence for offences
  - Safety must take priority over cost
  - May be more appropriate in main city centres rather than a rural district like Stroud
  - It may be proportionate for taxis but not so much for private hires which are pre-booked in advance
  - It should be optional for the licence holder to decide if they want to have CCTV
  - Audio is important to provide context to an incident
  - Audio would help deter threats/abuse to drivers
  - There are already checks in place to ensure suitability of drivers
  - Some customers have confidential conversations they would not want recorded
  - Passengers will find it intrusive and unacceptable
  - Intrusion on driver privacy
  - Concerns on how captured data is stored and how it is used
  - Cost would be a burden on the licence holder and some may give up
  - Difficult to have opinion without knowing what cost would be
  - If imposed there should be financial support from the Council
- 2.11 Gloucestershire Council Council's Integrated Transport Unit were one of the respondees that support mandatory CCTV. GCC have already introduced mandatory CCTV on all contracted transport for example school transport. Any taxis or private hire vehicles that have GCC contracts must have video and audio CCTV installed and be operational for those journeys. The CCTV equipment used must meet GCC specifications and be able to be stored securely for 30 days. Footage must be supplied by the vehicle operator to GCC on request. GCC are the data controller.
- 2.12 There were some queries raised about the cost of CCTV. It is difficult to determine this at this stage as it would be dependent on what specifications are required in a CCTV policy. However, as a guide it would be likely to be at least £400 to £500.

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- 2.13 The Police have not provided any specific cases or offences against passengers or drivers in Stroud District Council licensed vehicles.
- 2.14 There seems to be some feeling that it is the drivers that are more likely to be at risk rather than the passengers, either from assault or false allegations. Generally, the trade themselves are not in support of mandatory CCTV. They can already, under our current policy, install CCTV if they choose to. However, our current policy does not allow continual audio recording. Any licence holders that have school contracts have a contractual obligation to have CCTV installed that records continual video and audio. The Licensing Manager has authorised licence holders that hold a Gloucestershire County Council contract, to engage audio recording for contract journeys only.
- 2.15 There have been some recent incidents in the Stroud area of attacks on women. At a public meeting about this it was raised that women feel intimidated by males when waiting on the taxi rank in Stroud. However, there are no allegations that women are at risk or feel unsafe once they are in a taxi. Safety whilst waiting at the taxi rank is being considered separately by Licensing and Community Safety Officers and options are being looked at to address this.

### 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The result of the survey shows that there is fairly strong local opinion that CCTV, both audio and video, would help protect the safety of the customer and the driver. Additionally, there is fairly strong opinion that it will reduce the fear of crime. However, there are concerns, from both the drivers, and from some members of the public, regarding privacy. Additionally, the drivers and some members of the public have concerns about the cost implications.
- 3.2 The purpose of the consultation was to see if there is local evidence that would make it proportionate to make CCTV mandatory. The Statutory Guidance says local Councils require an appropriately strong justification in order to introduce a blanket approach.
- 3.3 Although 63% of responses felt CCTV protects passengers, there was little local evidence provided to demonstrate that passengers are at risk in a Stroud District Council licensed vehicle. 75% of responses felt CCTV would benefit drivers, however if drivers feel they are at risk they already have the option to install CCTV in their vehicle if they wish. **The overall response as to whether there are local circumstances that would make it proportionate to make CCTV mandatory was 50/50.**
- 3.4 The **recommendation** of this report is that the results of the consultation do not give strong enough justification to impose mandatory CCTV on all taxi and private hire vehicles at this time.
- 3.5 If Committee agree with this recommendation, further work can be done to improve the current policy on optional CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles. This would include considering whether continual audio recording should be permitted and how recorded data is kept secure. Where appropriate this will be as joint work with the other Gloucestershire local authorities to ensure consistency within the County.
- 3.6 If the Committee concludes that there it there is justification and it is proportionate to impose mandatory CCTV, further work will need to be done to develop policy and specification on installation and operation of CCTV equipment as well as seeking legal advice on GDPR issues connected with the Council becoming the data controller.



## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

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### **4.2 Legal Implications**

The Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards sets out a framework of policies that the Council must have regard to when exercising their functions. The Department expects the recommendations made to be implemented unless there is a compelling local reason not to.

The Council must have appropriately strong justification for mandating CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles, namely they must have identified a problem that needs to be addressed and be able to justify why they consider mandating CCTV to be a proportionate and effective solution over less intrusive options. In undertaking this assessment, the Council must balance the right to privacy with the duties to safeguard the public.

Any policy mandating CCTV must be kept under regular review and must operate in a way that does not cause undue interference with the human rights of taxi occupants and drivers. It must also operate in a manner compatible with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, together with guidance issued by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner and the Information Commissioners Office.

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### **4.3 Equality Implications**

There are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision.

### **4.4 Environmental Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category.

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## Stroud District Council

### Results of Consultation on Mandatory CCTV in licensed vehicles

Consultation Period 4th July 2022 to 14th August 2022

This was an initial consultation to identify if there are local circumstances which indicate that the installation of CCTV in vehicles would have either a positive or an adverse net effect on the safety of taxi and private hire vehicle users, including children or vulnerable adults.

In addition, the consultation is seeking views on whether it would be proportionate for the the installation of CCTV to be made a mandatory condition of a vehicle licence. Any decision to make it mandatory condition will take account of the benefits to public safety as well as any adverse effects including potential privacy concerns and costs to the licensed vehicle holder.

#### Breakdown of Respondee

Taxi Licence Holder	16
Private Hire Licence Holder	16
Ward Councillor	3
Town or Parish Council	6
Gloucestershire Constabulary	1
Gloucestershire County Council	3
Other	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

Pages 2 and 3 of this document are the headline yes/no results.  
The remaining pages are the full results with all the comments.

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### SAFETY OF PASSENGERS - full details page 4 -7

**Q4** Do you agree that CCTV that records video inside licensed vehicles will benefit the safety of passengers using licensed vehicles?

Yes	39	63%
No	23	37%

**Q5** Do you agree that additional audio CCTV recording in licensed vehicles will benefit the safety of passengers?

Yes	37	60%
No	25	40%

**Q6** Do you have any local examples of when CCTV (video or audio) was or could have been beneficial to the safety of passengers?

Yes	8	13%
No	53	87%

### SAFETY OF DRIVERS - full details page 8 -10

**Q7** Do you agree that video CCTV would benefit the safety of the licensed driver?

Yes	45	75%
No	15	25%

**Q8** Do you agree that additional audio CCTV would benefit the safety of the licensed driver?

Yes	40	69%
No	18	31%

**Q9** Do you have any local examples where CCTV (video or audio) did or could have benefited the safety of the licensed driver?

Yes	6	11%
No	51	89%

### FEAR OF CRIME - full details page 11 - 12

**Q10** Do you agree that video CCTV would reduce the fear of crime?

Yes	40	68%
No	19	32%

**Q11** Do you agree that additional audio CCTV would reduce the fear of crime?

Yes	36	63%
No	21	37%

**Q12** Do you have any local examples where CCTV did or could have reduced the fear of crime?

Yes	6	11%
No	49	89%

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**ADVERSE EFFECTS ON SAFETY OF PASSENGERS - full details page 13**

<b>Q13</b>	<b>In your opinion are there any adverse effects on the safety of passengers?</b>	
Yes	12	21%
No	46	79%

**ADVERSE EFFECTS ON PRIVACY - full details page 14 - 16**

<b>Q14</b>	<b>In your opinion are there any adverse effects on the privacy of passengers?</b>	
Yes	18	30%
No	41	70%

**Q15** **In your opinion are there any adverse effects on the privacy of licensed vehicle drivers?**

Yes	16	29%
No	40	71%

**Q16** **In your opinion are do the benefits to public safety outweigh any adverse effect on privacy?**

Yes	31	57%
No	23	43%

**ADVERSE EFFECTS ON COSTS AND OTHER - full details page 17-18**

**Q17** **In your opinion do the benefits to public safety outweigh the costs that would be incurred by licensed vehicle drivers?**

Yes	32	60%
No	21	40%

**Q18** **Are there any other adverse effects from installing CCTV in licensed vehicles?**

Yes	15	30%
No	35	70%

**OVERALL - full details page 19-20**

**Q19** **Overall, do you think that there are local circumstances that would make it proportionate to make it a mandatory requirement?**

Yes	25	50%
No	25	50%

**Q20** **If yes to question 19 do you think that mandatory CCTV should be video recording only or video and audio?**

Yes	10	42%
No	14	58%

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# SAFETY OF PASSENGERS

Q4

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<b>No</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>37%</b>

<p>Gloucestershire County Council introduced mandatory CCTV on all contracted transport in 2019. CCTV is operational during contracted transport provision (each trip) benefits both crew members and passengers. We require footage to be securely retained for 30 days and we carry out spot checks to ensure footage is being recorded correctly. On the occasions when we receive allegations of inappropriate behaviour (crew or passenger ) we request footage to view. In the majority of instances, we can quickly establish the allegation is unfounded. Where evidence suggests that the allegation is genuine, we take whatever further steps would be appropriate.</p>
<p>I think it would protect the driver</p>
<p>Protects both the driver and passengers</p>
<p>Would give the driver more safety as well</p>
<p>I have been in licensed vehicles in the local area where drivers have used mobile phones whilst driving and deliberately exceeded the speed limit. I have had to verbally request that they refrain from such actions which seems poor given they are "professional" drivers. I have reported at least one operator to the police.</p>
<p>GCC already apply cameras for school pick ups This also benefits Taxi Drivers as evidence on accusations against him</p>
<p>yes, I believe it will largely deter those who seek to take advantage of the inherent power imbalance a sober male driver or more sober male passenger has over incapacitated &amp; often younger females &amp;</p>
<p>For women/vulnerable groups in particular, I feel CCTV would make us/them feel safer.</p>
<p>I suspect the number of incidents in licensed vehicles is very small and similar to the number of incidents elsewhere. Installing CCTV in vehicles would just move the problem outside the vehicle and is not justified by the cost.</p>
<p>I would think the reason is obvious, it protects both driver and passenger</p>
<p>Another important point is that I believe it would also benefit the drivers themselves, as statistically there are more incidents against drivers than the other way round.</p>
<p>There should be audio, too</p>
<p>It will help to protect users of taxis, especially women, if video recordings are made. It will also be of benefit to drivers as not all customers are law abiding.</p>
<p>Important for lone females, especially at night.</p>
<p>As outlined in the DfT's standards, it provides protection to drivers and passengers. See the report on a trial in Sheffield.</p>
<p>Security for both driver and passenger</p>
<p>Records interactions, also benefits drivers.</p>
<p>I feel it is important to both taxi drivers and passengers alike as the camera does not lie.</p>
<p>It will deter bad or dangerous behaviour from both drivers and passengers.</p>
<p>Visual CCTV evidence will help to not only deter criminal offences, but also help to provide key evidence of any criminal offences.</p>
<p>I believe that cctv would help both driver and passenger feel safe and protect from false complaints and provide evidence if needed</p>

Added protection for both the driver and passenger
Could be considered as a deterrent. Could be used as evidence.
It provides security for passengers who are travelling alone, particularly women.
STC At the public meeting on August 9th 2022 at The Subscription Rooms re Violence towards women and girls, women said that they had had men push into their taxis at night (they did not say that this was as an assault of any kind, but more pushing for the taxi).
Currently I do not feel that there are sufficient problems or causes of concern between drivers and their passengers
As long as the criminal check has been performed then no. If you don't issue licence to cabbies whom full criminal records have not been thoroughly conducted then there is no need. I'm not being racist at
I don't think that we have a high level of dodgy drivers in the Stroud district
I think the likelihood of an incident in a licensed vehicle is far greater in a taxi than a private hire vehicle. I also think that an incident is more likely to be aimed against the driver rather than the passenger! There is also the issue of what happens with such recordings in this age of social media and when circumstance may lead to retaliatory actions causing further issues.
As a Private Driver, my passengers would find intrusive and unacceptable. I have spoken to the majority of my Clients and they are all in agreement. I think it should be optional for Private Hire Drivers.
As a driver I would not think my passengers would want to be recorded.
I have been a taxi driver for 21 years and have never had an issue where CCTV in the car would be of any assistance. Also I feel that it would be an intrusion of the privacy of my customers.
Should have thought most problems encountered would be with unregulated vehicles
My motive in responding to this questionnaire, is not because I have experiences to inform the decision, but to indicate a willingness to agree to decisions made by those with the experience to form a balanced judgement.
No I think that is an outrageous, loaded and highly tendentious statement, tainted by racism. It will of course ensure the safety of taxi drivers. When I was working as a GP in Rotherham, South Yorks and my wife worked for the racial equality council there were so many attacks on taxi drivers by drunks that a similar scheme was tried and proved to be highly successful in stopping the attacks. Perhaps you should ask people who know what they are talking about before making a statement like this
I do not like the idea of videoing kids in the back of my cab. If I were a parent I just would not like the idea of a stranger taking video of my children.
Not at all
I don't see why CCTV is needed as there is a regime to check taxi drivers already in place.
Passenger safety should already be in place if all checks on the driver have been carried out correctly in the first place
I have spoke with the most of my customers and they have said they would not be happy with being recorded . So I believe it should still stay for the individual driver to decide .
I can see how cameras may protect customers and drivers but there will be more pros against recording
Not in our area no . Larger cities where crime is higher then yes. I believe too many people are being ' watched' already .
Not necessarily, as passengers by and large know each other
We are fitted with cameras already
Potentially it could, but on the whole it seems like another expense and invasion in to our already surveillances lives

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If the camera can be switched on and off, then can't really see the benefit. The rigorous checks that us drivers go through, then we should all be safe and of good character! As private hire drivers, we are all pre-booked so most of us come from recommendations and also, passengers have made direct contact with us before the journey and so have the decision to book us or not!

As we all rely on repeat business and word of mouth, then I cant imagine anyone in the Stroud District on Private hire licences doing anything to jeopardise their passengers safety.

This is a Leading question

### **Q5 Do you agree that additional audio CCTV recording in licensed vehicles will benefit the safety of passengers**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40%</b>

Gloucestershire County Council - We required both audio and visual footage on all of our contracted transport. This enables inappropriate conversations or verbal assaults to be captured and footage allows us to quickly investigate and take the necessary action taken the perpetrators.

Protection for the driver

Yes as earlier statment

Threats against the driver

yes, audio is incredibly important along with video to provide context. What can look like a gentle 'hug' takes on a very different meaning when the audio is a man saying "you're coming with me you f'ing slut you know you want it".

It will give reassurance to women and anyone who feels vulnerable.

As above, gives additional context.

Not all abuse is physical

Provides context for what is recorded visually.

Audio is useful, captures non physical threat/aggression.

A yes/no answer here is problematic. If there is evidence from previous incidents to demonstrate this, then yes. Please refer to answer above.

Yes audio as well as visual is important as the passenger could be very abusive and the taxi driver would not have a chance to verify what was said.

The recording of audio should add little or no cost and would add a lot to the usefulness of the recording.

Same as above, but also that audio CCTV evidence will help to add context to any visual footage and any key conversations/threats etc.

It terms of protecting the driver then yes

Stroud Town Council - A local taxi driver said that sometimes a taxi is a place for some very confidential conversations and that audio recording would significantly change this important customer care.

Police state.

The privacy of passengers would be compromised

CCTV on it's own does not provide the full context of any given scenario the passenger/driver may find themselves in. Audio would provide such context. That said, there is an issue of privacy for all parties and I do not feel such an intrusion is warranted for either passenger or driver.

Would give the driver more safety as well

Again - it would be far too intrusive particularly for Private Hire vehicles.

No evidence to substantiate this

It probably will, marginally, but might not be worth the extra bother / expense.

Again this is a cost issue which should be decided by the drivers themselves.



As above. Somewhat overkill.
What makes you think that there is a problem with passenger safety
We haven't ever had it we have NEVER had any problems in 20 yrs why so WHY do we need it
Again passenger safety should already be in place if driver was vetted correctly.
How will this be regulated and images stored
Could be an invasion of privacy.
I'm ambivalent about this as I feel that a video recording is probably adequate. In private hire taxis, there is often a lot of chatter. I don't think members of the public would be comfortable with these conversations being recorded.
I think people will be afraid to have a conversation, we live in winch an offended world already it will potentially create an atmosphere, I think audio recording is a bad idea.
A lot of things are said in the back of my car (private hire) in confidence- business meetings, discussion of financial matters, buy out, staff reorganisation etc - as well as personal - marital problems, health issues etc, and have often been told by a few of my clients that they appreciate that what is said in the car, stays in the car!

**Q6 Do you have any local examples of when CCTV (video or audio) was or could have been beneficial to the safety of passengers ?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>87%</b>

Gloucestershire County Council - Once recent example from June 2022. Passenger alleged that the driver was using a mobile telephone while driving. CCTV footage was requested. The footage was viewed, and the driver was not using their mobile. What it did show was the driver politely asking the passenger not to eat and drink while in the vehicle. We concluded that the passenger made the allegation in retaliation at being asked to refrain from eating and drinking in a licenced vehicle.
One of our female taxi drivers was violently assaulted buy a customer when she took a kurbside fare from Dursley to Thornbury a few years back. Audio and visual recording may have acted as a deterrent or at least assisted a successful prosecution
I have personally witnessed an occasion when a taxi driver was attacked by a customer, who then tried to make out that it was the driver who was at fault.
Yes. My daughter became very frightened when she realised a taxi she was a passenger in wasn't taking a direct route to her destination. It was at night and she was alone. Fortunately, she was able to phone a friend and then brave enough to challenge the driver who allowed her to disembark in a safe area following her phone call.
See pilot in Sheffield. Speak to Brighton, Portsmouth, Southampton and Rotherham Councils.
My husband drove for Applegate's and had an altercation with a female . CCTV proved her complaint unfounded.
Any case of assault or fares leaving without payment.
It appears your dead set on bringing in cctv no matter what we say.
i have been driving for many years and cant think of a time i wanted it
there must be occasions when it would benefit driver and passenger but very few.
That is not to say CCTV and audio would not be a good idea in taxis to protect both driver and
Not currently, but perhaps local officers will have more information about this.

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# SAFETY OF DRIVERS

**Q7 Do you agree that video CCTV would benefit the safety of the licensed driver?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25%</b>

Stroud Town Council - Taxi drivers that have County Council contracts for children already have mandatory CCTV. This protects the driver from any false accusations which can also come from adult passengers. Protection works both ways.
The majority of passengers will travel without incident and cause no concern for the driver. Sadly, there may be instances where a crew member transports a passenger or passengers who are verbally abusive, aggressive withhold payment, vandalise the vehicle or make a very serious allegation relating to the driver. In these instances, the CCTV footage will be able to identify the perpetrators and where applicable conclude any allegations against the driver are unfounded
To protect them from any false allegations
It would be a deterrent to unruly passengers
To be honest I would not want to drive a taxi in todays world without it
Would give the driver more safety
This could help prevent violence to driver and passenger also could help the driver from possible risks
Some passengers pose a risk.
Absolutely. By discouraging cash grabs, assaults, passengers from misbehaving or arguments over fares from spilling into violence, or from false claims of assault against themselves.
There are instances of taxi driver's being attacked.
Protects all vehicle occupants.
AS I have said above, I think the safety of the licensed driver is very important.
Some passengers can be abusive and violent. Audio CCTV would be preferable
Not all customers are law abiding
It would record any abuse given to the driver
Evidence of passenger behaviour if required, able to identify people in the event of issues.
Fares unpaid or difficult users recorded.
The passenger could be doing all sorts of things - and verbally it would just be one persons word for another .
Obviously
It would deter bad behaviour towards drivers.
Visual CCTV will help to deter any unwanted criminal activities towards drivers and hopefully make them feel safer in the knowledge that evidence can be provided in support of any offences. IT will help to provide corroborating evidence should any malicious complaints be made against them.
Would help in providing protection of fraud and theft
Additional evidence should a complaint be made.
It protects them from vexatious complaints
Police have never prosecuted an assault on taxi drivers in this district and never will.
To some degree but the passages that I pick up 95% of them are all well behaved
I think the likely hood of an incident in a licensed vehicle is far greater in a taxi than a private hire vehicle. I also think that an incident is more likely to be aimed against the driver rather than the passenger! There is also the issue of what happens with such recordings in this age of social media and when circumstance may lead to retaliatory actions causing further issues.
As before - too intrusive for Private Hire drivers.

this would be more beneficial for drivers that work late / weekends but I still feel that it would be an intrusion of privacy
I know that in many city centres that this is true. Locally, I'm less certain, but if made mandatory, being transport, it would have to apply nationally. Please refer to the answer above.
Been a taxi for over 30 years now and have needed video cameras in my car.
If a driver is not sure on his passenger he has the right to say no. If the driver feels the need to have security then that is their choice.
As a private hire driver in Stroud, all fares are prearranged, the journey and route are pre arranged and there is always a name, address and phone number should any repercussions happen during or after the journey.
Private hire is a different ball game to Hackney and we get treated differently on licencing, marketing and fees, and so I'm sure the introduction of CCTV could be introduced to Taxis rather than the private hires!
The driver is more likely to be at risk from abuse or attack by passengers, than the other way round.

**Q8 Do you agree that additional audio CCTV would benefit the safety of the licensed driver?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31%</b>

Gloucestershire County Council - The audio will capture conversations etc.
To protect the driver in case of any allegations
It will protect him from all aspects of doing his/her job
CCTV on it's own does not provide the full context of any given scenario the passenger/driver may find themselves in. Audio would provide such context. That said, there is an issue of privacy for all parties and I do not feel such an intrusion is warranted for either passenger or driver.
Hopefully stop passengers being abusive
There are instances of taxi drivers being attacked.
Not all abuse is physical
It would record any verbal abuse given to the driver
It would benefit the driver as they have to deal with all members of the public, e.g drunks, drug takers and those with mental illness as well as people who respect the driver and the service they provide. They contribute to the well being of the community as a whole. Some female drivers do not like to be on duty late at night this would provide them with more protection.
I feel drivers could come off very badly if they were subjected to physical and/or verbal abuse - again it would be one persons word against another.
As above . It has worked when tried elsewhere
Audio adds to the usefulness of the recording at little or no cost.
As above and audio CCTV will help to capture conversations/threats etc towards drivers. It will also help to provide clarity on any issues over fares and support them in any malicious complaints made against them.
It could help ,for example if there are incidents of racist abuse.
context
It would provide additional evidence for when a customer becomes abusive and/or aggressive.
Far too intrusive
It's wrong that any assault on drivers end in no prosecutions, the only time cctv will be used will be to prosecute offenders will be when the general public have committed an offence, (but not against us cabbies)
Privacy issues
Again down to the driver.

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Again any conversations in confidence I wouldn't want recorded - could actually cause problems eg, "please don't record", "please delete", etc..

**Q9 Do you have any local examples where CCTV (video or audio) did or could have benefited the safety of the licensed driver?**

**Yes 6 11%**

**No 51 89%**

Gloucestershire County Council -We have had instances whereby drivers have suffered physical assaults from passengers with additional needs or behavioural issues. Drivers have sustained punches and had items thrown at them while driving. CCTV has quickly established the instances and appropriate action has been taken to ensure the passenger has support during transport, ie a passenger assistant. In some instances transport has been withdrawn altogether due to unacceptable

PHTM magazine has regular articles on this matter. More on assaults by passengers to drivers rather than drivers to passengers.

Several times I have had abusive passengers

There was one occasion when I witnessed an attack by a customer on a taxidriver who had been called to assist her. She then tried to make out that the driver was at fault, even though there was more than one witness to this.

That is not to say it will not benefit.

Rotherham MBC. The drivers were totally behind this initiative

Did taxi driver have the offenders whom put scaffold poles through his roof and windscreen prosecuted? No police didn't want to, with or without cctv.

## FEAR OF CRIME

**Q10 Do you agree that video CCTV would reduce the fear of crime?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32%</b>

Gloucestershire County Council - Drivers of licenced vehicles could find themselves in dangerous situations or situations whereby they feel at risk. Having operational CCTV will hopefully give them reassurance
Stroud Town Council - The fear of crime does not always equate with actual reported crimes but many assaults or inappropriate behaviours are not reported and knowing that taxis are safer would assure some customers, particularly late at night.
Although I do not feel that we are currently experiencing any criminal activities especially during the daytime
Any potential crime would be recorded, so would be a deterrent
People will think twice before committing a offence if they are being recorded
I believe it would help to give reassurance to passengers
It is a deterant
Yes - having recently looked into this quite deeply for a CCTV project here at Nouncells Cross with SDC & Stroud Police, the public perception is that CCTV works. Most people almost aren't interested in the facts and statistics and whether they support that or not, it simply makes them feel safer. Whether that's a good or bad thing is a discussion for another time, but, as with our project here I can see many upsides to Taxis having CCTV installed for both cabbies and Passengers, which would outweigh the initial expense of installation.
Deterrence
Absolutely
Maybe late nights in dodgy areas
Yes. I've noticed that among my ageing female friends, that their general anxiety levels have increased hugely over the last ten years. I think this is partly a characteristic of ageing, and partly a response to their perception of a deteriorating society.
If it is known that video CCTV is installed both passenger and driver should be on best behaviour.
Members of the public may well feel safer in the knowledge that they are getting into a vehicle with audio and visual CCTV, especially with VIAWG being such a huge topic of concern currently and also when alcohol is involved with lone passengers.
The presence of CCTV generally reduces the risk of crime.
Assuming that recording is obvious to passenger.
Fear of crime is very prevalent in society. The presence of CCTV cameras could be reassuring for nervous passengers.
Passengers could feel safer.
I dont know what the crime rate on Stroud Taxi/private hire is, but it really can't be compared to the city company's..
Not convinced cctv acts as a deterrent, more that it aids investigation and prosecution.
It would help to ensure passengers would pay their fare.
Because consultations like this increase the fear of crime beyond the level at which it really exists.
Yes and no. as a taxis diver in the country I don't see the crime as say a city taxis would
When somethings goes wrong it is often due to outside influences (alcohol, drugs, illness, etc.) and things quickly spiral out of control and norms in behavior are lost. Under such a circumstance the individual concerned is unable to rationalize their behavior let alone be concerned about CCTV!

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I am happy that all of my Private Hire Passengers are upstanding and law abiding and personally vet ALL of my Customers before taking a booking.

it depends how it is implemented. if the cctv equipment is owned and operated by the council then potentially yes. If it is in the hands of the vehicle operator then no, not at all.

Even with cctv the criminal would not be perturbed as you can see by many items of crime shown on TV where they have been caught on cctv and know it is there.

### Q11 Do you agree that additional audio CCTV would reduce the fear of crime?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37%</b>

Absolutely
It may help the driver to deal with passengers who are abusive & use bad language.
Stroud Town Council - There might well be issues of privacy concern around audio recording.
For the same reason as stated above. All audio enabled CCTV will do is provide evidence after an event to be examined by the appropriate authorities. I do not feel it will deter an incident from occurring.
But obviously not as good as video
It might but I'm not sure if it's necessary

### Q12 Do you have any local examples where CCTV did or could have reduced the fear of crime?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>89%</b>

Gloucester County Council -We arrange contracted transport for passengers with mild to severe additional and behavioural needs. Some passengers have vandalised the vehicle and CCTV has captured this. Where applicable we have reimbursed the driver for the damage, without the CCTV we wouldn't have been able to establish who committed the damage
Yes - studies have shown that in specific target areas CCTV working with Police & other authorities can be targeted to reduce specific crimes, residents main concerns here are late night drug deals in dark external corners. We have carried out a survey of residents here at Nouncells Cross about 3 months ago & from memory all of the received responses all said an improved CCTV system would make them feel either 'safer' or 'much safer'. Installation begins at the end of this month.
Personally, I would prefer it if CCTV was used in taxis. It would make me feel safer.
Having problems with my neighbour - I installed CCTV and must admit I feel much safer.
Rotherham MBC
We have CCTV in our youth centre and this has a positive impact on behaviour.
I have cctv video of the outside of my vehicle, back and front showing council refuse collectors throwing the wheely bins over the top of my car, smasking into my next door neighbours car. Keep the cctv videoing the outside of our cabs by all means, this doesn't interfere with passengers privacy.

## ADVERSE EFFECTS ON SAFETY OF PASSENGERS

**Q13**      **In your opinion are there any adverse effects on the safety of passengers?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>79%</b>

Stroud Town Council - However there was one concern raised that the videos might be used wrongly by the licensing authority.
Provided the data captured is used/stored in the correct manner and only accessed for the purposes laid out
Such images/recordings may be used in nefarious ways to cause harm to passengers and their families in these times where social media accounts for so much of peoples time and energy. The policing of social media is not keeping up with the reality of on-line abuse that exists.
Far too intrusive
Misuse of the information - confidentiality of conversations - CCTV equipment operator processes for handling the data collected.
Only if the recording was saved and used for private/ illegal purposes
There are legitimate concerns over our increasingly 'surveillance' society, on grounds of privacy and freedom. It's important to weigh those concerns against the dangers posed, and not to over-react. But CCTV cameras have a role to play in limiting crime, and I support their use in helping to keep citizens safe.
Personal data protection is at risk
I just don't like the idea of videoing children.
Intrusion of there privacy what if a mother is Brest feeding a baby would she liked to be filmed . We do entertainers and they change in the back of our vehicles sometimes would they get offended yes they would and next time wouldn't use us
You will have pictures of women and children on video that could be used in the wrong way by a dodgy driver( there are some about).
Would depend on who had access to the files and how the images are stored
People are being filmed all the time and sometimes, again, if we have the trust of vulnerable people, we can safeguard them by keeping an ear and eye open and reporting to the relevant authorities- much better than "bang, here it all is on tape!"
Yes no privacy and not being aware of this
CCTV recordings made by Taxi drivers would be securely stored for a limited time them securely destroyed in line with GDPR. This is designed to protect all of us, including children & vulnerable adults. We already know your Taxi drivers are DBS checked. I would assume SDC would diligently implement any additional processes felt necessary to Safeguard the public.
If you are well behaved then why is it an issue, if not then... It is a public place so no reason why people should fear being recorded.
CCTV exists to establish whether a crime or anti-social event has taken place and who the perpetrator is. If people are going about their busines legitimately, then there should be no adverse effects. If there is concern about the competence and integrity the taxi drivers, then the licensing authorities should put measures in place to address this.
Why should there be?
I think that as long as cctv is clearly placed and passenger are clearly told that they being recorded for there safety and the driver safety by way of verbal notice and written notice in the vehicle
Everyone will be protected
if you are transporting person of the above category's then yes this might help to protect the driver from miss understandings

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# ADVERSE EFFECTS ON PRIVACY

**Q14** In your opinion are there any adverse effects on the privacy of passengers?

**Yes** 18 30%

**No** 41 70%

Stroud Town Council - One taxi driver felt that anyone famous would not want any CCTV in their taxi. How would the CCTV be used and by whom and what kind of controls over its use would there be? Also how long would any CCTV video be required to be stored and could it be turned off or would it have to be on all day?

Passengers may have private conversations that they might not want recorded

Passengers will no longer be in a private environment where they can work or relax without it being captured on film.

I do a lot of work with celebrities filming in the area as well as local dignitary and royalty. They will not want to be recorded on CCTV. They will be anxious that data could get inadvertently released or even hacked and end up on media channels. Such customers value their privacy Also I carry disabled children and adults who sometimes wet themselves in the vehicle and so want to change clothing in the vehicle and it would not be appropriate that this is filmed. I'm against Mandatory CCTV - With news on tv tonight it back up my case crime is at it's highest though the Internet it's either fraud through security or criminal sale of private information electronic storage will never be safe

Again - far too intrusive for Private Hire passengers

see previous answer re: data privacy

Intrusion of privacy

It makes it easier for malicious individuals to track the movement of people. It gives access to footage that could be used for blackmail, eg where someone is worse the wear for drink and exposure is threatened to their employer or someone is with someone that would upset someone else in their life.

Personal data at risk

Passengers need complete privacy when using a taxi/private hire vehicle. Video footage could be used to blackmail an individual ( there are dodgy drivers out there).

some passengers want a little privacy which is impossible with CCTV

More details needed on how the information would be used, who has access and how it would be stored.

One has to assume that the CCTV would only be used in cases where there has been an incident which needs to be analysed. Any misuse in CCTV material should result in a taxi driver losing their licence.

In my view, not ones serious enough to challenge the benefit of CCTV. See above answer.

A taxi is really no different in this respect to a public place, where video recording is now commonplace.

There are potential adverse effects, but as long as the CCTV is handled correctly within the Council Policy (if decided upon) and the Drivers of suitable character (licensed by the LA and checks carried out).

Perhaps in certain circumstances the CCTV could be turned off, either audio or visual or both, but this would have to be under specific circumstances and agreement by both driver and passenger.

As before everyone will be protected



**Q15 In your opinion are there any adverse effects on the privacy of licensed vehicle drivers?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>71%</b>

Stroud Town Council - Similar to above. Who watches and monitors and reports?
Passenger privacy.
In some case people use there car for private us as well as public use
Likewise a licensed driver who has completed all the necessary checks to gain a license is having to work in an environment where every aspect of his daily duties are recorded.
Again, far too intrusive for Private Hire drivers
Lack of privacy
intrusion of privacy
Bosses could spy on drivers and punish them for minor misdemeanors.
A legitimate licensed driver should have nothing to fear, but rather benefit from backup should any incidents arise.
That's a question for the drivers.
They were very enthusiastic about this
Personal data ar risk
Licensed drivers should not have to be recorded when they are at their place of work.
Cost
"Always on" CCTV will by their nature capture images when the vehicle is being used privately.
More details needed on how the information would be used, who has access and how it would be stored.
I appreciate the car IS my office, but it is also MY personal car used by me and my family - I certainly don't want my PERSONAL life being recorded!

**Q16 In your opinion are do the benefits to public safety outweigh any adverse effect on privacy?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>43%</b>

Gloucestershire County Council - Travelling in a vehicle with CCTV ensures that should anything occur during the journey it can easily and quickly be identified. Travelling with CCTV demonstrates that the driver is confident and professional. Drivers are issued with clear guidance on how to operate and store CCTV footage. Footage cannot be shared with anyone, only those who are permitted to see it.
I would have to see the details of the scheme to answer this accurately. I think it might marginally improve things in the district. There is the personal safety of the vehicle occupants but also the potential for surveillance to ensure lower levels of speeding and mobile phone usage to consider.
No downsides for law abiding people
If one is not doing wrong, then there is nothing to fear.
Fears of "big brother" are, in my opinion, grossly exaggerated
Provided appropriate safeguards are put in place to prevent saving and storage of footage not linked to an incident.
You have asked a closed question, my answer is yes.
We live in a very aggressive world and people are not as tolerant as in previous years.
What a silly question

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If people are not interested in taking a lift in a taxi that has CCTV for their protection they have the right to refuse the service

But - More details needed on how the information would be used, who has access and how it would be stored.

Data as to the benefits to public safety have not been supplied with this survey.

Privacy and confidentiality- in MY vehicle - outweighs any advantage on having a camera fitted for the safety of my passengers - as my passengers are ALWAYS safe in my vehicle.

Stroud Town Council - Difficult to comment on this when there is no protocol to scrutinise.

again I don't see the crime in the country like you would in city's. a lot of the time in the country I am the only person around expect for the wild life

We are all entitled to go about our work without the intimidation of knowing every aspect of day is being recorded. As said before, in the scenario of a taxi/private hire vehicle it is the passenger whom is more likely to cause disruption or an incident. Drivers are doing a job of work and have a financial incentive to look after their passengers and reputation.

The benefits do not justify more red tape and cost for people trying to earn a living in a low income employment.

Personally think it is an intrusion but maybe good idea for minors

## ADVERSE EFFECTS ON COSTS AND OTHER

**Q17 In your opinion do the benefits to public safety outweigh the costs that would be incurred by licensed vehicle drivers ?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40%</b>

Gloucestershire County Council - There can be no price on safeguarding, both for crew and passengers who travel in licensed vehicles. CCTV units can be reasonably priced, if a crew member already works on contracted transport for GCC they will hopefully have a system that is transferable
It is a large cost but in the end a small price to pay for everyone's safety
Safety
Presumably such costs would mean higher passenger fares. Worth it for one's safety
Unfortunately we all have to pay for safety.
Funds should not be put over Safety People before money
Stroud Town Council - We advise that this is not mandatory on licensed vehicles for several reasons: Licensed vehicles are not doing well currently - there are huge strains on their income. Very few drivers are working at times when there is most likely to be trouble - ie late at night and weekends. This is causing shortages for people to get home late at night. There is a feeling that there are very few incidents in this area that justify a mandatory ruling. However if SDC decides that mandatory CCTV is the option for their licensed drivers, the committee would like to see financial support put in place along with good training on how all the CCTV information would be monitored and used for both the sake of the passengers and the drivers.
Not all drivers work all week or at nights and the cost to them would be quite prohibitive weighed against both the income received and the customers taken. As a result I believe some drivers would consider giving up.
Subsidised cameras would overcome any obstacles that cost might bring up in drivers minds
There are more important things the council can be spending the money on
I have to say no as I do not know how much such systems cost to install. Such systems, I assume, must be calibrated and maintained and administered by the said driver/company. The taxi/private hire industry is regulated to the extent that owners, drivers and their vehicles are all subjected to rigorous scrutiny already. The costs of such systems should be for each individual driver/company to decide if installation is going to bring security to their business and is desired by their passengers.
unsure until details of the scheme are known
if the council elect for cctv to be mandatory then the cost should be covered by a council grant rather than an extra financial cost to the license vehicle driver at this very difficult financial time
CCTV of decent quality is simply not expensive anymore. What would have cost thousands a few years ago is around a couple of hundred now - I'm sure the Taxi's could use their collective buying power to bring this cost down even further. As a society we spend too much time asking what's the cost of doing it, when the question really should be "What is the cost of NOT doing it?" As humans that clearly leaves us with only one answer, for anyone who's unsure safety comes before profit, always.
I am not competent to answer this question as I do not know the costs. This is question best answered by the drivers, bearing in mind that their safety is also os concern.
But they should be given help with it from society because it is society that will benefit from it.
No idea how much it costs to install but presumably it could be recouped through fares
The drivers would benefit too, see the Sheffield pilot report.
I'm not qualified to comment. It requires data and analysis to do a cost benefit analysis so suggest you do that. The cost side should be quantifiable, benefits are less obviously financially quantifiable.

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Suggest that help should be given with costs to licensed vehicles
Drivers install them because they want to feel safe.
Although I have answered yes, it is actually impossible to answer this without knowing the cost. Drivers and owners are facing heavy additional costs at present, and this would be another burden. The council should consider financially supporting these installations, or even organising a discounted package through a specialist supplier.
Perhaps this is something which could be helped with by the LA. A proportionate cost would need to be decided upon.
It should be down to the individual driver if he wants to have cameras in his car. like iv already said in over 30 years in the job I have never needed the use of cameras in my car. I don't think if I was a passenger I would be happy that or any of my family were being recorded in a taxi.
I don't see the benefit to the public in having CCTV installed nor why drivers should carry the cost.
Phv would have to increase fares to cover cost so passenger will end up paying
Having just had a CCTV system installed at a cost of £400.00. I do think that some contribution from the Licensing Authority should be available. This is a public safety issue as well as for the safety of the driver. The information captured by this device would be available to the Licensing Authority to view should complaints/safety issues occur. But only if the Authority has made a financial contribution.
Help should be given towards the cost as this may put many small business out of operation.
It's another expense that with all the other rising costs, is just something else eating into the profits!
The cost should be incurred by the "government" not the licensed drivers.

### Q18 Are there any other adverse effects from installing CCTV in licensed vehicles?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>70%</b>

Cost to the licence holder
General 'dis-trust' from my Private Hire Customers and again far too intrusive
Some operators could simply claim that the system isn't working, by cutting power or deliberately tampering with the device
Each time the vehicle is changed there is a cost to have the cctv installed on top of meters, certificates etc
More bureaucracy and costs for local taxpayers to ensure compliance.
Cost
Overkill for country area
Those directly involved must be more qualified to answer these questions.
It makes it virtually impossible for a passenger to make a legitimate complaint about a driver. I suspect that this is not the outcome that you desire
Potential for theft/damage/interference by others. Handling of footage.
My ongoing contract states no internal filming video or audio shall take place. This is my only contract
Human rights
Costs Invasion of privacy data protection issues
We haven't been told enough information on cost, how long we are keeping data also if a customer refuses to be recorded does this automatically mean we loose there fare ?
No issue with installation of CCTV. Data controller must be the vehicle owner & not the Council.
Confidentiality, expense, registration to the relevant body yearly!
If the licensee pays for installation then fares will rise.

## OVERALL

**Q19 Overall, do you think that there are local circumstances that would make it proportionate to make it a mandatory requirement?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50%</b>

<p>Gloucestershire County Council - I would have thought that large events like Cheltenham Races may result in some passengers travelling who are under the influence of alcohol and may act inappropriately towards the driver. Such instances would be captured on CCTV . Likewise, if licenced drivers have repeated issues with passengers from particular areas or venues, ie pubs/clubs the installation of CCTV would provide security for the driver and should anything occur the preparator(s) could be identified</p>
<p>Absolutely. A lot of 'very happy' youngsters on their way home late at night pile into our Stroud taxis without a thought. You can go very quickly from Stroud Town into dark lanes, isolated homes -these aren't unusual journeys for a Stroud Taxi. But we are entrusting our young people to these vehicles, and each other, and we know the world is not a perfect place. There must be drivers who worry about whether a guy is going to take advantage, but don't speak up. Maybe CCTV would enable them to do that, &amp; stop a lot of horror &amp; regrets the next morning. Maybe an occasional driver gets handsy - it happens - not with CCTV. The mouthy 'lads' will think twice. Everyone is safer.</p>
<p>Most taxi drivers are men. For the female customers and the few female taxi drivers locally it should help to give needed protection.</p>
<p>You cannot put a price on 'Safety'</p>
<p>Subject to financial help for operators, it makes sense to provide whatever additional protection is available. The technology to do this is readily available &amp; low in cost. Safety issues can arise anywhere, this is a general rather than a local issue.</p>
<p>Personally I have heard of stories in the local area of drivers making inappropriate behaviour towards females in drunken states This would probably protect them and also the drivers</p>
<p>Stroud Town Council - Difficult to answer this question without detailed recorded incidents plus a public consultation to ask generally about any incidents with licensed vehicles in the area that were concerning but not recorded (both from passengers and drivers). The feeling from the five drivers interviewed suggested that it would disproportionate for CCTV to be mandatory.</p>
<p>When young children are involved</p>
<p>Possible local areas of anti social behavior</p>
<p>There may well be local circumstances for local taxi/private hire businesses to make their own decision as to the installation of such systems based on their individual experiences and business model. i.e. if the bulk of your business is nightclub and party bookings then it may well be wise to consider. If the bulk of your work is business professionals to airports and meetings it probably is not a concern. A mandatory blanket roll-out is certainly not proportionate to all the various types of operators within our region.</p>
<p>None - especially for Private Hire Extra costs along with all the other mandatory requirements</p>
<p>We are a rural community and can be very remote from built up areas of high activity.</p>
<p>Not without seeing all the scheme details. problems I've encountered were non life threatening although troubling and I dealt with them through existing channels: by speaking to the driver and reporting to the police.</p>
<p>As a small country town we do not have the amount of violent conduct/crime you would get in a city</p>

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I only have second hand information on the running of taxis in the local area. I do know that there are frequent incidents at taxi ranks and inside taxis, particularly late at night. Again it is for the drivers to decide if this is affordable.

As a private citizen, I have not experienced any, and would defer to the police evidence.

We need to see the figures for assaults. This is likely to vary dramatically from place to place

Only where school contracts or working with children on regular basis. Not forced where it can cause loss of work such as my situation.

No evidence/data supplied as to the frequency of reported incidents within Taxis.

Stroud District is a small market town where most taxi private hire drivers know each other and can, and do, keep an eye out on each other. As Private hire drivers, we are all pre-booked and have reputations to uphold. I feel that the introduction of Mandatory CCTV pits suspicion on everyone!

**Q20 If yes to question 19 do you think that mandatory CCTV should be video recording only or video and audio?**

**Video 10 42%**

**Video and Audio 14 58%**

Gloucestershire County Council - Some incidents cannot be established by footage only, audio is needed to capture the incident in full.

Audio and Video

Either would be good

I believe it should be both

Video & Audio - context is everything., cannot state this strongly enough.

Video and audio. Video only may not give the whole picture.

If it becomes mandatory then there should be no half measures. What is at stake here is the safety and integrity of drivers and passengers.

Video and audio would be preferable

Both

Both

Video and audio - there is such a thing as verbal abuse as well as physical abuse.

Video and audio would be ideal

Both video & audio

Both

It should be both video and audio

Most systems that are available do both so I think that having both would work better and increase protection of both passengers and drivers

Council did not comment on the audio element.

Neither

How can you have a yes/no answer to an either/or question?

Audio should be triggered only.

Your question does not match with the yes no responses offered.

CCTV only

Neither Video and or Audio

Stroud Town Council - Video recording only.

Audio or no, its passenger privacy that's counts more than police servalance.

## STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SERVICES &amp; LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>PLAY AREA CONSULTATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To brief members of Housing Committee on the Play Area and Development Action Plans Progress.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<p><b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Approve the recommendations for investment on identified SDC own play areas.</b></p> <p>b) <b>Delegate Authority to Strategic Director of Communities in consultations with the Chair &amp; Vice Chair of Community Services and Licensing on the value of investment in each play area identified for investment.</b></p>			
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<b>Options</b>	None			
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#">Play Area Consultation and Development Action Plan</a>			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Stroud District Council Play Framework – August 2022 Appendix B – Stroud District Council Play Area Consultation Report - July 2022 Appendix C – Play Area Community Consultation Visits Appendix D – Images of recommended investment play areas Appendix E – Equality Impact Assessment			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

**1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In October 2021, Stroud District Council applied to Gloucestershire County Councils Covid Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) for capital investment for SDC owned play areas to help reduce health inequalities by providing accessible play spaces for all.
- 1.2 In November 2021, Stroud District Council had confirmation that their bid for £300,000 had been successful.
- 1.3 A further £25,000 became available from COMF to resource the project.

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- 1.4 In February 2022, Community Services & Licencing Committee approved the Play Area Consultation and Development Action Plan to start the work on the action plan.
- 1.5 Housing Committee will be considering the investments for play areas, Community Services and Licensing Committee will need to have due regard for their recommendations following the Committee meeting on the 13 September 2022. Officers will provide an update of any recommendations or amendments at Community Services and Licensing Committee on the 15 September 2022.

### **2. Play Area Consultation and Development Action Plan – Progress**

#### **2.1 Stage 1 – Physical Condition Survey – A review of all SDC owned play areas conducted by ROSPA**

- 2.1.1 All play areas had a Safety Inspection completed in March 2022. These reports highlighted any risks and rated them low, medium, or high.

#### **2.2 Stage 2 - Insight – Understanding the community around the play areas including current user profile, demographics now and future, activity level, current budget provision.**

- 2.2.1 In May 2022, Ethos, instructed by SDC to update the data from the Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure Study from the original data in 2019 to 2022.

- 2.2.2 Ethos created a prioritisation framework (page 2, Stroud District Council, Play Framework, August 2022) in consultation with the Physical Activity & Health Development Manager to determine where improvements are most needed (Appendix A). The framework considered the following: -

- Quality of site
- Proximity/access to other play areas
- Demographics e.g., number of children in the area
- Child health and wellbeing
- Levels of child deprivation
- Geographical barriers to play – rurality
- Proximity to a community hub

- 2.2.3 The Play Framework outlines the sites that are high, medium, and low priority. This data helped to inform the recommendations for investment. (Section 6, pages 21- 30, Stroud District Council, Play Framework, August 2022)

- 2.2.4 In May 2022, Leisure Net, instructed by SDC to undertake community consultation with residents, key stakeholders, town and parish councils and members. (Appendix B) The report highlighted the need to improve our play provision across the district. Residents well regarded town and parish council owned play areas.

#### **2.3 Stage 3 - Identify - How the insight could be delivered including a management options**



appraisal, facility investment and links to community delivery and community hubs.

2.3.1 In July 2022, we set up Task and Finish group including, members from Housing and Community Services & Licencing committees. The group analysed the data and insight from both external reports (appendix A & B), conducted play area site visits and created a set of recommendations for investment.

### **3. Recommendations for Investment**

3.1 The recommendations for investment of the £300,000 COMF funding based on the data and insight gained via consultation are as follows:-

1. Cambridge Avenue, Dursley
2. Acacia Drive, Dursley
3. Mason Road, Stroud
4. Archway Gardens, Cainscross
5. Wharfdale Way, Stonehouse

#### **3.1.1 Recommendations for Signage**

3.1.2 New signage for all 32 Stroud District Council owned play areas.

### **3.2 Recommendations for Repair**

3.2.1 Repairs to play areas highlighted by the ROSPA inspections and Ethos Report include:

- Deveraux Crescents
- Daffodils Play Area, Kings Stanley
- Innocks Estates Play Area
- Norton Wood, Nailsworth
- Orchard Road, Cainscross
- Bunting Hill Play Area, Nailsworth

These repairs to be funded by existing budget from the Housing Revenue Account or General Fund.

### **3.3 Recommendations for Repurpose**

3.3.1 Repurposing existing play areas into an alternative green space provision include:

1. The Brambles
2. Manor View
3. Little Mill Court

3.3.2 Community consultation is required prior to any repurposing of the play areas.

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## 4. IMPLICATIONS

### 4.1 Financial Implications

There are financial implications associated with this report for both the General Fund and HRA. Any spend based on the recommendations for investment (3.1) must be managed within the existing funding resources from COMF. Repairs outlined in 3.2.1 will need to be funded from existing SDC budget.

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### 4.2 Legal Implications

As the County Council are providing a grant, SDC must comply with any terms imposed as a condition of the funding and legal advice should be sought on those terms.

The Council's Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules will need to be complied with when appointing third parties to carry out the improvements.

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### 4.3 Equality Implications

An EIA has been carried out by Officers in relation to the decision made in this report and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

### 4.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

# Stroud District Council Play Framework



**FINAL – August  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Ethos Environmental Planning were commissioned by Stroud District Council to undertake a Play Framework as part of a wider piece of work for their Play Area and Development Action Plan. Stroud District Council (SDC) have been awarded funding from Gloucestershire County Council for capital investment into SDC owned play areas to help reduce inequalities by providing accessible play spaces for all. This strategy will assist in making decisions about where the funding will be spent.

### 1.1 Play Area and Development Action Plan

The action plan aims to plan and manage high quality accessible play spaces that positively contribute to the wellbeing of the community it serves. It will ensure that play areas are:

- **Well Designed** to encourage play and community cohesion.
- **Well Located** where possible, near to other community facilities and good pedestrian and cycle networks.
- **Well Regarded** to ensure the communities value the sites, have ownership of them and are engaged in the redesign and maintenance of the spaces.

The plan is broken down into 4 stages:

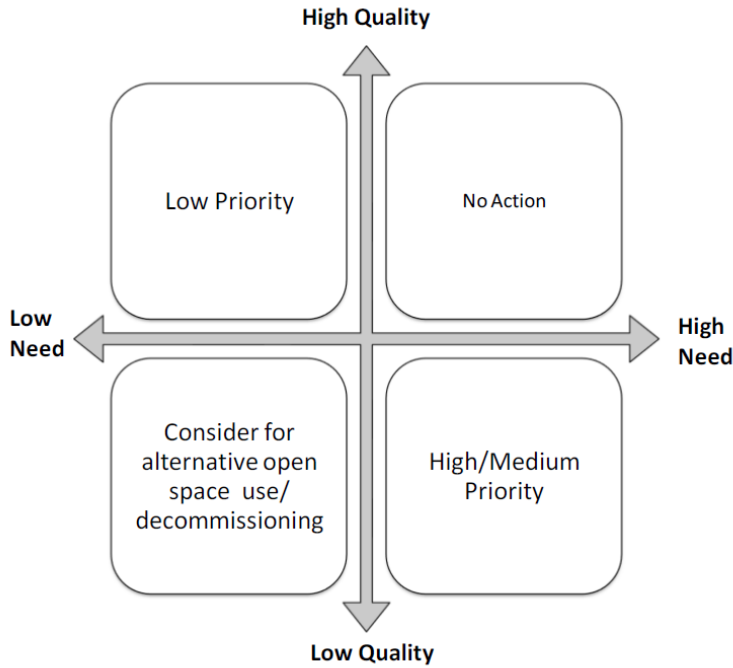
1. Physical condition survey – a review of SDC owned play areas.
2. Insight – understanding the community around the play areas including current user profile, demographics, activity levels and current budget provision.
3. Identify – how the insight can be delivered including management options appraisal, play area investment and links to community delivery and community hubs.
4. Commitment – secure commitment to the identified play areas that will receive capital investment and redevelopment.

### 1.2 Prioritisation Framework

‘Planning for Play’ suggests that prioritisations for play space improvements should be based on an objective assessment to determine where improvements are most needed. This follows this guidance by applying needs criteria to the 32 SDC owned play areas. The criteria area based on:

- Quality of site
- Proximity/access to other play areas
- Demographics e.g. numbers of children in the area
- Child health and wellbeing
- Levels of child deprivation
- Geographical barriers to play – rurality
- Proximity to a community hub

The principle behind the prioritisation approach is illustrated as follows:



As a result of this process the framework categorises all sites under three headings:

- High priority for improvement
- Medium priority for improvement
- Low priority for improvement

This document is referred to as a framework rather than a plan because it does not aim to produce a prescriptive play area delivery plan that the Council must follow rather it provides evidence that the Council can use in reviewing, developing, and implementing their own individual delivery plans. The framework provides an overview of the Council owned sites across the district and applies objective needs-based criteria to all those sites – to arrive at strategically determined site categorisation classifications.

**1.3 Overview of the area**

Stroud District is in the county of Gloucestershire and covers an area of approximately 45,325 hectares (about 175 square miles). The district’s natural environment is widely protected national policy and statutory legislation with a large proportion of the eastern part of the district falling within in Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The western part is characterised by the landscape of the Severn Vale bounded by the Severn Estuary.

Stroud is the main focal point of the functional urban area within the Stroud Valleys, which are home to around 49,000 people equating to around 40% of the district’s population. Outside of the Stroud Valleys lies Stonehouse and further south are the towns of Cam and Dursley. To the north of the district, Hardwick forms part of the Gloucester Urban Fringe. The remaining countryside parts of the district are mainly used for agricultural and comprise of several smaller towns, villages, and hamlets.

**1.4 Population and geographical boundaries**

The total population for the Stroud District is 120,903 (mid-year 2020 estimates). The breakdown by ward (including the child population by ward is shown in the table below).

It was agreed with the project team that analysis would be undertaken by ward, due to the prioritisation data being in this format.

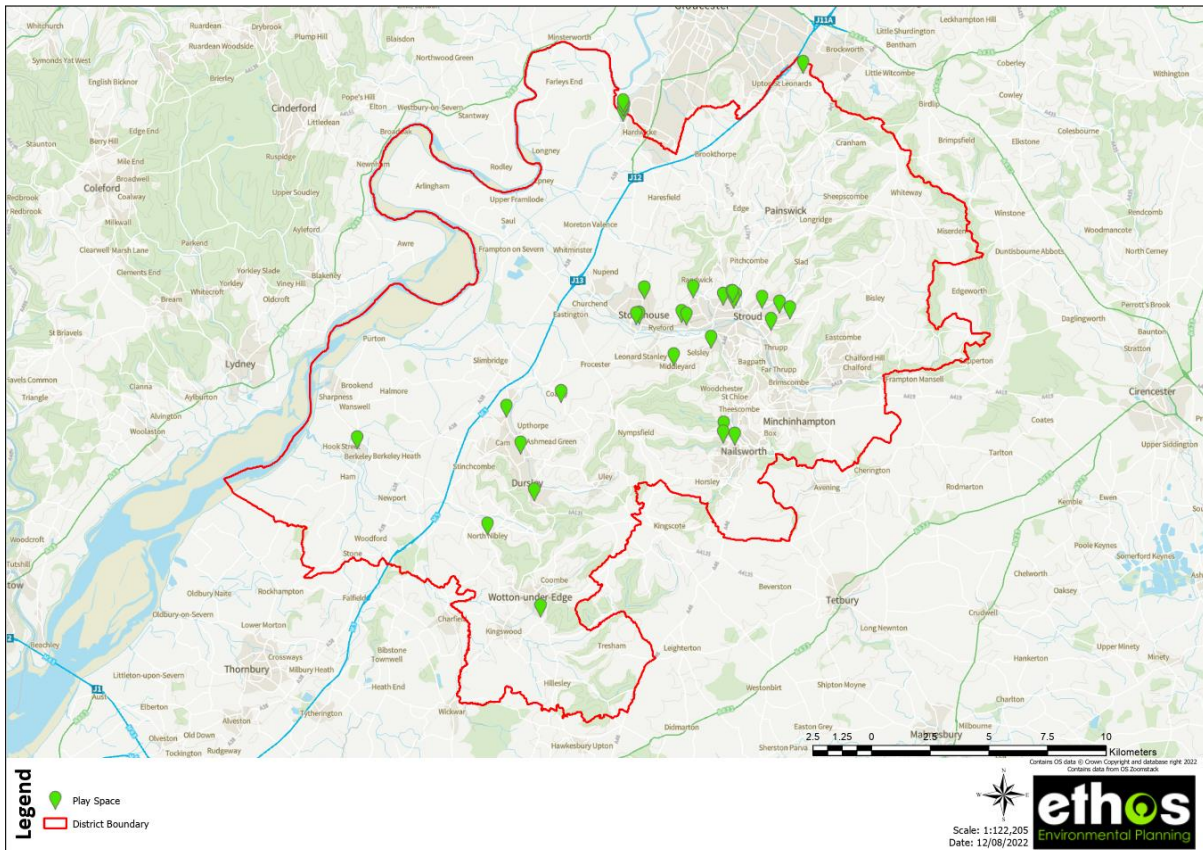
Table 1 Ward population statistics (ONS 2020 mid-year estimates)

Ward	Child population (Age 0-15)	Total population
Amberley and Woodchester	326	2,149
Berkeley Vale	1,208	7,320
Bisley	342	2,348
Cainscross	1,711	8,389
Cam East	719	4,596
Cam West	673	4,077
Chalford	1,062	6,248
Coaley and Uley	419	2,427
Dursley	1,557	7,647
Hardwicke	1,772	7,822
Kingswood	474	2,152
Minchinhampton	743	4,541
Nailsworth	1,103	6,601
Painswick and Upton	1,383	7,353
Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	280	1,979
Rodborough	752	4,458
Severn	998	5,411
Stonehouse	1,269	7,350
Stroud Central	331	2,181
Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	385	2,477
Stroud Slade	483	2,501
Stroud Trinity	326	2,162
Stroud Uplands	319	2,106
Stroud Valley	399	2,333
The Stanleys	834	4,634
Thrupp	408	2,359
Wotton-under-Edge	1,147	7,282

## 2.0 EXISTING PROVISION OF PLAY SPACE

This framework focuses on the 32 play spaces owned by Stroud District Council but considers other play spaces within the analysis later within the report. Stroud District Council manage 21 play areas and 2 MUGAs with the General Fund managing 14 sites. Within this framework, 32 sites will be analysed. This excludes the 2 MUGAs and 3 sites play areas; one of which isn't under the control of the council and two sites the play equipment has been removed and the site has already been redesignated.

Figure 1 32 SDC owned play areas within this framework



A large proportion of play spaces across the district are managed by town/parish councils, with some play spaces also being managed by independent management companies.



### 3.0 ANALYSIS OF EXISTING PLAY SPACE

#### 3.1 Quantity

This section provides an analysis of existing quantity of play space within Stroud District. The Open Space Study (2019) provides quantity standards for both children's and youth play space.

Table 2 Quantity standards for play spaces (Open Space Study, 2019)

Typology	Quantity Standard (ha/1,000)
Play Space (Children)	0.06
Play Space (Youth)	0.06

The following tables show the existing supply of play space across the district<sup>1</sup>, followed by the individual wards where SDC owned sites are located. Where there is insufficient supply of play space, the minus number is highlighted red to make this stand out.

Table 3 Existing supply of children's and youth play space across the Stroud District

Typology	Existing Provision (ha)	Existing provision (ha/1,000)	Required Provision (ha)	Required Provision (ha/1,000)	Supply (Ha)	Supply (Ha/1,000)
Play Space (Children)	6.55	0.05	7.25	0.06	-0.7	-0.01
Play Space (Youth)	4.23	0.03	7.25	0.06	-3.02	-0.03

Table 4 Supply of children's and youth play space (hectares) by ward

Ward	Play Space (children)	Play Space (youth)
Berkeley Vale	0.01	-0.34
Cainscross	-0.11	-0.34
Cam West	-0.1	-0.02
Coaley and Uley	0.06	-0.13
Dursley	-0.24	-0.27
Hardwicke	-0.25	-0.46
Nailsworth	0.03	-0.31
Painswick and Upton	0.01	-0.38
Stonehouse	-0.15	-0.24
Stroud Central	0.3	-0.01
Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	-0.14	-0.19
Stroud Slade	-0.12	-0.1
Stroud Trinity	-0.06	-0.11
Stroud Valley	0.2	-0.14
The Stanleys	0.21	0.01
Wotton Under Edge	-0.19	-0.43

<sup>1</sup> This includes all sites across the district, not just SDC owned sites. The analysis is using the 2019 open space mapping and ONS mid-year 2020 population figures.

As can be seen from the tables above, based on the mid-year 2020 population figures there is a shortfall in both children’s and youth play across the district. Of those wards where there are SDC owned play spaces, there is variation across the wards with Berkeley Vale, Coaley, and Uley, Nailsworth, Painswick & Upton, Stroud Central, Stroud Valley and The Stanleys having sufficient provision of children’s play space. All wards except for The Stanleys have shortfalls in youth play spaces.

**3.2 Access**

The recommendations for the play spaces in Section 6.0 also take into consideration access to play spaces. The Open Space Assessment (2019) developed access standards which are summarised in the table below:

*Table 5 Stroud Open Space Assessment – Access Standards for children and youth play space*

Typology	Access Standard
Play Space (Children)	480m (10 minutes’ walk time)
Play Space (Youth)	720m (15 minutes’ walk time)

The Open Space Assessment (2019) found that there are significant gaps in access to children’s play in the middle of Stroud Valleys in particular Amberley, Woodchester and Brinscombe, in the settlements of Frampton and Whitminster within the Severn Vale and in Stonehouse.

In terms of youth facilities, there is gaps in access to in Berkeley town, the east of Cam, south of Wotton and Costwold area (Painswick, Miserden, Cranham, Bisley and Pitchcombe).

These access standards have been used within the recommendations section to determine if there is any overlap in access between play spaces<sup>2</sup>. This determines that if a play space were removed, it would not result in a gap in access.

The access buffers have been rerun using walk time (in contrast to the Open Space Study (2019) which uses straight line distances), The walking buffers are generated using ESRI’s service area tool with a standard 5kph walking speed and detailed isochrone output. The tool follows paths and roads that allow pedestrian traffic (as specified by Esri which uses Here mapping data), and therefore takes account of physical barriers to access such as rivers and railway lines - the buffer will follow bridges/tunnels/crossing points.

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<sup>2</sup> This includes all play spaces in the district, not just SDC owned sites.

## 4.0 QUALITY ASSESSMENT

This section provides a summary of the quality audit for the play area undertaken in June/July 2022. The GIS database containing the full audit results and geolocated photos has been provided to the Council.

The audits were undertaken using an agreed methodology following the 2019 Open Space Study quality audit methodology. Audits of this nature can only ever be a snapshot in time and their main purpose is to provide a consistent and objective assessment of a sites' existing quality and potential for improvement.

ROSPA inspections have also been carried out in March 2022 by SDC which will also help to inform quality and opportunities.

### 4.1 Audit Methodology

Sites have been visited, and a photographic record made of key features, along with a description of the site and recommendations for improvements. An assessment of the quality of the site was undertaken using the following criteria:

- Welcoming
- Good and Safe Access
- Safe Equipment & Facilities
- Appropriate Provision of Facilities
- Quality/Management of Facilities and Infrastructure
- Personal Security on Site
- Litter and Waste Management
- Grounds/Habitat Management

For each of the criteria a score of 1 -10 is given, where 1 is very poor and 10 is very good. The scores for each site are added together and the mean calculated based on how many criteria were scored. This mean is then multiplied by 10 to produce the final score from which sites are grouped into 3 categories:

- Good quality (those sites with a score of between 71 and 100)
- Average quality (those sites with a score of between 41 and 70)
- Poor quality (those sites with a score of between 10 and 40).

**4.2 Summary of quality audit results**

A summary of the quality audits undertaken is provided in the table below:

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
Acacia Drive	Dursley	A small play area with a slide, rocker and swing set aimed at young children. Equipment is dated, worn, and has low play value except for the new rocker. The whole site has soft safety surfacing. Two benches and a bin. The fencing is very worn and there are areas of vegetation growing through.	Repaint fence. Replace older equipment. Better management of surrounding vegetation.	62.5 - Average
Archway Gardens	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	A small, fenced play area consisting of a swing (one missing), slide/climbing frame and another piece of redundant equipment. Equipment is in a poor condition and is worn. Site has two entrance points, one of which is accessed by a hard surfaced path. A notice board with some leaflets of local activities. Grounds consists of short mown grass with safety surfacing under the swing. Two litter bins but still signs of littering.	Add bench. Update equipment and increase the amount of provision.	60 – Average
Bearlands Play Area	Wotton Under Edge	A medium sized play area with two swing sets, climbing frame/swing, carousel, hammock swing and balance trail. Equipment is all wooden and is in a good condition with fairly good play value. Good welcome signage and two entrances connecting to different areas of housing. The grounds are mainly grass with an area of concrete under the seating area and some worn safety surfacing. Wooden planters	Improve safety surfacing under equipment. Improve maintenance of access paths to site and the planters around the edge of the site.	75 – Good

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
		around the edge which area quite overgrown.		
Betworthy Estate	Coaley and Uley	A small, unfenced play area with a swing set (one suitable to babies and one for children), two swing/climbing frame sets (again one for toddlers and one children) and a bowl carousel. Equipment is in a good condition but could have better play value. The grounds were well managed, and had welcome signage, bench, and litter bin.	Space to add additional play equipment.	80 – Good
Blackwell Close	Stonehouse	A small, fenced children's play area aimed at young children. Site has a swing, rocker, two mushroom seats, play panels and a slide/climbing frame. Equipment is dated and looks worn. There are two entrance points but one of which is locked. Grounds include safety surfacing under equipment and then grass and one tree. There is one bench and litter bin.	Add welcome signage.	71.25 – Good
Boakes Drive	Stonehouse	A small, fenced children's play area aimed at small children. Site consists of a slide, climbing frame, rocker and counting boards. Grounds are concrete with safety surfacing under equipment. Equipment looks worn, dated and has a fairly low play value. Good entrance points. One bench and one litter bin.	Add some trees/plants. Replace dated equipment with more imaginative equipment.	67.5 – Average
Bunting Hill Play Area	Nailsworth	A large, fenced play area with a range of equipment including two swing sets, roundabout, slide, climbing frame, seesaw, rocker, and some small interactive counting	Add missing pieces of equipment from swing sets. Add welcome signage.	62.5 - Average

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
		games. There is also one redundant swing set, and one existing swing set is missing a swing. Equipment is worn and well used and has low play value. Ground consists mainly of short mown grass with the roundabout and climbing frame having safety surfacing. Site has three entrances via gates. There are two benches and one litter bin and some signs of littering/fly tipping.		
Cambridge Avenue	Dursley	A small, fenced play area with a swing set, seesaw, and slide. Equipment is worn but still in a good condition but has low play value. Whole site has soft safety surfacing with some areas torn. One bench with some littering underneath.	Add welcome signage. Add litter bin. Add hard surfaced path from footpath. Replace equipment to include items of imaginative play.	56.25 - Average
Daffodils Play Area	The Stanleys	A small play area set within an amenity green space with four pieces of equipment including two swing sets, a seesaw and two rockers. Equipment is outdated, worn and has low play value. Grounds of the site are overgrown, and the site has one bench.	Replace older play equipment. Add welcome signage. Better maintenance of grounds. Add litter bin. Potentially fence off from wider site.	46.25 – Poor
Devereaux Crescent	Cainscross	A small play area with a climbing frame/slide and second climbing frame. There is a redundant swing set. Equipment is worn and parts have graffiti on it. Lots of littering despite litter bin present on site. One bench. Ground consists of grass which was quite long at time of site visit.	Improve access to site through construction of a path from wider amenity. Replace redundant swing equipment. Remove graffiti off play equipment and replace old slide/climbing frame.	61.25 - Average
Draycott Play Area	Cam West	A small play area aimed at young children. Site consists of a swing set (one swing suitable for babies and one for children), a	Improve play value. Remove and cut encroaching weeds.	67.5 – Average

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
		slide/climbing frame and an upright spinner. Equipment is in a good condition but has low play value. Site had some littering and toys that belonged to residents nearby in it. Entrance was easily accessible from housing estate by a tarmac path. Grounds consisted of grass which looked like it had been cut recently.		
Highfield Road Play Area	Stroud Trinity	A small, fenced play area with two swing sets, slide, rocker and rocking horse. Equipment is worn and outdated with poor play value. There is a missing swing on the swing set. Access to the site is quite hidden in between housing. Welcome signage at the entrance and the grounds of the site are based on safety surfacing which is quite patchy. Litter bin and bench located on the wider site.	Add directional signage to access points. Upgrade play equipment. Replace missing swing.	60 – Average
Innocks Estate Play Area	Wotton Under Edge	A small play area aimed at young children. Equipment is dated, worn and has low play value. Site has a seesaw, slide and swing set. Site has two entrances one from the wider amenity and one from the pre-school. Whole site has artificial grass surfacing. No other facilities.	Add welcome signage. Improve access from wider amenity.	66.25 – Average
Little Mill Court	Stroud Valley	A very small, fenced play area with two pieces of equipment; a seesaw and balance beam. Equipment was in a good condition and looked new. There was also a bench and litter bin. Access to the site is via a gate from	Better play equipment to make best the use of the small space.	65 – Average

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
		the main footpath. Grounds consist of short mown grass.		
Manor View	The Stanleys	A single swing set located between housing and main road. Equipment was in a fairly good condition and based on safety surfacing which was encroached with moss. Site was hard to find and there was no signage. Access to the site was via overgrown grass. No other facilities or infrastructure.	Add more equipment to make into a play area. Cut back surrounding vegetation to make site more accessible. Add directional signage to the site.	50 – Poor
Mason Road Play Area	Stroud Slade	A medium sized fenced play area with a seesaw, climbing frame, toddler swing/climbing frame, two swing sets (children on swings at time of audit so no photos). Equipment was outdated and worn, with low play value. Two benches and two bins. Grounds consisted of short mown grass with equipment based on safety surfacing.	Replace outdated equipment. Add welcome signage. Improve access to area with a hard surfaced path linking to wider amenity.	62.5 – Average
Merlin Close Play Area	Painswick and Upton	A large children’s play area with a good range of new high quality equipment for a range of age groups. Equipment includes rockers, slide, climbing frames, swings, mini flying fox. There are several access points with wide paths and easily accessible gates and signage. Several bins and litter bins. One bench has got graffiti on it and a small amount of litter present.	Remove graffiti off bench.	81.25 – Good
Norton Wood Play Area	Nailsworth	A large play area with a range of equipment including a swing/climbing frame, two swing sets, climbing wall, activity boards and a balance trail. Equipment looks well used and has good play value. Some equipment has	Remove graffiti off equipment. Better cordoning of equipment. Potential space to add more planting round edge of site.	70 – Average



Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
		graffiti on it. There is a broken rocker which has a bag over it. Several entrances connecting different housing areas. Main entrance has good signage. Several benches and two litter bins. Grounds mainly consist of short mown grass, but some equipment has safety surfacing.		
Orchard Road Greens	Cainscross	A medium sized fenced play area consisting of a swing set, rocker, toddler slide/climbing frame and climbing frame. Toddler climbing frame is worn and has some graffiti on it. All equipment is based on safety surfacing. There are also two benches and a bin. Site is quite hidden from the roads and no signage indicating a park. Access to the site is also across a large grassy area.	Add signage. Improve access to site through a path. Remove graffiti off equipment.	58.75 – Average
Stratford Park Skatepark	Stroud Central	A large skatepark set within the grounds of a leisure centre. Skatepark was in a good condition despite graffiti which is normal for a skatepark. Site is easily accessible through hard surfaced paths. There are several litter bins and benches.	Add welcome signage.	78.75 – Good
Stratford Park Toddler Play Area	Stroud Central	A medium sized fenced toddler play area with a swing, climbing frame, rockers, little house and hop scotch. The whole site has safety surfacing and is fenced off from wide leisure centre site. Equipment looked well used but was in a fairly good condition. Several entrance points, benches outside of the site and a litter bin.	None.	77.5 – Good

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
Stratford Play Field Play Area	Stroud Central	A field play area consists of a flying fox, wooden trail, small slide, slide/climbing frame, large swing and one redundant piece of equipment. A mixture of old and new equipment, the climbing frame/slide is looking dated and worn. but overall play value is fairly good. A picnic area with several benches and litter bin. Site is more informal than the site next to it and doesn't have a formal entrance point or paths but does connect well and enhance the wider park.	Replace some of the dated equipment. Improve some of the worn areas of ground.	71.25 – Good
Stratford Play Junior Play Area	Stroud Central	A junior fenced play area with three swing sets (one baby, one child and one old child) slide/climbing frame, rockers, roundabout, and floor marking games. Equipment was a mixture of old/new but was generally in a good condition and provided equipment for a range of ages. Some parts of safety surfacing were loose. Good welcome signage at entrance and access to site through a wide tarmacked path. Litter bins and benches within the site, with some occasional littering.	Replace areas of safety surfacing that are ripped.	71.25 – Good
Summer Street Play Area	Stroud Valley	A large play area based on a hill with a range of equipment for different ages including a balance trail, three swing sets, two climbing frames, two slides, play house and a tree house. Most of the equipment is made of wood and is in a good condition. The entrances are quite tricky to find, and access is via steep uneven paths. There are several	Clear vegetation under play equipment. Improve access points to make more accessible. Replace worn welcome signage.	62.5 - Average

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
		benches and bins. The grass is well maintained but under the climbing frame and tree house it is very overgrown. Lots of benches and litter bins.		
The Brambles	Berkeley Vale	A small children's play area with minimal play equipment. Site has just one slide and two small children's benches. Slide is in a good condition. There is also a redundant frame where swings used to be. Ground has soft surfacing but is becoming overgrown with weeds. Site is fenced and has a good wide path leading to a gate to access the site. There is also a litter bin and bench at entrance.	Replace and update play equipment. Better maintenance of grounds of site, remove weeds etc.	58.75 – Average
The Tynnings	Nailsworth	A large, fenced play area with a good range of equipment with good play value. Site has a large swing/climbing frame, two swing sets, seesaw, and rocker. Equipment is a mixture of old and new and looks like it is being slowly replaced. Slide has graffiti on it. Play area has welcome signage at entrance and accessed via is gate. Grounds consist mainly of grass with the swings having safety surfacing. One bench and litter bin.	Remove graffiti off slide. Add bench at other end of play area. Create hard surfaced path from road to play area to improve access. Better management of the plants around edge of site.	75 – Good
Westrip Place Play Area	Cainscross	A small play area with a swing, climbing frame and seesaw. Equipment was in good condition and looks fairly new and based on safety surfacing. Site is well connected to the adjacent housing. One litter bin and some signs of littering.	Signage to encourage putting litter in bins. Add welcome sign.	75 – Good

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 1	Hardwicke	A small toddler play area with three pieces of equipment; a slide and two rockers. The equipment was in a good condition and looked well used. Site was surfaced in safety surfacing and had a bench and litter bin. The surrounding edge of site had quite a few weeds encroaching the site.	Add welcome signage. Remove weeds and improve grounds maintenance. When equipment becomes redundant replace with higher play value equipment.	68.75 – Average
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 2	Hardwicke	A medium sized play area aimed at young children. Site has two rockers, a set of swings and a climbing frame/swing. Equipment is in a good condition but looks well used. Grounds consist mainly of short mown grass with safety surfacing under equipment. Site had a bench and litter bin as well.	Access to site could be improved by adding a hard surfaced path from play area to main path. Add welcome signage.	68.75 – Average
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 3	Hardwicke	A small children’s play area with a slide and climbing frame. Equipment has low play value and equipment is in a good condition except for the slide has graffiti on it. There are two benches and one litter bin, and some littering present at time of site audit.	Add welcome signage. Remove graffiti off equipment. Improve access from amenity green space surrounding site by creating a pathway.	68.75 – Average
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 4	Hardwicke	A small children’s play area aimed at young children. Site has a swing, two rockers, small climbing frame, and slide. Equipment is in a good condition although a little dated and well used. Grounds have mixture of safety surfacing and grass. There is one bench and a litter bin and signage at the entrance to the site.	Improve access to site from main road by adding hard surfaced paths suitable for pushchairs. Regular maintenance off grass as site is rather long.	68.75 – Average
Wharfdale Way Play Stonehouse	Stonehouse	A small play area behind housing comprising of a slide, see saw and climbing frame. Equipment was fairly new and in a good	Add bench. Potential to add a couple of other small pieces of equipment for example some imaginative play.	67.5 - Average

Site Name	Ward	Description	Suggestions for Improvement	Overall Quality Score
		condition, and slide made use of the mound in the middle of the site. Several entrance points, one of which had signage. One litter bin and no signs of littering.		

**5.0 PRIORITISATION OF PLAY SPACE METHODOLOGY**

**5.1 Priority Factors/criteria**

The table below sets out the prioritisation factors that have been used for this framework.

Table 6 Priority Factors

Priority Factor	Statistics used
1. Demographics (% 0 – 15-year-olds within each ward)	Office for National Statistics – population of 0 – 15-year-olds at ward levels (mid – year 2020)
2. Child excess weight reception children (overweight and obese combined)	National Child Measurement Programme at MSOA for reception children aggregated across three years 2016 – 19
3. Child excess weight year 6 children (overweight and obese combined)	National Child Measurement Programme at MSOA for year 6 children aggregated across three years 2016 – 19
4. Proximity to schools	Mapping using OS Mastermap
5. Proximity to other play areas	Mapping using Stroud OS 2019 dataset
6. Child Deprivation	IMD – income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI) by LSOA (2019)
7. Rural Deprivation to services	IMD – geographical barriers (subset of the barriers to services by domain) by LSOA (2019)
8. Quality	Ethos quality audit rank score based on the June 2022 site visits.
9. Proximity to community hub	SDC Hub Map

**5.2 Scoring play areas**

For each of these criteria/priority factors listed in Table 6, a scoring has been applied and set out in Table 7 below, to prioritise each play area.

Table 7 Desktop assessment scoring criteria for prioritising sites

Priority Factor	Scoring
1. Demographics	Up to 16% of ward population is between 0-15 years old: score 1 16 – 18% of ward population is between 0-15 years old: score 2 Above 18% of ward population is between 0-15 years old: Score 3
2. Child excess weight reception children	Significantly higher than district average – score 2 No significant difference to district average – score 1 Significantly lower than district average – score 0

Priority Factor	Scoring
(overweight and obese combined)	
3. Child excess weight year 6 children (overweight and obese combined)	Significantly higher than district average – score 2 No significant difference to district average – score 1 Significantly lower than district average – score 0
4. Proximity to schools	<300 metres: Score 3 300 – 400 metres: Score 2 400 - 500 metres: Score 1 >500 metres: Score 0
5. Proximity to other play areas	<200 metres: Score 0 200 – 350 metres: Score 1 350 – 500 metres: Score 2 >500 metres: Score 3
6. Child Deprivation	Ranked between 1 – 3: score 3 Ranked between 4 – 6: score 2 Ranked between 7 – 9: score 1 Ranked 10: score 0
7. Rural Deprivation to services	Ranked between 1 – 3: score 3 Ranked between 4 – 6: score 2 Ranked between 7 – 9: score 1 Ranked 10: score 0
8. Quality	Good sites – score 1 Average sites – score 2 Poor sites – score 3
9. Proximity to community hub	<1000 metres – Score 3 1000 – 3000 metres – Score 2 3000 – 5000 metres – Score 1 >5000 metres – Score 0

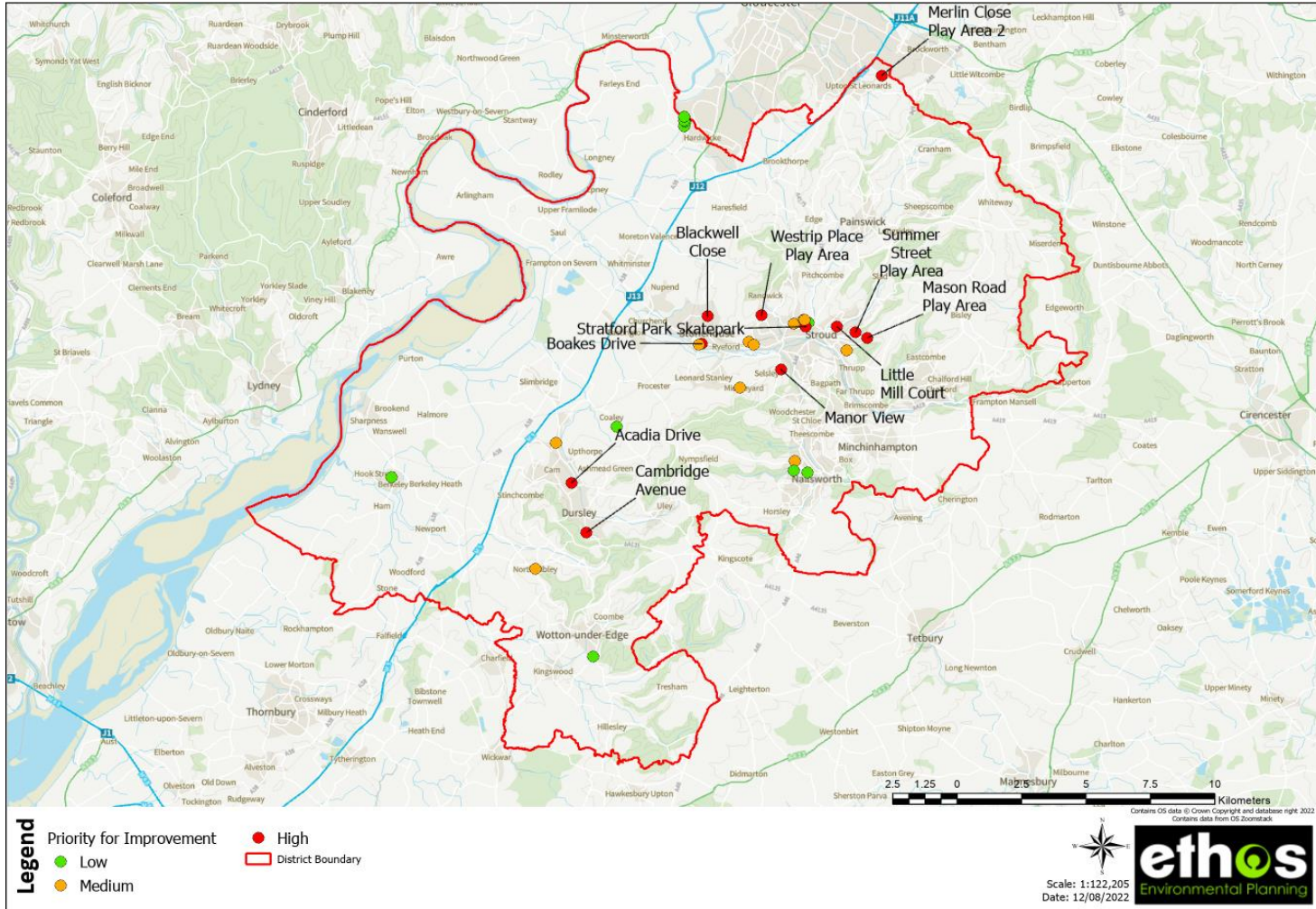
### 5.2.1 Priority scores

The total score for each play area is calculated by adding up each of the scores. The range of total scores (from 9 to 20) for each site has been used to group the play areas into 3 priority categories as follows:

- Total score 9 - 12: Low priority for improvement
- Total score 13 - 15: Medium priority for improvement
- Total score 16 - 20: High priority for improvement

### 6.0 RESULTS OF PRIORITISATION PROCESS

This section sets out the results of the prioritisation process set out in Section 5. The map below shows the priority for improvement (high, medium, and low) for each SDC play area.





**6.1 High priority sites**

There are 11 play spaces that have been identified as high priority for improvement (i.e. those sites which score between 16 and 20).

The ‘Ethos recommendation’ column considers the quality audit, the priority for improvement and the quantity and access analysis and recommends if sites should be retained, retained, and improve or if they have potential for alternative open space use.

Table 8 Play areas that are a high priority for improvement

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Access Buffer Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
Acacia Drive	Housing Revenue Account	Dursley	62.5 - Average	-0.24	0.04	76.58%	An average quality play space with potential to improve. The site falls into the high priority for improvement and has high levels of child deprivation and a high percentage of 0 – 15 year olds within the ward. There is a shortfall of children’s play space within this ward, and therefore it is recommended that this play space is retained and improved.
Blackwell Close	General Fund	Stonehouse	71.25 - Good	-0.15	0.05	99.94%	A small, good quality play space located near to primary schools and a community hub. Despite this falling into the high priority for improvement category, this play space already of good quality, therefore it is recommended that it is retained.
Boakes Drive	General Fund	Stonehouse	67.5 - Average	-0.15	0.02	23.28%	A small, average quality play space located near to primary schools and a community hub. The ward also has high levels of rural deprivation. There are shortfalls in the provision of play space within the ward, therefore it is recommended that this site is retained and improved with the outdated play equipment being replaced.

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Access Buffer Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
Cambridge Avenue	Housing Revenue Account	Dursley	56.25 – Average	-0.24	0.03	16.49%	An average quality play space within a ward which has a high percentage of 0 – 15 year olds, and located over 500m from other play spaces. There are shortfalls in the provision of play space within the Dursley ward, therefore it is recommended that this play space is retained and improved.
Little Mill Court	General Fund	Stroud Valley	65 - Average	0.2	0.01	91.57%	A very small average quality play space located near to a community hub. The site provided low play value due to the small nature of the site, and there is little potential for improvement. The loss of the play area would not result in a gap in access (Stroud Park and Parliament Street open space nearby have good quality play spaces) and there is also sufficient supply of provision within the ward, therefore it is considered that this site may have potential for alternative use.
Manor View	General Fund	The Stanleys	50 - Poor	0.21	0.02	2.81%	A small poor quality play space consisting of a single swing set. The loss of this play space would not result in shortfall in the provision of play space within the ward but would result in their being no play space in the settlement of Selsey. It is recommended that this site is retained and improved, however, the small size of this site may limit the opportunities available.
Mason Road Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Stroud Slade	62.5 – Average	-0.12	0.07	5.66%	A medium sized average quality play space in a ward with a high percentage of 0 – 15 year olds and high levels of rural deprivation. The loss of this site would cause further a shortfall in provision in the ward and create a large gap in

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Access Buffer Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
							access. It is therefore recommended that this play space is retained and improved.
Merlin Close Play Area	General Fund	Painswick and Upton	81.25 – Good	0.01	0.24	99.97%	A good quality large play space in an area with high rural deprivation and a high percentage of 0 -15 year olds within the ward. This space is in a key location near a community hub, therefore it is recommended that this play space is retained.
Stratford Park Skatepark	General Fund	Stroud Central	78.75 – Good	-0.01	0.31	40.51%	A good quality skatepark located within a leisure complex. The site is in close proximity to a college and a community hub. The loss of this site would cause a further shortfall in provision and access to youth play spaces. It is recommended that this site is retained.
Summer Street Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Stroud Valley	62.5 - Average	0.2	0.38	31.72%	A large play area located near to a primary school and a community hub. Despite there being a sufficient supply of play space within the Stroud Valley ward, the loss of this site would result in a shortfall in provision and create a larger gap in access. It is recommended that this site is retained and improved.
Westrip Place Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Cainscross	75 – Good	-0.11	0.05	92.56%	A good quality play area in a ward with a high percentage of 0 -15 year olds and located in close proximity to a community hub. There is also a shortfall in the supply of play spaces within this ward therefore it is recommended that this play is retained.

## 6.2 Medium priority sites

There are 11 play spaces that have been identified as medium priority for improvement (i.e. those sites which score between 13 and 15).

The ‘Ethos recommendation’ column considers the quality audit, the priority for improvement and the quantity and access analysis and recommends if sites should be retained, retained, and improved or if they have potential for alternative open space use.

Table 9 Play areas that are a medium priority for improvement

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
Archway Gardens	Housing Revenue Account	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	60 – Average	-0.14	0.02	9.52%	A small average quality play space which is located near to a community hub. There is a shortfall in children’s play space across the ward and a loss of this play space would create a large gap in access. It is therefore recommended that this play space is retained and improved.
Daffodils Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	The Stanleys	46.25 – Poor	0.21	0.33	62.91%	A large poor quality play area located in a ward with high rural deprivation and over 500m from other play spaces. The loss of this play space would lead to a shortfall in play provision in The Stanleys ward and create a gap in access. It is therefore recommended that this play space is retained and improved.
Devereaux Crescent	Housing Revenue Account	Cainscross	61.25 – Average	-0.11	0.06	26.98%	An average play area in an area with a high percentage of 0 -15 year olds and high levels of rural deprivation. There is a shortfall of play space across the ward, therefore it is recommended that this site is retained and improved.
Draycott Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Cam West	67.5 – Average	-0.1	0.04	81.19%	A small average quality play space within a ward which has a high levels of year 6 excess weight and rural deprivation. There is a shortfall in the provision of play spaces within the ward and a loss

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
							of this site would increase the shortfalls further. It is therefore recommended that this site is retained.
Highfield Road Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Stroud Trinity	60 Average	-0.06	0.03	97.51%	A small average quality play space located near to a community hub. There is a shortfall of play spaces within the ward, therefore it is recommended that this site is retained and improved especially improving the play value of the space.
Innocks Estates Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Wotton Under Edge	66.25 Average	-0.19	0.03	0	A small average quality play space located in North Nibley. This is the only play space within the parish; therefore, the loss of this space would result in further shortfalls in supply and access. It is recommended that this space is retained.
Norton Wood Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Nailsworth	70 Average	0.03	0.23	99.91	A large average quality play space in close proximity to a primary school. The ward has a sufficient provision of play space, and this is a large site in a key location in the town, therefore it is recommended that this site is retained.
Orchard Road Green	Housing Revenue Account	Cainscross	58.75 Average	-0.11	0.02	99.92	A small average quality play space in an area with a high percentage of 0-15 year olds and high levels of rural deprivation. The loss of this small play space would result in a further shortfall in provision in Cainscross ward, therefore it is recommended that this play space is retained and improved.
Stratford Play Field Play Area	General Fund	Stroud Central	71.25 Good	0.3	0.66	100	A good quality large play space located within a leisure complex and next to another play space. The site is nearby to a primary school and

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
							community hub. This is a key play space and should therefore be retained.
Stratford Play Junior Play Area	General Fund	Stroud Central	71.25 – Good	0.3	0.33	100	A good quality large play space located within a leisure complex and next to another play space. The site is nearby to a primary school and community hub. This is a key play space and should therefore be retained.
Wharfdale Way Play Stonehouse	Housing Revenue Account	Stonehouse	67.5 – Average	-0.15	0.13	10.54	A medium sized average quality play space located near to a community hub and within a ward with high levels of rural deprivation. There is a shortfall of play space within the ward, and the loss of this site would create a further shortfall and a large gap in access. It is recommended that this play space is retained and improved.

### 6.3 Low priority sites

There are 10 play spaces that have been identified as a low priority for improvement (i.e. those sites which score between 9 and 12).

The ‘Ethos recommendation’ column considers the quality audit, the priority for improvement and the quantity and access analysis and recommends if sites should be retained, retained, and improve or if they have potential for alternative open space use.

Table 10 Play areas that are a medium priority for improvement

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
Bearlands Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Wotton-under-Edge	75 – Good	-0.19	0.11	54.32	A good quality medium sized play area which has good play value. The loss of this site would result in a further shortfall in provision and a large gap in access, therefore this play space should be retained.
Betworthy Estate	Housing Revenue Account	Coaley and Uley	80 – Good	0.06	0.04	99.87	A very good quality play space despite its small size. The site is a low priority for improvement and therefore it is recommended that this play space is retained.
Bunting Hill Play Area	Housing Revenue Account	Nailsworth	62.5 - Average	0.03	0.24	99.87	A large average quality play space located within an area with a fairly large percentage of 0 – 15 year olds. This space is a low priority for improvement and the loss of this space would cause a shortfall in provision. It is recommended that this play space is retained and improved.
Stratford Park Toddler Play Areas	General Fund	Stroud Central	77.5 – Good	0.3	0.13	79.39	A well-used, large, good quality toddler play area located within a leisure complex. The site is a low priority for improvement and therefore it is recommended that this play space is retained.
The Brambles	General Fund	Berkeley Vale	58.75 – Average	0.01	0.04	93.55	A small average quality play space which has poor play value. The loss of this play space would result in a shortfall in provision within the ward,

Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
							however, it would only create a small gap in access. There are two other good quality (assessed in the Open Space Assessment 2019) play spaces located within parks and recreation grounds within the town of Berkeley, therefore it is considered that this play space may have potential for alternative use, providing that nearby provision within the ward is extended to prevent shortfalls in provision.
The Tynnings	Housing Revenue Account	Nailsworth	75 – Good	0.03	0.07	69.06	A medium sized good quality play space with good play value. The site is a low priority for improvement and therefore it is recommended that this play space is retained.
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 1	General Fund	Hardwicke	68.75 – Average	-0.25	0.02	99.94	A small average quality toddler play area within a ward with a high percentage of 0 – 15 year olds and high level of rural deprivation. There is a large shortfall in the provision of play spaces within the ward, but overall good access with three other play spaces within the Wharfdale Estate. It is recommended that this site could be considered for alternative use due to the good access to other nearby larger play areas, provided that nearby spaces can be extended to avoid making a further shortfall in provision within the ward.
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 2	General Fund	Hardwicke	68.75 – Average	-0.25	0.04	90.78	A small average quality play area within a ward with a high percentage of 0 – 15 year olds and high level of rural deprivation. There is a shortfall in the provision of play spaces within the ward, but overall good access with three other play spaces within the Wharfdale Estate and one within 50m.



Site Name	Ownership	Ward	Quality Score	Ward Supply (ha)	Area of Site (ha)	Percentage Overlap	Ethos Recommendations
							It is recommended that this site is retained. There is potential to merge the two play spaces to create one large play area within the amenity of Wharfdale Day.
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 3	General Fund	Hardwicke	68.75 – Average	-0.25	0.05	99.92	A small average quality play area within a ward with a high percentage of 0 – 15 year olds and high level of rural deprivation. There is a shortfall in the provision of play spaces within the ward, but overall good access with three other play spaces within the Wharfdale Estate and one within 50m. It is recommended that this site is retained. There is potential to merge the two play spaces to create one large play area within the amenity of Wharfdale Day.
Wharfdale Estate Play Area 4	General Fund	Hardwicke	68.75 – Average	-0.25	0.04	96.23	A medium sized average quality toddler play area within a ward with a high percentage of 0 – 15 year olds and high level of rural deprivation. There is a shortfall in the provision of play spaces within the ward, but overall good access with three other play spaces within the Wharfdale Estate. It is recommended that this site is retained.

## 7.0 SUMMARY

### Quality of Play Areas

The site audits of the 32 play areas found that:

- 11 sites were assessed as being of good quality
- 20 sites were assessed as being of average quality
- 2 sites were assessed as being of poor quality

### Prioritisation

There are 11 spaces identified as a high priority for improvement, 11 identified as medium priority for improvement and 10 identified as low priority for improvement.

16 of these sites have been recommended to be retained and 13 sites have been recommended to be retained and improved. If a site has been assessed as being of good quality, the recommendation is to retain (rather than retain and enhance), but there may be local aspirations for improvements that will not have been picked up from the quality audit. This means that there may be some good quality spaces that are nonetheless identified for improvement.

Some play spaces are limited in the play value that they can offer due to their size/location and/or may be of average/poor quality. Where sites are overlapping in access and do not result in a shortfall in provision, they may be suitable for alternative open space use, especially where other existing high quality play areas are in close proximity. This is irrespective of a site's priority for improvement.

Of the 32 sites, we have identified that there are 3 play spaces which may have potential for alternative use which are:

- The Brambles (low priority for improvement)
- Little Mill Court (high priority for improvement)
- Wharfdale Estate Play Area 1 (low priority for improvement)

The decision if a site is suitable for alternative open space use will of course depend on the needs of the local community (who should be consulted before such a decision is made), and it is important to note that sites below are those with potential for alternative open space use – it is not the final recommendation of this framework that they are secured for alternative open space use, but rather that further investigation is needed.



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# 01 Project Background

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## **Project: Stroud District Council – Play Area Consultation Report**

**Date of Research:** June/July 2022

### **Project Background**

Stroud District Council is undertaking a review of the 32 council-owned play parks across the district, and it has engaged Leisure-net as its consultants to support this project. Play areas and green space are vital for the health and wellbeing of young children and their families. The funding will be used to improve some of the key areas across the district, updating them with equipment which is fun and fit for purpose. This consultation, together with public health data, will be used to identify the communities which are in greatest need.

One of the council's three main priorities is Community Resilience and Wellbeing, and stakeholder engagement forms part of a wider consultation including a community consultation survey, focus groups and door-to-door consultations where play areas surround residential dwellings.

### **Leisure-net**

Leisure-net Solutions, the industry leader for Customer Insight and Market Intelligence in the active leisure industry, is delighted to present this report of research, carried out on behalf of Stroud District Council.

### **Research Methods**

The data within this report was gathered using an online survey, complemented by stakeholder interviews and focus groups. The survey was completed in June 2022 and was an online self-selection survey, so while the sample size is 483, it is skewed heavily towards females, as might be expected bearing in mind the subject. In our experience it is also likely to be completed by residents with a stronger view on local provision/service, who are also likely to be more active and/or involved or have an interest in local provision, the results should therefore be analysed in this context.

The survey was advertised to local residents through a variety of means, including the council's website and social media channels.

## Key Findings – survey

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- Stratford Park Junior Play Area was the most popular with 23% saying they used this the most.
- 39% of the sample used the play area more than once a week. 8% rarely used it.
- Over half of the sample (51%) take children aged 4-8 years old to the play area
- The main reasons for using the chosen play areas was to enjoy the fresh air/greens spaces and for their child to be physically active whilst having fun, both at 22%.
- Swings and a slide were chosen as the most popular equipment to make a good play area with 12% choosing swings and 11% a slide. This was closely followed by 10% choosing a climbing apparatus.
- Nearly three quarters of the sample (74%) felt that themselves and their children were safe in their chosen play area.
- 17% of the sample said that Stratford Park Junior Play Area was the other play area they used, this was closely followed by Stratford Park at 16%.
- When asked if they would like the listed play areas to be something else instead, over half of the sample (58%) said they would like to keep them as play areas.





# Key Findings – interviews and focus groups

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One to one interviews or group sessions were carried out with the following individuals/organisations;

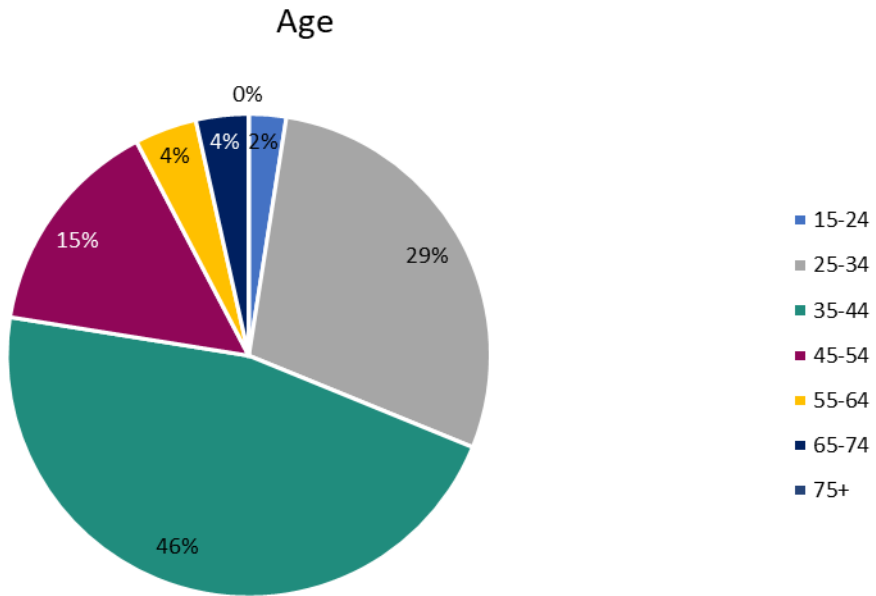
- Inspection and Maintenance Contractor
- World Jungle
- Housing Manager
- Community Centre Manager
- All Sort Gloucester
- District Council Members
- Town Council Members/Clerks

## Key themes

- More joined up thinking required between different councils and voluntary groups/organisations
- Strategic approach to play provision is essential, regardless of who actually provides and runs provision
- Must be led by the community and current/potential user groups
- Important to think “out of the box” and not just provide the “standard play areas” – users – both carers and children expect more
- Environmental concerns need to be taken into account, both in design but also in how usage affects other user groups of open spaces
- Need to recognise impact of global warming and environmental changes for example by providing good shade and use of natural products
- Needs to provide for all age groups – older children often get missed out
- The balance between segregating different user groups and integrating them really needs to be thought out thoroughly
- Nature/landscaping and the use of natural materials needs to be considered
- The balance between providing a safe environment and one in which children can learn by taking risks is critical
- Investment would be better concentrated into a few key developments rather than spreading it too thinly
- The investment needs to focus clearly on areas and communities that have the most “need”

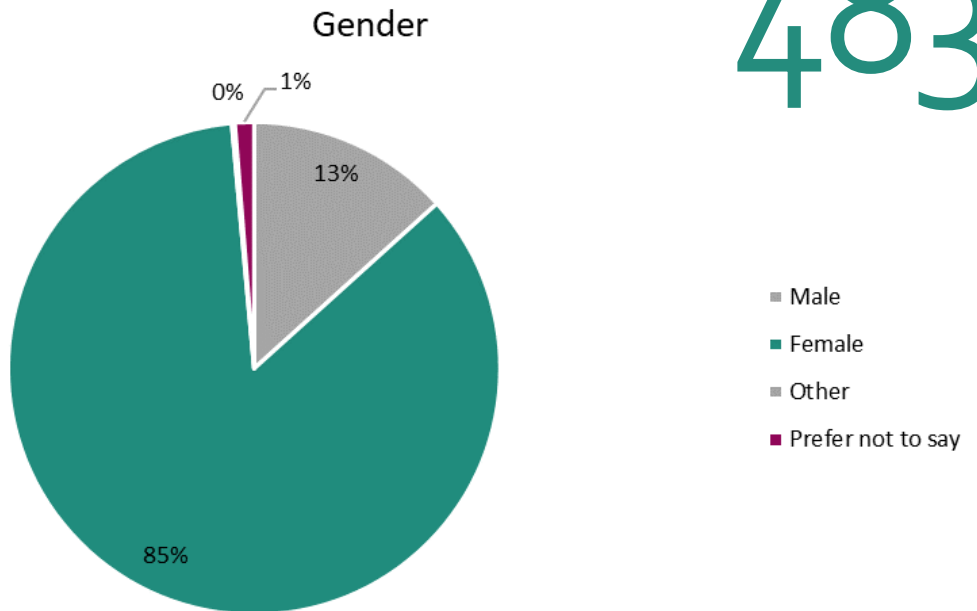
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# The Survey in numbers



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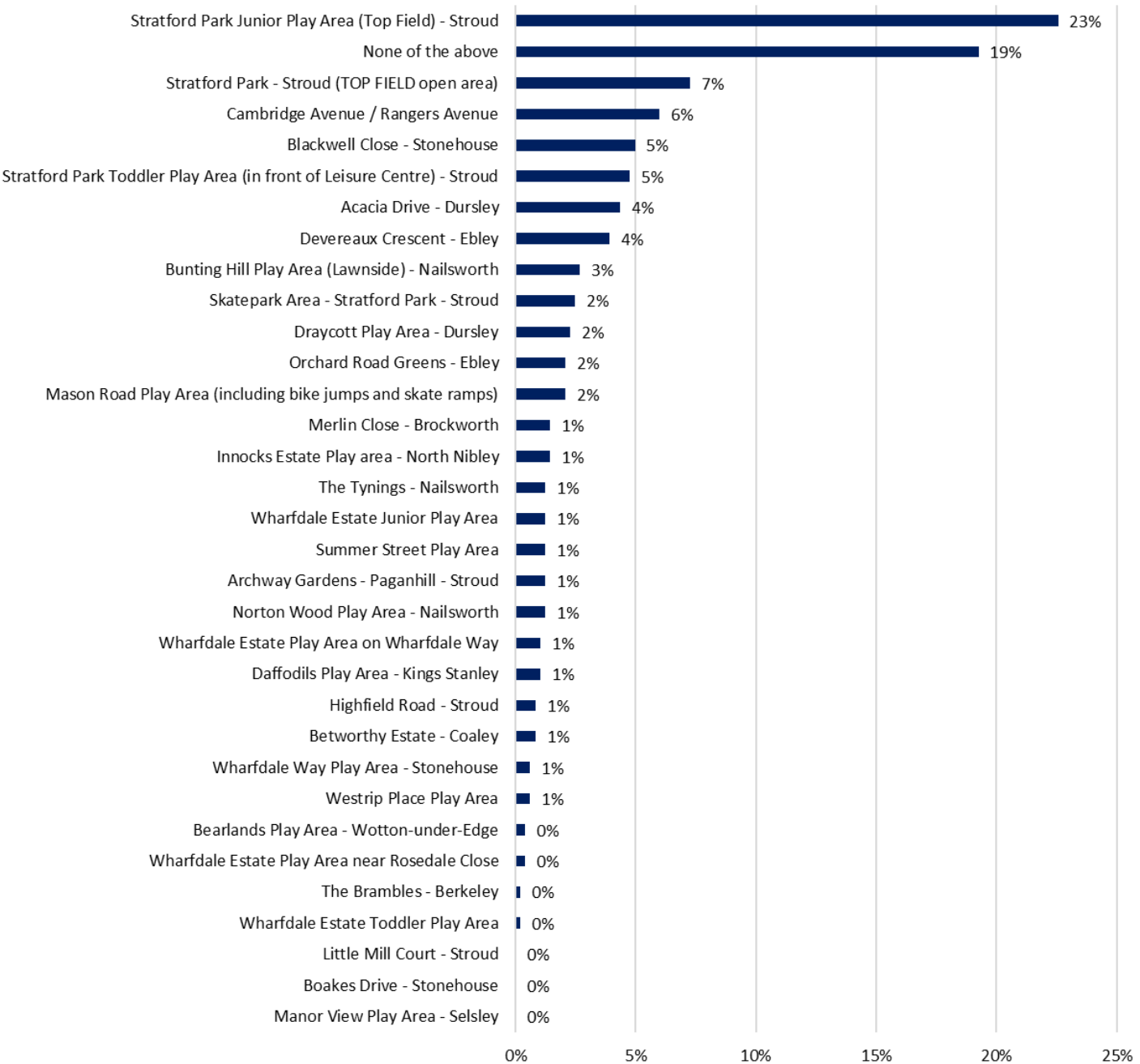




Which of the following play areas do you use the most?  
Select one answer

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The play areas used the most



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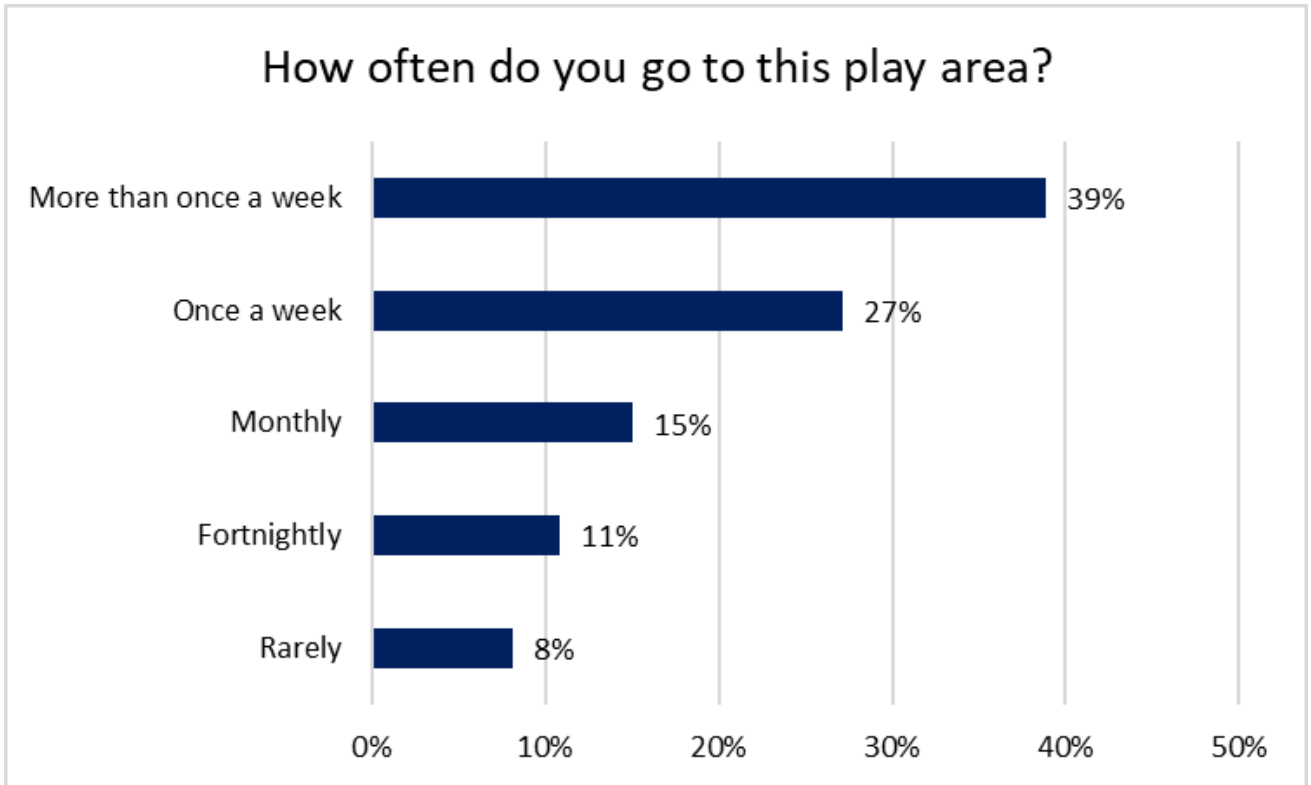
Select one answer

Which of the following play areas do you use the most? Select one answer	
Stratford Park Junior Play Area (Top Field) - Stroud	23%
None of the above	19%
Stratford Park - Stroud (TOP FIELD open area)	7%
Cambridge Avenue / Rangers Avenue	6%
Blackwell Close - Stonehouse	5%
Stratford Park Toddler Play Area (in front of Leisure Centre) - Stroud	5%
Acacia Drive - Dursley	4%
Devereaux Crescent - Ebley	4%
Bunting Hill Play Area (Lawnside) - Nailsworth	3%
Skatepark Area - Stratford Park - Stroud	2%
Draycott Play Area - Dursley	2%
Mason Road Play Area (including bike jumps and skate ramps)	2%
Orchard Road Greens - Ebley	2%
Innocks Estate Play area - North Nibley	1%
Merlin Close - Brockworth	1%
Norton Wood Play Area - Nailsworth	1%
Archway Gardens - Paganhill - Stroud	1%
Summer Street Play Area	1%
Wharfdale Estate Junior Play Area	1%
The Tynings - Nailsworth	1%
Daffodils Play Area - Kings Stanley	1%
Wharfdale Estate Play Area on Wharfdale Way	1%
Betworthy Estate - Coaley	1%
Highfield Road - Stroud	1%
Westrip Place Play Area	1%
Wharfdale Way Play Area - Stonehouse	1%
Wharfdale Estate Play Area near Rosedale Close	0%
Bearlands Play Area - Wotton-under-Edge	0%
Wharfdale Estate Toddler Play Area	0%
The Brambles - Berkeley	0%
Manor View Play Area - Selsley	0%
Boakes Drive - Stonehouse	0%
Little Mill Court - Stroud	0%



## How often do you go to this play area?

39% of the sample used the play area more than once a week. 27% used it once a week. 15% used it monthly. 11% used it fortnightly. 8% rarely used it.



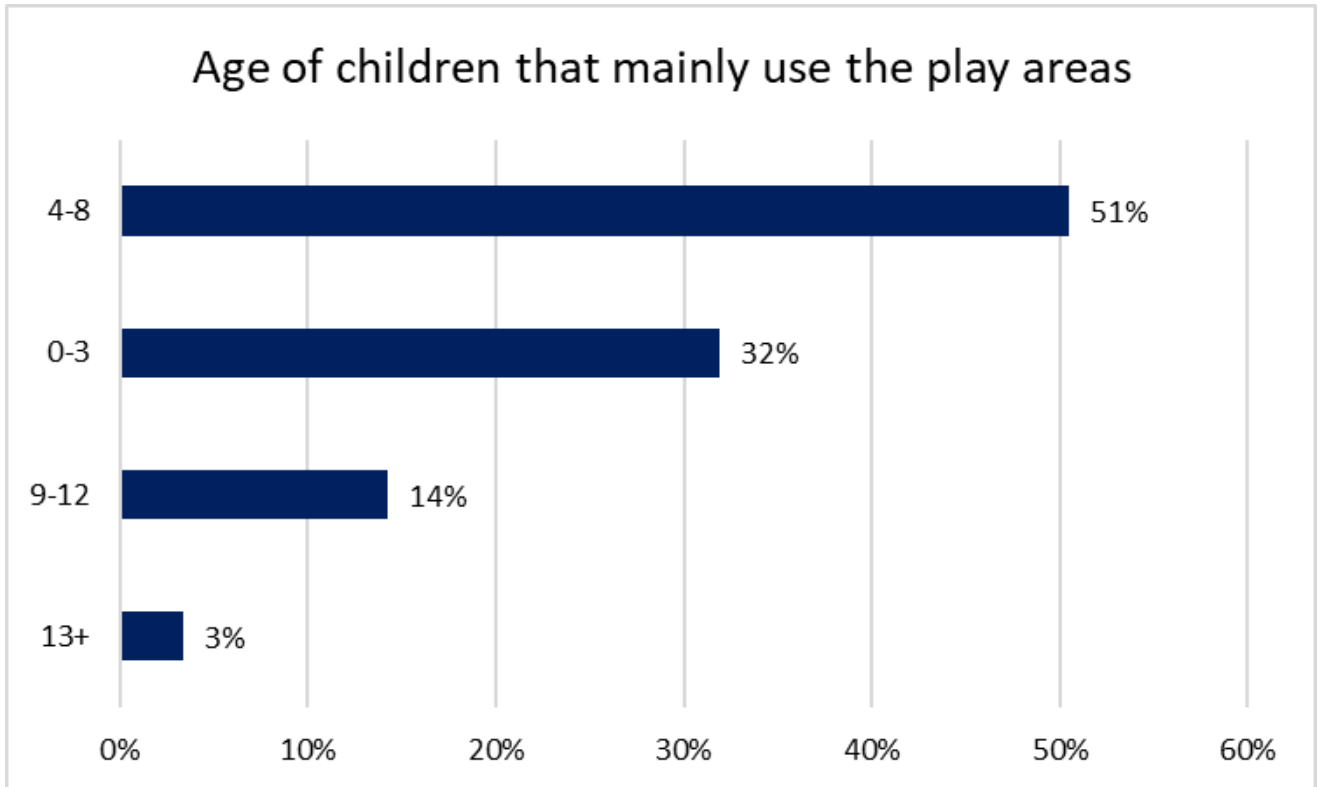
### How often do you go to this play area?

More than once a week	39%
Once a week	27%
Monthly	15%
Fortnightly	11%
Rarely	8%



# Age of children that you mainly visit the play areas with:

Over half of the sample (51%) take children aged 4-8 years old to the play area



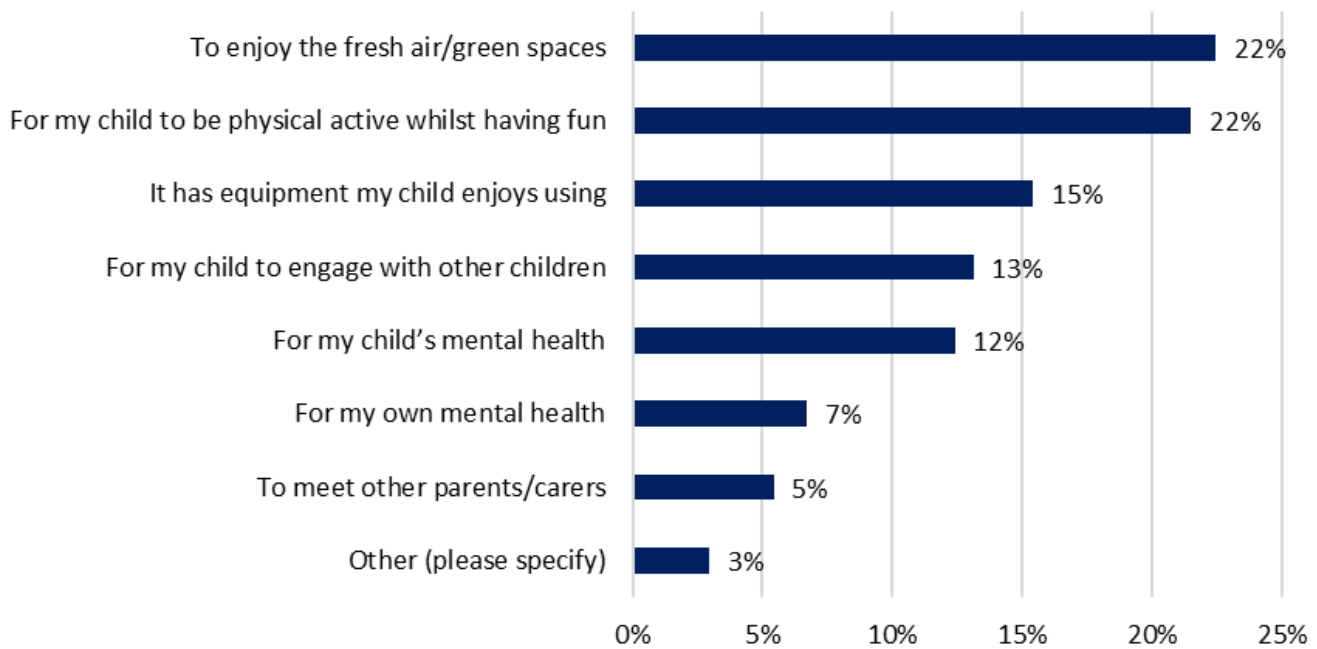
Age of children that you mainly visit the play areas with:	
4-8	51%
0-3	32%
9-12	14%
13+	3%



# Why do you use this play area? Select all that apply

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The main reasons for using the chosen play areas was to enjoy the fresh air/greens spaces and for their child to be physically active whilst having fun, both at 22%.

## Why do you use this play area?



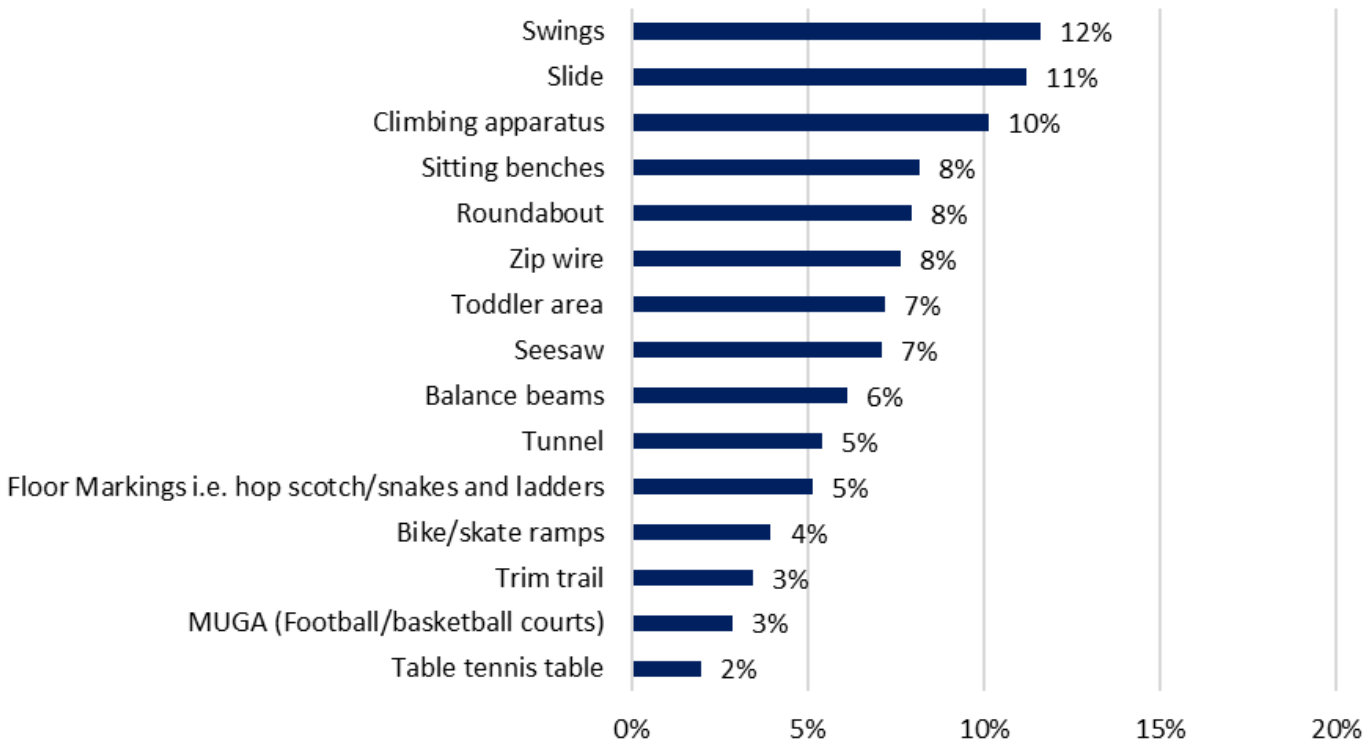
Why do you use this play area? Select all that apply	
To enjoy the fresh air/green spaces	22%
For my child to be physical active whilst having fun	22%
It has equipment my child enjoys using	15%
For my child to engage with other children	13%
For my child's mental health	12%
For my own mental health	7%
To meet other parents/carers	5%
Other (please specify)	3%



# What equipment do you feel makes a good play area? Select all that apply

Swings and a slide were chosen as the most popular equipment to make a good play area with 12% choosing swings and 11% a slide. This was closely followed by 10% choosing a climbing apparatus.

Equipment that makes a good play area



**What equipment do you feel makes a good play area? Select all that apply**

Swings	12%
Slide	11%
Climbing apparatus	10%
Sitting benches	8%
Roundabout	8%
Zip wire	8%
Toddler area	7%
Seesaw	7%
Balance beams	6%
Tunnel	5%
Floor Markings i.e. hop scotch/snakes and ladders	5%
Bike/skate ramps	4%
Trim trail	3%
MUGA (Football/basketball courts)	3%
Table tennis table	2%

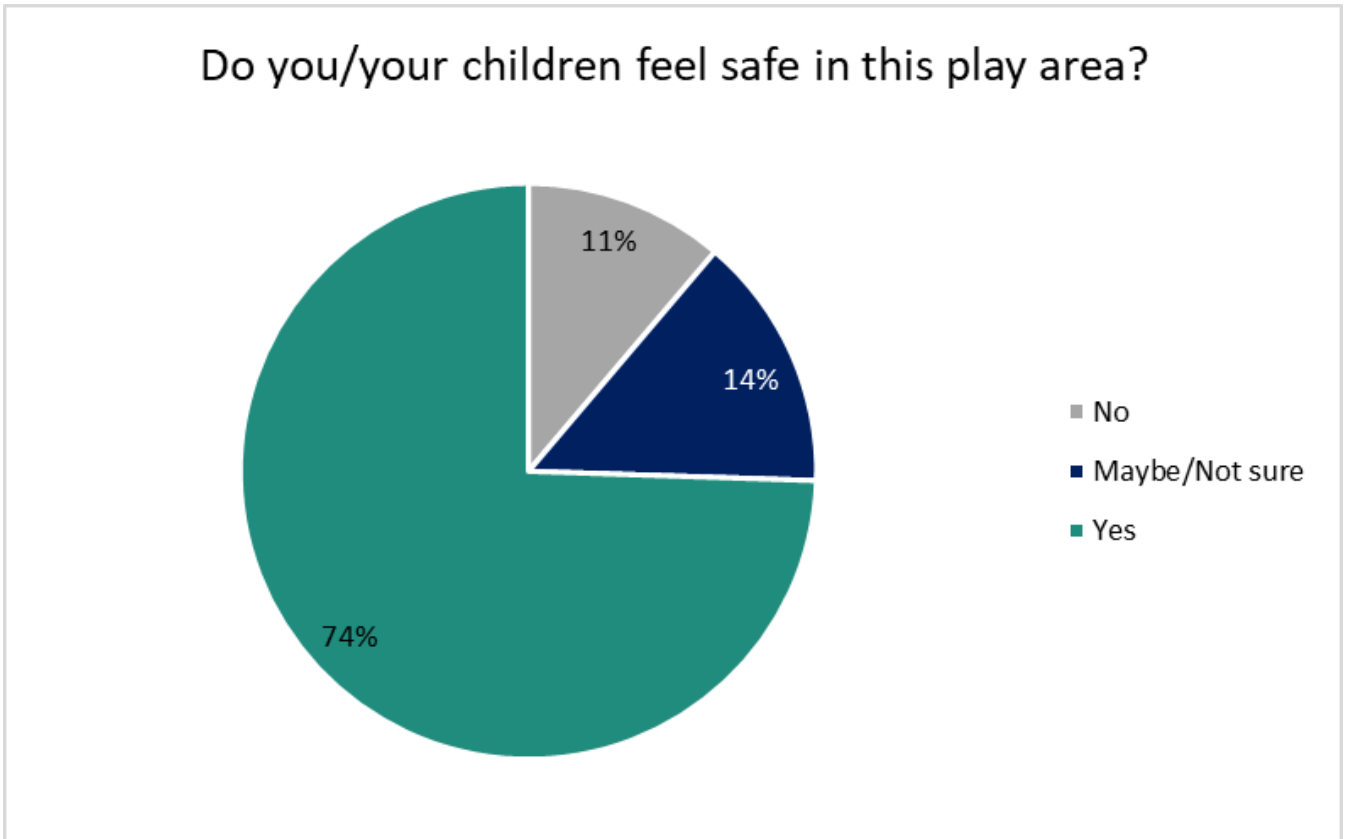




## Do you/your children feel safe in this play area?

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Nearly three quarters of the sample (74%) felt that themselves and their children were safe in their chosen play area.



#### Do you/your children feel safe in this play area?

Yes	74%
Maybe/Not sure	14%
No	11%



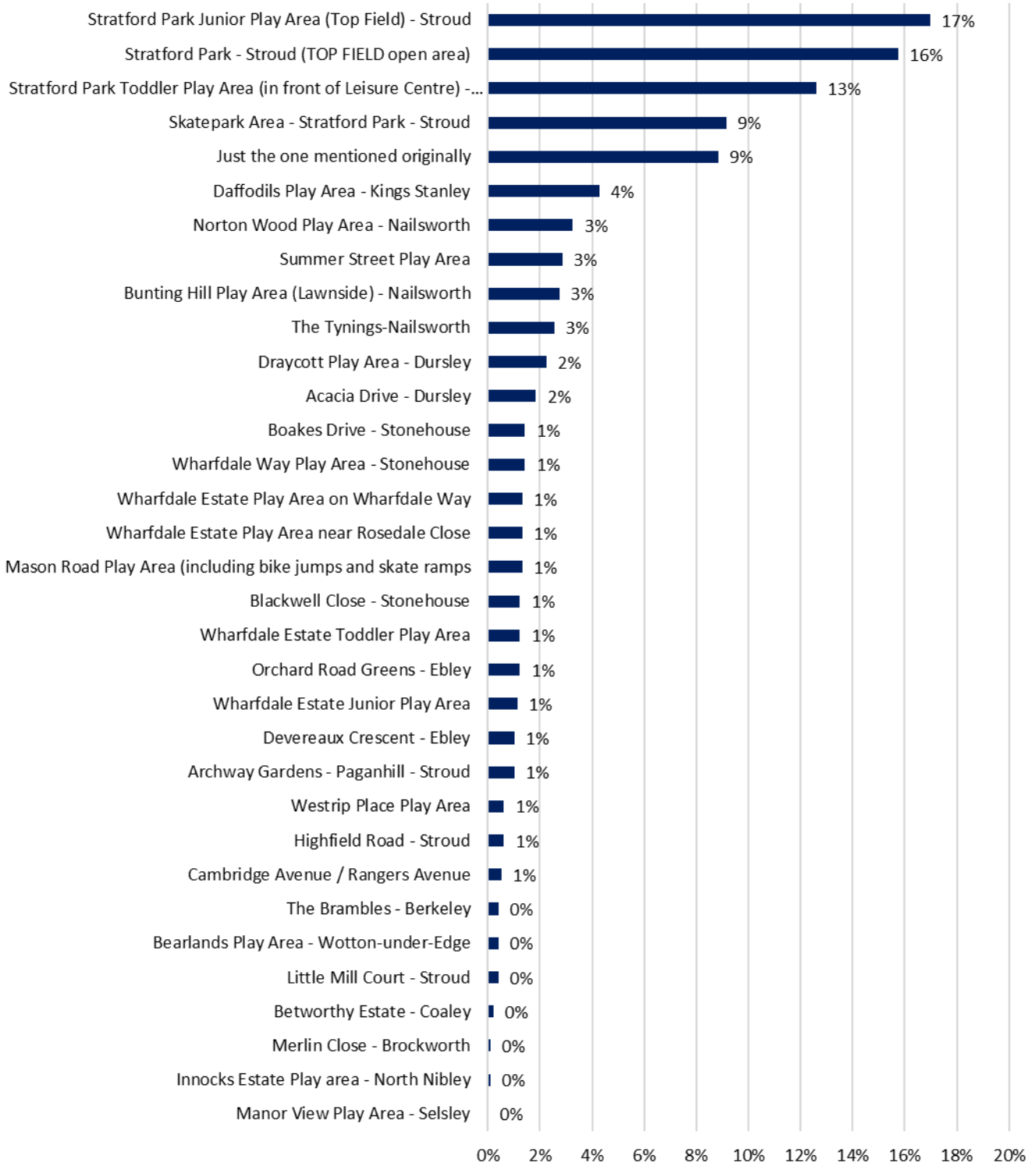
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### Do you use any of the other play areas listed in question 1? if so, select all that apply

17% of the sample said that Stratford Park Junior Play Area was the other play area they used, this was closely followed by Stratford Park at 16%.

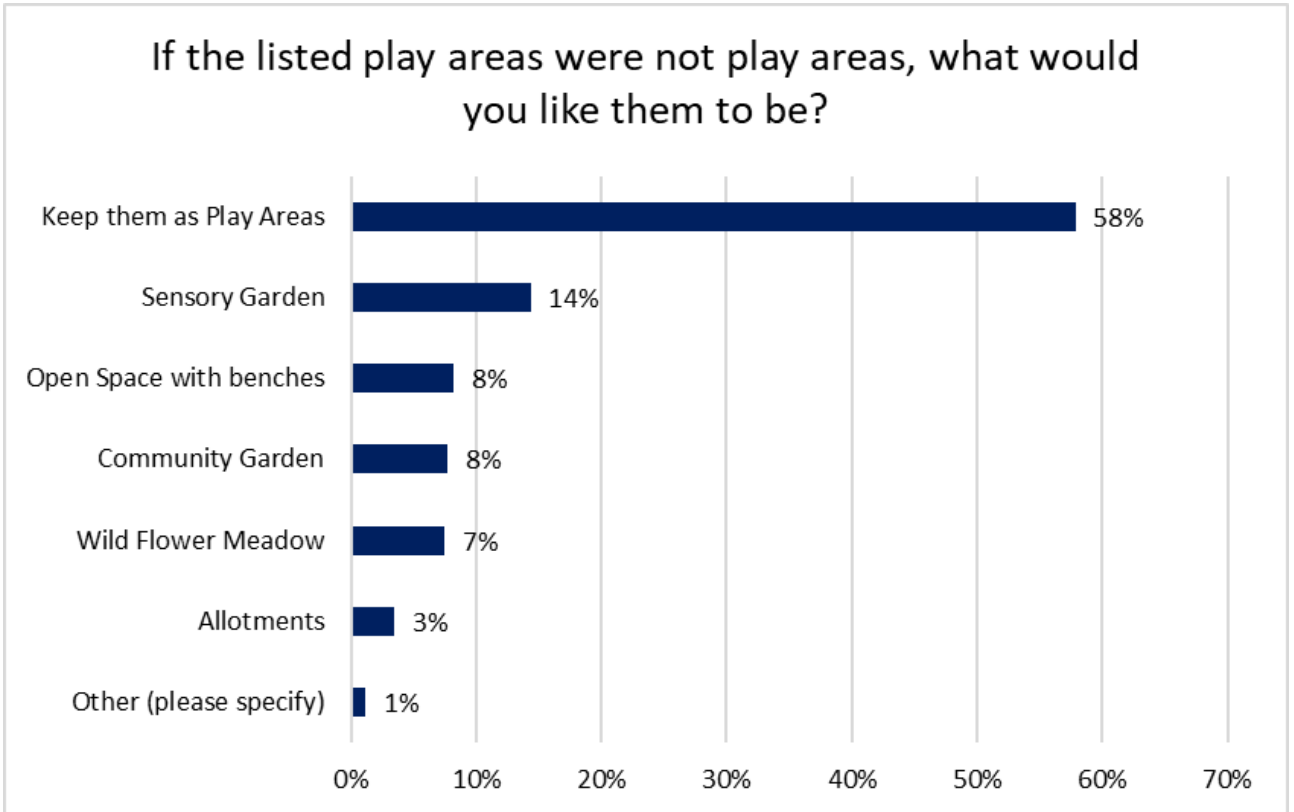
#### Other play areas used asides from the main ones





# If the listed play areas were not play areas, what would you like them to be instead?

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When asked if they would like the listed play areas to be something else instead, over half of the sample (58%) said they would like to keep them as play areas.



If the listed play areas were not play areas, what would you like them to be instead?	
Keep them as Play Areas	58%
Sensory Garden	14%
Open Space with benches	8%
Community Garden	8%
Wild Flower Meadow	7%
Allotments	3%
Other (please specify)	1%

(If No or Maybe/Not sure to not feeling safe) Please explain

**(If No or Maybe/Not sure) Please explain why**

Although it is gated maiming dogs roam unleashed. My children have stepped in dog poo on multiple occasions. One of the children who is autistic has poor co-ordination and so the fear of falling into dog foal is a constant one. Some of the play equipment hasn't changed since I played on it (over 20 years ago) and is simply unsafe. Not much is available for those with poor mobility

Always lots of teenagers in there, rubbish left everywhere because its so run down

Anti social behaviour. Dog mess

Archway Gardens is our nearest play space. We visit it frequently (and walk past it on a daily basis), but not often for very long as some of the equipment is broken, and its a very small space. We feel safe in some respects, but its not a welcoming space and despite it having excellent potential, it is outdated, broken and limited in scope.

Because the gates dont shut properly so danger of kids getting out on the road and some of the equipment is abit old

Because they are used as dogs loos....especially bank gardens....and babies are crawling on the grass.

Bussage park - dog running freely around my toddler.Bisley - windyridge - not toddler friendlyBisley - van der breen street - very dated and in poor condition

Chipping paint and uneven surfaces

Close to the road.

Concrete can be dangerous

Could do with improved equipment and made safer

Depending on other children and their parents and if they are aggressive or not

Depends on upkeep of equipment, cleanliness, security with fencing

Dirty and old

Dogs are allowed in and may attack childrenOlder children (big teenagers) were usually seen using play area/equipment meant for toddlers.

Dogs off leads, & area not fenced offEquipment is really dated

Don't use any which apply

Equipment is dated and others broken

Equipment is very old and outdated, swings need replacing & climbing equipment with slide too, flaky paint and way too small for 4-8 yr olds

Equipment old, rusty and dangerous. No fencing to prevent children running out onto roads of playing on grass.

Equipment sometimes in need of repair

Equipment usually in poor order Not a large enough gated area. Bin never emptied

Feel equipment is old

Feel more of area needs fencing as close to busy road. Take grandchildren there and too slow to catch them if they dash off

Highfields play area in Dursley- the gate doesn't close properly and there are always lots of dog poos and rubbish including broken glass around the park

I dont think my children are safe when they are in that park because it is like the is designed for older children rather than youngsters who are actually supposed to be in the park.

I would use this park pratically every day if i could. Its an unsafe area for myself and my children to be around. The equipment is broken and there isnt enough equipment for the children that are there. Its the only park thats accessible for children of all ages apart from toddlers so would love for it to be improved and make it more accessible for all ages.

In the evenings the area can be used by teenagers, can be anti-social behaviour.

Is a very under used space and often misused by teenagers with few people passing through, the park is often badly littered which we often clear up, often has broken glass and lots of dog poo

It can feel a bit neglected and forgotten about - as noted by it not even being mentioned in your survey.

It has been ruined by teens  
 It is a bit run down and dirty. Often need to clean equipment before they play.  
 It is very dated and in need to renovation. It is in a good location but not accessible with a pram or wheelchair as no path over grass.  
 It really needs updating. The equipment is very old and the rocking equipment is coming out of the ground. The swings are not suitable for young children so I have to hold my baby on my lap so she can play.  
 It's falling apart, ground is uneven, grass not cut enough, needs more to entertain children  
 It's looks tacky and horrible none of the equipment feels safe.  
 Its close to a main road  
 Its very small, not got enough equipment and not looked after as well as it could be.  
 Lot of dog poo in this park and the children like rolling down the hill. Sometimes there are broken bit of things lying around that people have littered and broken on purpose.  
 Lots of youths hang around in it and sit on equipment designed for young children, meaning they cannot get on it.  
 My child is disabled and some of the equipment isn't friendly for him.  
 My Child/young adult has special needs and is often looked at with suspicion for accessing play areas  
 Need access to toilets - if we visit we stay for approx an hour with picnic so need of toilet facilities would be great  
 Needs updating  
 Never cleaned and very old. Hasn't been updated in 30 years. Not much there. Gate does not close so kids could run out. Floor is coming up so easy to trip. Wood is splinter risk. Floor also could be choke hazard as it's flaking off and a toddler park  
 No provision for safe play for children with disabilities.  
 Not cut properly so can't always spot poo in grass til too late!  
 Not disabled friendly  
 Not sure  
 Old rundown don't trust most of the equipment there.. I go to get the kiddies out but I am super worried when they're on the equipment  
 Older children  
 Older children play with hard footballs in the play area. They really need their own space away from little ones and cars. Teens and adults also regularly smoke cannabis and drink alcohol in the park. Sometimes there is litter such as sharp cans and glass on the floor. I worry about my childs safety around drugs both now and as they grow older/ could get involved their self. We live near the park and it is difficult to avoid using it.  
 Older kids to mess around. And also the road at the bottom can be a bit worrying if your out with 2 or more younger children they could run off down there.  
 Older teens smoking weed and smashing glass - oldends lane  
 On a slope, they fall over. It gets very muddy. The equipment is mostly metal and slippery, can only visit in the dry weather. Only some of it is fenced.  
 Only go day time not evening because teens drinking etc  
 other unsupervised childrens behaviour  
 Pedos at Chalford bottom park. Water risk as no fencing between park and river.  
 Picnic tables broken a young lad cut his leg really badly. The ground is very uneven.  
 Play area not always very clean, splintered wood on equipment  
 Play equipment in the woodmancote play area in dursley isn't safe in the wet, the slides steps are extremely dangerous for children still learning to climb properly.  
 Play equipment is worn Older people drop cigarette ends etc Unsociable behaviour  
 Play equipment old  
 Quite often broken glass around, used needles, damaged flooring in the play area  
 Skate park located next to Oldends park (Stonehouse) attracts youths that litter and cause disturbance to younger children. The equipment is a bit tired and often vandalized  
 Some of it is fenced, but some isnt

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It depends who's there, some people can make the place feel unsafe

Some of the equipment is old and needs replacing. In particular the 'witches hat'. The ropes are very worn and have already been taped together. Also the equipment on the far right hand side that has a slide/monkey bars. The steps are very worn there.

Some of the equipment is out dated and could be better developed to be safer for all

Some of the equipment is very worn out now. Also with some of the equipment outside of the fenced area it can be hard to keep watch on more than one child.

Some of the equipment needs changing/updating

Some of the local play areas are immersed with older children, straight after school hours, even with signs stating that they are over the age limit to use equipment

Sometimes teenagers use the equipment or are close by swearing loudly and sometimes adults have their dogs off their leads too close to the parks entrance, including a rottweiler. This is all rare but can be a concern. In the evenings, teenagers are too noisy around 9pm and their swearing can be heard from my children's bedroom which is not ideal.

Sometimes there antisocial behaviour could be observed

That the two swings are not toddler ones and therefore not suited for the safety of toddlers.

The archway gardens play area is old and unsafe, no baby swing and a dangerous spring in the ground where something has been removed. Stratford park play equipment as well is looking very old and tatty and there is an old spring sticking out of the ground as well.

The area has very little in it, one bench and no trees to sit under, so its very run down. Always glass everywhere and the other children like to think they own the park and therefore bully anyone thats not part of their group.

The equipment has been there for around 30 years and needs some real updating! This is a popular park and not being used to its advantage

The equipment is dated and broken

The equipment is not safe and very dated we only have baby swings and a bing slide

The equipment is so small (suitable for ages 4 and under) it encourages older children to make their own entertainment by using it inappropriately which will inevitably result in an accident. There are lots of children in the smaller villages or North Nibley, Stinchcombe etc that have NO facilities for their age range. Stinchcombe has an empty field which is registered as a recreational area yet has NOTHING for children and with 40 plus under age 10 in the village it's very disappointing that no investment has been given.

The equipment is too hard and complicated for preschool children to use.

The equipment is very old (some has been there since I was a child and I'm nearly 30!). Feel like the slides need to be easier to access for children who are not as confident with climbing. This is a really lovely area, just feel like the park needs some much needed investment as it is a very busy place!!

The equipment is very old and worn. It often has broken parts and due to the lack of care people now often leave litter etc.

The equipment is very run down

The equipment is worn out and doesn't make me feel safe.

The floor has been damaged and a trip hazard

The gravel of the basketball court and skate ramps is very old and rough, the skate ramps are not fit for purpose and need renewing to keep the older teens engaged.

The Painswick playground isn't fenced and so has dog poo around. My toddler has fallen in some.

The park in lawnside is not really safe as things have got broken and unfair for the little ones who goes around there, needs better gates so they can be locked when little ones are playing and a better fence could be put up

The play area isn't safe for under 4 year olds because a lot of the equipment is high and not easy for them to access. As a parent it can be quite stressful letting your child play, as there are quit w a few hazards!

The playground in archway gardens has had no care in years. The equipment is broken and dangerous. My children always beg to go and I used to take them but now I feel there's nothing there for them to use. The swing has been broken for months. It also attracts anti social behaviour. This park either needs completely redoing or getting rid of completely.

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There are no fences to keep out dogs - a large out of control dog bounded up to my child there once, scaring her a great deal. There is also dog poo often on the grass and glass too.

There are often big kids hanging around the park because of its proximity to the college

There is no lock on the gate on the playground we use (Elizabeth II field play) babies can run away. Also the victory park has nice playground we use but toddler area is made of metal, that is not very toddler friendly. I find wooden playgrounds more suitable for them

There is literally nothing in this playground so I can't really mark the equipment that makes it good My partner has lived in Dursley all his life and this playground hasn't changed in at least 33 years. Please can we get it sorted for the next generation!

There is often trouble

There isn't much in the park and it's a very dark area

There's a lot of "open" space in the play area, it's not framed in completely, and there is easy access to the carpark meaning the younger of the two cannot be left to play without us right by their side.

This comment is regarding the Children's Play Area in Park Gardens, Stroud (not included on your list?!!) - please place much larger no dogs allowed signs on the play area gates because parents/guardians keep taking dogs in there when they are visiting with their children. Unfortunately some parents don't realise the risk from dog defecation. I am a responsible dog walker who uses the general park every day, and I don't have children, but I thought you should know that there is an issue with use in the children's play area.

This is for Cashes Green park which you haven't mentioned on your list!!

Too many bullies

Too many druggies in Stroud

Too open and near the disabled entrance

Too many groups of youths; foul language, drugs

Very dated equipment

We use Woodmancote park in Dursley. The gate is heavy and could trap fingers, baby swing has been removed, safety matting is cracked and is a trip hazard, dented slide with narrow, slippery, metal steps and loose bolts.

Woodmancote Park is in desperate need of upgrading and safer play equipment for all local Children especially under 3 years.

Would be better if all play area was enclosed and dog free

The whole park is falling apart and dangerous sometimes. Also grass is sometimes long and not cut often enough.

Ground conditions are terrible with a huge ditch under the swings.

There are a couple of the equipment that are either not working or don't feel 100%

There are exposed screws on the climbing frame and underneath, the wood is coming apart at the bottom and it needs a lot of TLC.



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Do you have any comments about any of these play areas you use, if so, please comment here and state the name/s of the play area you are referring to?

A good example of a good park is Nailsworths King George playing field or Daisy Bank park. There is plenty for all ages to do and plenty of seating areas for parents to sit and watch their children play.

A good play area is well maintained, huge bonus if there are toilets close. For inspiration for play areas that are always busy with people travelling to visit look at areas such as Snakey Park Eastington.

A lot of the play equipment in Stratford Park, such as the old climbing frames with slides, is seriously dated and difficult to use. My daughter has sensory issues so will only use the equipment sometimes as other times she can't as she is too scared. A few good, easy to access slides and more swings would be great. Our usual playground is Bowl Hill in Kingscourt, Stroud and that could really do with a refresh. It's full of children most afternoons and there is just one bad slide and 2 swings to go on.

Acacia Drive. My kids love popping over the road to play at the park but the equipment is very old and could do with being updated. There is also room for maybe another set of swings or a roundabout.

All are lacking in natural play areas and more adventurous opportunities, except Kings Stanley. Would love to see more sand, mud kitchens, nature-inspired structures (like Saul Play Area and Snakey Park)

All areas of Stratford Park seem to be relatively well designed and fairly well appointed. I think some sort of hanging/brachiation bars (suitable for all ages) are all that's missing from the Stratford Park Junior Play Area. We appreciate the range of options at Stratford Park for our family (two adults, one 15 yr old, one 11 yr old), and the areas are all adequately maintained.

All of the Wharfdale Estate play areas are in need of updating. We have a large community of families and the parks (particularly the junior and toddler parks) are well used but deteriorating. It would be great for the community to have a refreshed central play area on the green to encourage more community interaction for both parents and children post Covid.

All Stratford park play areas need serious investment, most equipment needs replacement with better and bigger climbing frames, slides, swings and the toddler area needs work too.

All the equipment is old and tired. Stratford Park desperately needs a revamp as Stroud's main play area. We often go to playground at Pitville Park on Cheltenham as this has much better facilities than Stroud.

All very old and run down now I used to travel to let the kids run off and play but there isn't really anything there they can use or play on now

Also use the Kings Hill park and the Memorial park in Dursley. There is room to play on scooters and bike. Also more things to play with.

Are you guys not responsible for Martyn Close Park and Adams Lane Park as well?

Bank gardens. Sadly a health hazard..

Blackwell Close is looking old. There's only 3 things on there for a child to sit on. Surely they could be renewed now

Blackwell Close needs a better swing for kids older than 2. . maybe one of those big round ones

Blackwell Close needs some attention. The grass is tufty and the it is very uneven, making it difficult to walk on. The equipment needs painting. A trampoline set in the ground would be good.

Blackwell Close often left too long between grass cutting/strimming. Then all the long grass is left to rot which does not make the play area very appealing.

Broken and run down equipment.

Broken equipment in both play area.

Bunting Hill play area - it has been completely destroyed by the children using the equipment, foul language and bullying has also occurred at this park which has resulted in further altercations between parents which has led to serious issues within the area. It is an unsafe area for smaller children to play, with the risk of other ruining it for themselves.

Busy!





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Cambridge ave/rangers ave Dursley- no equipment for older children & the equipment for younger children is out dated and in disrepair.

Cambridge Avenue woodmancote Dursley is the only park that we can access locally but, it needs to be revamped with new equipment, more equipment and to be made bigger and access for all abilities to use. It is very boring with what is there at the moment so money needs to be spent for our children in the area and all the families. It would encourage more families to use it if it was changed, which is good for mental health for parents and Carers to meet up with other adults. Please think of our children 🙏 and put the money where needed. Thank you

Cambridge Avenue/ Rangers Avenue - The baby swing has been removed making the playground less suitable for little ones. It would be great to see one baby swing and one child swing.

Cambridge Avenue/Rangers Avenue in Dursley is a well used, much loved space but it needs investment. The floor has holes from removed equipment which the kids trip over, the slide has sharp metal bolts that need fixing. The baby swing has been replaced with a big swing which means that toddler/baby can no longer swing safely here. It would be great to fix/make safe and add another toddler item or two here (especially with council plans to replace Cambridge House bungalows looking out onto the park with a row of terrace housing in the near future)

Cambridge/rangers Avenue park is woefully poor. Not enough equipment or use of the space available. Needs a massive overhaul. This is an area with lots of families and very few useable open space options for children to play. It has been neglected for a number of years

Chalford play Park, we use this regularly, the stream is a huge selling point as the children love to paddle. However the play area is very old/outdated and could do with some improvement. The Kings Stanley daffodil play area is very restricted with equipment and whilst we could easily walk there my children are completely uninterested in the equipment.

Cleanliness could be improved, bottle tops and glass in some areas near bins.

Could do with a refresh/upgrade as it's starting to look tired

Could use some TLC

Devereaux play area - is used by a lot of older teenagers which can be intimidating to younger children. At Stratford park: Some more creative play spaces would be nice. We love Saul park has a mud kitchen, story telling chair boat etc. Some little wooden tepees would be nice. Also having a hangout space for parents - a little covered area with seating and ideally a little cafe would be so nice at Stratford park big field park. Like at Cheltenham pittville park

Devereaux. .Play park is showing its age needs TLC.A swing is missing and has not been replaced.Roundabout is broken

Draycott needs serious updating

Draycott play area has a rat problem. They run all across the area aimed at younger children. It has been reported to the town council numerous times to no avail. Both areas offer more than North Nibley but involve driving our 4 children to the park which defeats the object of being in the outdoors.

Dursley Recreational Ground - it would be fantastic if the path which leads onto the field could be extended all the way to the park and around the field. Giving parents a safe place to allow children to ride a bike or scooter around the field and back to the park as Dursley is very hilly and lots of roads close to traffic and not safe. This path would benefit a lot of other users too.

Eastcombe playing field needs more and better equipment as very lacking.Bussage Park needs a flying fox and more for older children

Ebley there are many young children in this area and it is well used but in need of repair and updating. Its also used by plus 13 it would be good for them to have an area to play football and games.

Generally very good and well kept, although the zip wire at Stratford Park doesn't work very well. A visitor from abroad recently mentioned how lovely it is that we have so many play areas available - we use many that aren't mentioned here. I do find that many are targeted at very young children and some bigger climbing areas in particular would be welcome.

Good! Just need a bit more maintenance and picnic benches.

Great equipment in Stratford park for toddler ages.



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Half the equipment at Stratford park being OUTSIDE the fencing is annoying. Dogs and poop around. Equipment is often broken. All parks should consider accessibility and use by those with disabilities. Able bodied children can use inclusive equipment just as well! Be nice to have more benches/picnic tables for parents to base from inside fenced park areas. Pitville in Cheltenham is excellent... be nice to have similar range of equipment at a large park locally. Sand, trampolines, huge climbing frames, ships, water play, zip wire that works, accessibility swings and roundabouts,

Hard to find a play area that has equipment suitable for both my 3yo and 6yo - Stratford Park has all of that in different areas hence why come into Stratford Park. My children particularly like the curly tunnel slide and a fort/more climbing options would make a good addition.

Highfield Road is massively out of date, and has small amount of equipment - this is actually our nearest park, and is probably the worst. Summer Street Play Area is great, but is in need of more benches, and smaller toddler sized climbing frame and slide.

I also use the Daisy bank play area although it feels very run down at dirty at present - the sand is not a good option for toddlers.

I also use the two playgrounds in Rodborough. To be honest the playground at Stratford and in Rodborough aren't great. All outdated and no thought in the community spaces. Stratford is too exposed. We need a set up like pitfill park in Cheltenham. It's great for children and parents to hang out. At the moment we don't have a space like that in Stroud

I am a childminder and it is very hard to find a safe local play area that is suitable to use. I need to make sure that the play area is secure, the area and equipment are clean and that the equipment is not broken. I tend to use Snakey Park now in Eastington, but that area is now being used by older children throughout the day and is not safe for us to use. We tend to use Victory Park in Cainscross, as that park is secure - this was not on your list. We also use the play area in Stonehouse by the community centre, but I have to make sure that its safe as sometimes there is broken glass in there on the floor. It is very difficult to find somewhere that is kept clean, safe, and that has appropriate play equipment. I tend to have to drive out of the area to find somewhere suitable.

I don't use any of them. I'm not aware of any of them being inclusive of children with disabilities.

I feel real investment is needed in Stratford park play areas. They are tired. A good park attracts people from far and wide. The whole grounds are lovely so investment here would bring it up to a standard to that fits the area. I shouldn't feel I need to travel to Pitville when I live so close to Stratford but I do. The investment in Pitville play area was well worth it and it is never empty.

I feel that the play equipment is only really suitable for children of toddler age, and there's not really much for those of primary school age. I know it is a small area but I do think that the equipment could be improved. It's also looking a bit worn.

I have a comments about play area next to Dursley Academy ,it will be very nice to utilize this place more for kids from local area. Thank you.

I have used many of the play areas mentioned above. I think Cashes Green, Westrip needs some serious investment and to be increased in size. The football field is often used by dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs and even if they do its not safe for children. The park is one of the main geographic areas for many estates and not fit to serve the volume of people currently and their needs.I would like there:- A dedicated area where dogs can be separate. - The play park increased in size and better equipment for a range of ages. There are many older children in the area and the park does not provide the right equipment which leads to anti-social behaviour and young people not having anywhere to socialise and experience the mental health benefits of outside spaces.- A play trail around the outside of the field made out of balance beams etc.- Outdoor exercise equipment. Cashes Green is a deprived social-economic area where people cannot always pay to access gyms etc. There is associated obesity and people would benefit from these opportunities.- Benches - There are no opportunities for people to enjoy the outside areas whilst being with there children.

I really feel an upgrade is needed for the park near Cambridge avenue. There is so much green space there that could be used more for the children and needs to accessible to all. It hasn't had a revamp in such a long time and would be good to use for my 3 yr old twins and my 6 yr old if more was there.

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I refer in general to all the parks mentioned. The play equipment should be disability friendly, so that all children can enjoy the parks.

I think the one at the leisure centre needs more in it, the slide is tiny. Blackwell Close needs repainting and a normal child's swing as well as the baby swing

I think there needs to be a big park such as Pittvillie park or Oldbury Court Estate in Bristol. Somewhere with a decent cafe right next to the cafe, decent toilets (not like the ones at Stratford) somewhere safe to tie the dog where I can see them when in the play area with kids. It feels that Stratford park is missing some potential, there is such lovely grounds round the back which could have good pathing and a marked walk through the woods and round the pond. We go to King Stanley and Eastington a lot, which we love as the play equipment is good and there is a big field at each, and the kids love that it is natural but in the winter the parks are water logged, so still need to find a way to keep them feeling natural but also with flooring.

I think they all need to be gated or fenced off to dogs. Bussage park is a lovely area but last time I went a dog got in the face of my toddler and on the same day my toddler ran through some dog poop. Bisley ones need to be safe and toddler friendly. Also I think most of them need a good clean every now and then.

I use Stratford Top Field and the toddler facilities occasionally. The toddler area had a broken piece of equipment for a substantial period of time so we stopped using it as it was still accessible despite being obviously broken and dangerous. The top Field is pretty good but there's not a huge amount for younger ones so it's tricky going as a family with mixed ages. Having an enclosed toddler bit up there would really help.

I use the Rec at Dursley, Snakey Park in Eastington, our favourite is Saul Park with sand pit, mud kitchen large open space, zip wire for eldest, climbing equipment. I have twins who are nearly two and a six year old Snakey Park in Eastington is perfect as enclosed by large fence and activities for all ages, mine love the swings too and with three little ones there are never enough. You need the kids enclosed so they get some freedom but are safe

I'd like to see the play equipment meet the needs of children at all stages/ages. So they can play together but on equipment suitable for their own stages

If the Kings Stanley play area is called Daffodils, its the first I've heard of it. Most people refer to it as Marling Field. I also don't understand why Snakey Park in Eastington isn't mentioned? Its excellent

I'm so disappointed that the baby swin was removed, I emailed the council and was passed between a lot of people and then just ignored. Why was it replaced with an adult swing when the park features a small slide aimed atyoubget children. Now I have to walk further with my two children

Improve cashes green play area eg put back swings include slide for juniors skate park zip wire, large climbing net

In need of a drastic upgrade. Would be nice to see them really thought through from a child centered approach with play at the centre of the design.

In need of an overhaul, very uneven ground, doesn't appear cared for as grass often a mess uncut, apparatus now looking old.

In the Norton wood play area there are missing see saws that have been gone for years! Would be lovely to have a wooden play area/lots more climbing equipment.

It is good to use the woods to have a walk too.

It is very small and only three pieces of equipment. It would be great if it could be made a hit bigger as wen there are a few children there they have to wait around .anything would be an improvement ☺

It would be absolutely lovely to have a slide and some baby swings available also I feel more people would definitely use it

It would be beneficial to upgrade one or two parks rather than a sticking plaster on each one that will be money wasted

It would be better if there was more equipment for children 8+, they've outgrown the equipment way before they have outgrown playing in playgrounds. A big central playground at Stratford park would be great.

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It often appears that the manufacturers of equipment don't actually have children. Many are designed to accommodate different ages e.g walking across a rope bridge to get to a small slide (the slide is perfect for a toddler but cant be accessed by them) then activity / climbing towers are perfect for little ones, but often have open sides for fireman poles which is dangerous for younger children. Trying to accommodate too many different ages in one piece of equipment is dangerous for little ones and frustrating for older ones, who want to run around. I really wish the council would gather focus groups of parents and ask them to help in purchasing or upgrading new equipment. Id also like to see more accessible equipment for disabled children. Ive been researching this for my local pariah council and found some great pieces - again please speak to parents of disabled children. Id like all play areas to be actually accessible, gates large enough to fit wheelchairs and buggies through easily and ramps, not steps into the area. There should be covered and seated areas, where young children can be kept safely out of the sun. Any parks in large open spaces, without obvious boundaries should be fenced to stop dogs from running onto the play equipment. Thus keeping children safe and feeling safe and discouraging dogs fr being brought into these areas.

Its in desperate need of updating especially with the amount of local children that use this space

Jubilee Park. Is a large area that is in need of more equipment for toddlers and ages 3-7

Junior play area Wharfdale estate Hardwicke Needs upgrading, swings for older children would be good as toddler age upwards don't have any swings to use. Climbing frame could do with being changed to something more interactive or balance beams etc

Kings Stanley is a fantastic play area with everything you need for all ages.Stratford park top area is OK - the climbing frame and obstacle course are good. The roundabout is too squeaky and the zip wire is often damaged.The toddler area at Stratford park is also OK but would benefit from having another swing.

Kingscourt Park could do with more to play on even exercise equipment maybe!?

Lawnside feels unsafe Wharfdale Way has had lots removed but nothing has been replaced They are all too basic and simple even for very young children

Lawnside Park urgently needs updating, the swings are broke, the roundabout is broke, everything else is old and worn, I have 6 children, my 3 younger boys aged 9 and 11 love going round to play with there friends I also have a grandchild on the way and would love to take her round there but at the moment I cant its awful, they have the cage for football which is great but when the older ones are in there then there needs to be something for the younger kids to do other wise they will go and find something else to do that might get them in to trouble Mainly go to queen Elizabeth 2 playing fields toddler area by Sainsburys and victory park . The qe2 could do with some toddler swings and a bigger slide or climbing frame for older kida. Victory park is a good mix. Its nice when all ages can be in the same play area on different equipment.

Mason Rd is very sparse in terms of play equipment and interest. Stratford Park is excellent but too often has out of order equipment for long periods of time. The Skatepark can be very overcrowded and seems like it needs to be bigger or at least have a larger flat skating area with small ramps for those who want to practice simpler and easier techniques - this would help keep the learners out of the way of the fast paced skaters.

Mason Road play area is our nearest but the equipment is extremely poor, slide tiny, only baby swings, nothing appealing for primary school age kids.

Mason Road play area is too young for my age children. There are only toddler swings and not enough inviting equipment once they reach past toddler age really. It all needs updating and more equipment put in for older than toddler age. There is a lot of room in the field for things like bigger climbing equipment, bigger slide, swings that aren't for toddlers, zip wire, tunnels etc. Looking at Stonehouse Park as an example. We spend a good number of hours at other parks such as Stonehouse, Stratford Park, Saul, Eastington etc because they have more and better play equipment for my age children and older whereas Mason Road play area is more aimed at toddlers and doesnt have enough there to spend more than an hour really.

mason Road playing field, needs to be updated and more equipment added for the children. plenty of space for more things.

Merlin close is often affected by graffiti and anti social behaviour towards the play equipment. Mostly due to bored teenagers .Stratford park is lovely but bit tired in places

Minchamton play area by the balwarks is in need of new and updated park

Missing Parliament street playground by Cotswold play house (unless that is Summer street in which case missing Sladebank woods play area)Also King Stanley play area

More covered areas needed for when it rains, (all) play equipment needs updating (Stratford park), broken items slow to be repaired (Stratford Park)

more disabled equipment e.g. Swings and roundabouts.

More equipment for the children to play on so we can enjoy the park for longer keeping the children entertained  
More picnic benches needed plus swings

More seating required for out of breath grandparents who have struggled up the hill!

most of the play areas in dursley are very helpful and useful to support children physically, mentally and emotionally. It provides them the best opportunity to engage and connect with all other children of similar age group with the support of their parents and family members. Its an outdoor space that they can explore and expand their best ability while having fun with other children.

Most play things in Stratford park feel quite dated... general updating needed. Stratford park REALLY needs a proper cafe near the play area so adults can enjoy too.

My local park is not actually mentioned, so my main park is on parliament street Stroud behind the playhouse

My son is disabled so not a lot he can go on around the stroud district area

My toddler is bored in a matter of seconds most of the equipment has been removed. Gates might as well not be there as they aren't bolted and toddlers can just push them open. Can I enquire what is the wooden closed sandpit for?

Need more equipment for disabled

Need more for younger children as very limited and don't have a lot there

Need updating due to constant usage

Need updating massively, especially play areas to cater for young children and older children, more green areas, skate parks, woodlands etc

Needs an update

Needs updating. Good space for playground alongside football.

Needs upgrading so the slightly older children can use it

No listing of Cashes Green playing field and queenie Elizabeth at cainscross near Sainsburus. Why?

North Nibley, the Innocks - flooring was recently fixed, however feel that more equipment could be added or it could be made bigger.

Norton wood has some kind of spring sticking out of the ground from a old piece of equipment which has been in situ for many years. Its actually quite dangerous and goes to show that they are not inspected regularly.

Norton wood Park is nice, but again, not much for the children to play on.

Norton wood park is small, I feel it is lacking things for the younger children who are only just walking or not walking as of yet.

Norton wood play area - Nailsworth Equipment doesn't get replaced once broken, so has lost a couple of things from there.

Nortonwood play area could do with some bigger child swings, the baby seats arent suitable for older children and are very high. This park could also benefit from some more benches. Bunting way park is great, cant fault it. Tynings would be good if it had swings suitable for older children. It would be really good to have access to a skate ramp in forest Green.

Not on any of these play areas but we mainly use the park on Kingscourt Lane as it is closest to where we live and school. So we can walk there. The equipment is tired and of poor quality, the flooring appears to be sinking in places and the variety of equipment for different ages is limited.



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oakridge lynch not on the list

Oldends playing field. Could do with the youth club situated in so said playing field so we can use the toilets and buy drinks or snacks would be good. A lot of money was spent on building it and it's hardly ever opened, such a waste.

One in front of Stratford park needs completely re done. Great place for little kids. But totally unsafe at the moment. The one in minchinhampton is nice.

Only one I use is lawnside as dont drive and just around the corner from where I live

Orchard Road Greens - has been closed for months citing an upgrade. But nothing has happened. My children are very upset that they cant play here. This is a great local park used by the community and visiting friends and it would be useful to have an update on when the work will start. As we are keen to utilise this fantastic local ammenity on our doorstep.

Orchard Road greens is very rundown and doesnt seem to be used

Orchard road would benefit from a toddler swing and some ground markings, hop skotch etc.

Out of the 3 play areas I use regularly Mason Road has the highest need for refurb especially now even more families live here. There is space to make this really good!

Painswick rec fields needs more equipment for the older kids to encourage them to use and stay in a safe zone. Skate parks or bike pump tracks would give this space and also help with exercise at the same time.

Play areas should capture imagination and the best ones blend natural materials/structures, like hills for rolling, with more man made structures. Towers, lookouts, coloured flooring, story corners, educational aspects for the wider environment ate all great. Specific areas for toddlers are always welcome, but those mindful that some toddlers are more active or able than others.

Please improve the play park in Brimscombe above the railway. Woefully poor compared to others in the area. Please install swings suitable for different ages, normal and the caged type ones

Please make them all more accessible. Its disheartening as a parent and excludes my child.

Please Please make Stroud skate park better, it is a very poor skate park for the size of stroud and is always busy It is the least SDC can do after taking Rush awayThanks

Poor state of repair. Needs modernising. Equipment stays broken for months on end. Put some water play equipment in. Improve use by permitting a local business to set up a semi permanent cafe nearby.

Preschool age equipment is a must 0 to 4 year olds.

Rangers Avenue playground hasn't been updated for many years. It would highly benefit from an upgrade. Every other park has been changed/updated, so this would be a perfect opportunity to upgrade our local park. Really could do with being updated. Such a lovely area with lovely views. And amongst such a brilliant area with leisure centre and museum etc. the top park although my child loves, let's the area down with how rusty and outdated the play equipment is

Red more equipment for older children like bigger swings, zip wore, larger slide and roundabout

Rodborough walkley hill.

Second World war memorial recreation park - Dursley

See comment about Woodmancote Park, desperately needing upgrade and safer equipment.

Skate park and Stratford park is full of drug dealing teenagers and needs a better police presence as does cashes green park and victory park!!

Skatepark - too small and could do with area for less experienced kids

Some equipment old and tired at Stratford park

Some of the equipment is dated or broken

Some of the equipment is out dated and needs revamping

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Some of the other play areas in Stroud are more geared towards toddlers, so we dont use them. E.g. Ebley. If they had more junior equipment we would use them more

Stone park to have gym equipment for pre teens,teens and adults/parents

Stratford park - it's important to keep the children's area dog free and to have some grass and tables for picnics within this area. Dogs too often get the bulk of the available space in parks making it unsuitable for families to play.

Stratford park (all 3 areas!) has a good range of equipment and is generally well looked after.

Stratford park could do with updating some of the play equipment in the big park. Things are often broken and cornered off.

Stratford Park has great play facilities but my favourite is the one at the end of summer street by the forest.

Stratford park I think should be massively improved. Its the biggest in the area and by far the most run down - it has such potential - large wooden climbing sets, etc.I think they can all be improved in some way if Im honest - the parks are where we can take our children to exercise, burn energy and have fun and explore outdoors. They should all have swings, slides, climbing for young children and older children, balance equipment and even the nature musical items you can get. A splash pad somewhere in the area would be amazing in the summer. It just seems you have to travel further afield to go to great free places (pittville park for example) and as someone who doesnt drive and low income - our local area becomes quite boring.

Stratford park is good as large open space and variety of play things for range of ages. Plenty of Free parking also makes it more accessible.

Stratford park is in desperate need of all play equipment updating. Please look at other areas such as pitville park, horsley park where it has been updated and apply to Stratford park. A lot of equipment not for for purpose and some even been there since I was a child almost 30 years ago. I love taking my kids to Stratford park and always say that the equipment unfortunately needs updating.

Stratford Park junior area could really do with some love. It's such a wonderful setting with lots of parking and open space and would be made even better with a refresh of some of the equipment

Stratford park junior area would benefit from:1) more seating for adults / more picnic benches2) swings for juniors are there are only swings for babies/toddlers available in the junior play area.

Stratford park junior play area isnt all enclosed within a perimeter fence. I believe there should be a fence around all of it as my 2 year old loves the multicoloured play apparatus area but this isnt in the enclosed area so I dont feel hes safe! Also the toddler play area in front of the leisure centre is soooo easy for toddlers to get out of, its quite dangerous. They also could fit a few more bits in that area. 1 swing seems a tad unfair for a toddler area where everyone is into swings.

Stratford Park junior play area looks very tired and desperately needs some new equipment. The zip wire is broken more often than not. Some more benches with shade would also be good. It's a lovely location but the park could be so much better.

Stratford park junior play area: - zip wire damaged frequently.- top roundabout can be difficult to spin round-large swing in frame has been damaged.- more seating within play area neededAll parks could do with more equipment suitable for older children with disabilities too, I.e. sensory equipment

Stratford park needs serious investment. The kit is old and outdated with sharp edges and non-natural materials. Additionally if this was a real draw (like parks at Leaf and Ground, Pitville park in Cheltenham, Horsley park etc) there would be a good revenue opportunity for the council. A small spend on outdoor food / drink facilities would pay back in spades. People do not want to walk to the leisure centre for this. This should be a centre piece for recreation in stroud, but is under funded and tired.

Stratford park play area isn't wheelchair accessible so I have to watch the children from afar and it's sad not to see them enjoying themselves

Stratford park play areas is very dated in general. It would be great to make it more like Pittville Park play area in Cheltenham

Stratford park toddler area would benefit from a bigger climbing apparatus so more than one/two children can go on it at a time because it's the main attraction in that park.



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Stratford Park top field has more climbing frames than anything, it doesnt have much variety and does not flow very well. Some apparatuses is behind a fence and the other small climbing frames are dotted around. Im sure with a space as big as Stratford Park you could make it like pittville Park in Cheltenham. Mabe add some water sprinklers and make a water area. Something needs to be done its very boring over there and nothing really to keep you there .

Stratford Park. Junior play area. Small slide connected to red climbing frame. Difficult climbing bridge between slide and connecting apparatus. Therefore, children climbi up the slide instead of using bridge- by hand and feet to access the slide. Causes flow problems with children playing. Zip wire doesnt always work properly. More older children swings needed.

Stroud play areas have far more variety and more money has been invested. Cambridge avenue/rangers has been the same since I was a child 25+ years ago

The beginning on my questionnaire is based around victory park

The Cambridge avenue play area is a beautiful spot used by a range of aged children and parents. The equipment however is very tired and could be so much bigger. If the park was improved im sure this area would be used so much more.

The children thoroughly enjoy going to Stratford park play area. Lots to do there and big enough to have a good run around!The zip wire is back in action again but its very stiff and doesnt glide like it should.

The climbing frames are great, especially the toddler one, would be great to have a more challenging option there

The Daffodils play area needs udating majorly, there isnt any toddler friendly play equipment

The equipment in Stratford park is quite dated, I remember taking my sister there 20 years ago and much of the equipment has not changed although it is good to have a large range of equipment. The zip wire is currently not working well and could do with some TLC, like much of this area. Would be nice to see some items to challenge the older children, like an extension of the wooden obstacle course at the top of the field. The whole area needs some love, but the children love to be there. A lot of children play on the septic tank, could this be made safer/incorporated into the play zone. We absolutely love the skate park too. Would be great if the tarmacked area around the ramps was also smooth so that children can continue to skate/scoot around the area as it is currently quite bumpy and you get a lot of puddles. There is huge potential for an extension to this area but the current ramps are a perfect variety of levels for all ages including the teens/adults who use the area.

The equipment is outdated and repetitive. My child is much more engaged in other cities playgrounds where they have up to date and inventive playgrounds equipment. Pitville Park in Cheltenham is a good example of a mixture.of.equiptment that is engaging.

The equipment is very old and broken would benefit a lot of children if updated such a lovely park

The fenced areas are pointless. The climbing frames are very old, rusty, and not very engaging. Would be nice to have the whole park with wooden equipment and a bit more cohesive so if you have more than one child you dont risk having to separate them in the different areas. The lack of fence around the adventure playground area and zip wire is dangerous.

The flush to the ground roundabout at Stratford Park is a dangerous design, Ive not been there once with young children and not had them injured by getting dragged across the ground. At least with regular roundabouts if they fall off its just the fall that hurts.Otherwise, we love it so much!

The gate does not shut properly at lawnside park which makes it tricky with young babies/children. I also feel there needs to be more younger children things for those that are just learning to walk etc.

The Mason Road play area needs totally updating. Expanding to suit older children. The skate park can't really be called a skate park. The grass areas behind the play area could be made into well designed ramps. The play area could be a lot more an adventure playground. There are so many children in the area and it could be an amazing place if it was designed better.

The on wharfdale way could potentially be bigger. Maybe include a set of swings for older children

The one at the recreation ground dursley. Nice but again early evening and Saturday too much bad language from teens, football supporters



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The park at Devereux crescent is OK the kids seem to use the basket swing and climbing frame the most unfortunately the ground is very uneven and had a broken picnic bench that last year someone badly hurt there leg on had to go to hospital so bench was removed this was great but left the ground even more uneven I've tripped myself several times and now nowhere to sit and have a picnic. A replacement bench would be brilliant this park is used everyday by at least 10 children its very popular the older children are always playing football on the grassed area next to it but unfortunately the ball hits cars and often comes into the park a fence or cage area would be brilliant and greatly used by all as I said the park is a very popular busy park used everyday

The park at Tynings needs better access to slide - my 4 year old can't easily get to the slide because the climbing wall bit is too high and steep for him to get onto and the way up the tunnel bars is too dangerous - the bars get slippery and children can easily fall through the gaps!

The park in Paganhill is diabolical. Half of it seems to be missing. Needs funding urgently and made bigger

The park on innocks estate is well used but doesn't have a great deal of equipment to keep children entertained.

The play area I was referring to in question 1 is The Street, Leonard Stanley, Stonehouse, GL10 3NT which wasn't listed. We also use the one at Marling close king Stanley too but wasn't sure if this was the same as the daffodils king Stanley. And the one Nr The George @ Frocester, Frocester. Our issue with our parks is a lack of stuff for babies. We have a 9 year old a 5 year old and a 9 month old who isn't crawling yet so not close to walking so the equipment she can use is very limited while the other two have vast amounts to play on. I think a baby area within or next to the toddler area would be a great addition to all family parks as the whole family can then join in and have fun together while growing and learning together which I feel is hugely important!

The play area we mainly use is Laburnum walk, Stonehouse or Oldens lane playground, Stonehouse. If you could do one thing for children, it would be to BAN all dogs from all green spaces attached to playgrounds. So many young people are scared of dogs, so few owners have control and I cannot have a picnic in any play area because why should I have to put a picnic rug down on a place a dog has done it's business, even if it has been picked up? It's disgusting. I would LOVE to know that I could go somewhere that had NO dogs at all so we could truly enjoy a full day in the green spaces. Please please. Thanks so much for taking the time to read my response.

The play areas are tired and old fashioned. The Stratford park main play area is often broken and cordoned off. The play equipment in Wharfdale is old and tired. Compared to Stonehouse it's very inferior. Not very exciting for the children. It needs updating

The play equipment is old and needs updating

The play equipment is quite old and tired. It is not very inclusive for children with disabilities. It would be nice for there to be some things for younger and older children in the same space so that when I take my 5 year old my 2 year old can also play safely.

The playgrounds in Arrowsmith Drive are the ones which my grandchildren use when they come to visit. However, neither of them have equipment suitable for a toddler - i.e. a baby swing, a small (not high) slide or equipment which would benefit a toddler - one of the areas only has bouncy animal seats which are not very exciting at all.

The skatepark at Stratford Park is also really popular with my children (age 9+12) due to the lower height of the ramps, easy for beginners and for a variety of equipment. Bunting Hill play area seems a bit neglected and we haven't used it much recently.

The Skatepark at Stratford Park is excellent - all age skaters/bikers/scooters feel welcome here, and its the best designed skatepark we have visited. Bunting Hill is looking quite tired, and could do with toddler sized slide.

The Stratford play area is not appealing, with old/out of order equipment. This is a shame as the rest of the park is so lovely.

The summer street play area appears to be being upgraded but has been closed and unfinished for a month.. when is it being opened ? Hopefully before winter ???

The toddler play area at Stratford park is very well used but becoming poorly maintained with the sand pit and see saw having been removed from use and now being dead space. It would be great to see some new equipment being installed to replace them. The play house and climbing apparatus are great and do not need to be replaced.

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The tynings doesn't cater for mixed ages

The Tynings- doesn't have a lot for smaller kids or feels safe for them

The tynings, Nailsworth, need better equipment for younger children, the slide is too difficult for my 3 year old to access and also very steep, I think the play area would benefit from having a smaller climbing frame and also a couple of football goals as the area is huge and has a lot of potential to be a great outdoor space!

The Wharfdale way play area needs more things- tunnels through the hill, a decent climbing frame and baby swings. The play area in victory park/ Ebley could do with a toilet and a little café. The boat park play area on the canal in Ebley could do with ALOT more things - climbing frame, toilets : the kids end up weeding in the bushes. A cafe again would be fab too.

There are 2 swings and a basket swing, but no baby swing. Its very run down and not very inviting. Perhaps you could roll this questionnaire to the local school children and ask them their views 😊??

There is plenty of green space , maybe a couple of goal posts as my grandsons love to play football , could this be fenced off too from the dog exercise bit so no dogs foul the pitch ? It only needs to be a small area and this has plenty of green space for both . Also the slide area is not very safe for 5 year old , need some steps up to it rather than the climbing frame they have to go through to get to it at Tynings Nailsworth

They all need modern updates. Kings Stanley has a variety of new apparatus to climb on, as well as older pieces like the slide that work well together. Stratford park has a few newer apparatus but on the whole it is very run down, old, unexciting and as a result feels so neglected because the families using the space don't respect it either.

They are very tired play areas and I find that there is always one item not in use due to it being old/vandalized/ also dont feel there is enough items for under 4 year olds

They arent the best for 0 to 3 year old all too high and tricky

They could all do with updating but especially Stratford Park as it's so large and draws a lot of people.

They could all use a revamp. We use the Dudbridge park most of all which really needs more equipment added.

They need more wooden sustainable resources, maybe some gym equipment to encourage teens

This from was with regards to Victory Park playarea

Tired and some not fit for purpose

Toddler area next to the leisure centre needs Renewing, more swings, seesaw, climbing frame

Too much dog mess in the open field area in Stratford Park

Use the Sellars Bridge park as founded/maintained by the residents. Would the council extend to offer the expansion of this area given its within the area of Stroud DC and provides the same as the other parks that are SDC owned.

Used to use Mason Road play area as it is our closest, however there is not a lot for a 5 year old to do, he has outgrown the toddler climbing frame and swings, the larger climbing frame and basket swing are too limited choice. Wed rather go further to The Leazes or Daisy Bank play areas (both Town Council) where there the equipment is better. Stratford park visits are most often tied-in with swimming trips. The Zip-wire at Stratford park was out of action for a long time (from last summer until just after Easter), it was finally repaired but is still not at usable at the latest attempt, it just doesn't run well enough. This just causes immense frustration for young kids, and is a wasted opportunity. Please get it sorted ASAP. The large 3D swing is also out of action and one rocker has been missing for ages.

Very bad state broken u safe parts

Very tatty and outdated, good range of things but needs updating and a face lift

Victory Park in Cashes Green hasn't had a re-vamp in a very long time. Perfect big gated area that could be made very good with some attention.

Victory park is also a park we use a lot - my children enjoy roundabouts a lot which seem few and far between at parks

Victory park is not mentioned and I'm not sure why. It's good there was a net put in the basketball hoop recently, keeping that up is a good thing in all the hoops around Stroud. More teens are needing places to play basketball and to skate, if you invested in one really good court and one really good skate park they would all travel and gather and socialise there. Planting more trees might be a good thing, and if so, fruit trees are a good idea as they have multiple purposes. I think it could be good to have a tween/teen growing project in the area - teaching teen volunteers to grow veg and they get the knowledge and to harvest some of what they grow and share it with others - it would be a great way to keep some teens occupied and learning new things from young adults who are good role models.

Victory park not listed??

Victory park playground in Cashes Green. Very dated. Excellent space but much needed renovation

Victory park. A great example of a park that provides areas for all ages.

Victory Park. Very popular as it's the main park for Cashes Green. Lots of room for extra equipment

We also use bank gardens in Stroud

We also use other play areas around the county. It would be great if all play areas had access to a toilet and drinking water and shade as this is what stops us staying for long periods of time.

We also use the recreational field up Kingshill too. The one by Cambridge Avenue in Durslet could do with more things there as it's only a small area

We enjoy these 3 areas a lot.

We enjoy using the park in Coopers Edge near De Havilland Gardens (can't remember the name) and the sunken trampoline is a huge hit with the children

We go to the big playground in Stonehouse which has great equipment but is pretty bleak. More planting, parent seating and cafes/toilets also help community feel.

We live on Spider Ln, backing directly onto Highfield play area. We previously had serious problems until the MUGA was removed - constant crashing noise, balls crashing into our property, disruption from lads retrieving their balls, having our garden broken into & damaged numerous times, shouting & swearing from older lads etc (happy to discuss if needs be) so would be hugely against anything that would repeat this experience e.g. ball-related, skate park. There is an idea of creating an orchard in one corner which sounds like a great idea - why not enhance the space & grow some food for everyone? Some of the equipment could do with updating as most of it is for toddlers, so catering for a slightly broader age-range would benefit more local residents. Hope that helps! Thanks again for your help with the MUGA issues, so very much appreciated.

We live right by the park (orchard road) so would love to get more use but we have started to go over to the park in the estate next to us. It seems cleaner and safer. There isn't enough things in there and older children have now ruined it

We mainly use Rodborough play areas - not sure why these aren't listed?

We mostly use the play area at Rodborough Community Centre. I can't see it listed here. My comments about it are that I think it should have more equipment and it would be much better if the play area were level.

We need more outdoor skateparks. We use King George V park in Nailsworth, not listed. The skateboard ramps are a good size. We need a concrete bowl too for it.

We really like Stratford Park but would like to see some decent sized swings, more seats for parents, the roundabout working more smoothly, a bigger piece of climbing equipment like a net or climbing wall and a sandpit for smaller kids.



We regularly use the one on Hardwicke playing village but as there are a number of smaller ones in the Hardwicke that we use when we are out walking the dog. They could all do with a bit of an update on and a tidy up to be honest, and I feel that the main Wharfdale park could be made bigger for the junior children.

We regularly visit the play area/Park at the Owen Harries memorial ground in Eastington. This is an ideal space because there are football goals, basketball court, skate ramps and a play area for a breadth of ages. It is also in good condition away from the main road.

We use Kingswood Wotton-Under-Edge as it's nearest our home. Good facilities but could do with more for older children that hang out here and nothing provided for those with additional needs/disability. I'd echo same thoughts for all the facilities near us (wotton and Stroud Stratford Park

We use oldends lane play area. We feel that there needs to be a separate area away from the kids play area for teenagers to hangout, perhaps with vandal proof seating and a shelter, with a bin in the centre

We use the play area in Butterow West and the one in Walkley hill in Rodborough, which havent been mentioned

We use the play area in sharpness.

We use the Recreation Ground by Rednock school in Dursley. Also, King's Stanley and Snakey Park

We use Uplands play area. There aren't many toddler facilities and there is no swing for toddlers.

We visit the Rec in Dursley most often

We visit Victory Park, Ebley the most due to locality, (although not on the list provided). This park needs attention to provide children in this large catchment area, an enjoyable park. The play time here is very limited due to limited play equipment.

Westrip play area needs to be looked at not much there for the children to do Coaley need more for the younger children

WHITESHILL PARK! WE USE THIS ALOT. SHAME ITS NOT ON HERE.

Why is our local playground (Kingscourt Lane, Rodborough) not on the list? It could do with play equipment for older children.

Why not Victory Park?

Woodfield in Dursley REC Memorial Playpark in Dursley

Woodfields Dursley all parks needs CCTV so the ones drinking and taking drugs and vandalising the play area's can be stopped this will save the council money on repairs in the long run

Woodmancote park is the only park within a short walking distance of our house. Its a very small park in desperate need of some modernisation and is used by a lot of locals with very small children who dont really have any alternatives now its fallen into such disrepair.

Would be great to have swings in the Wharfdale Estate parks that were suitable for over 3yr olds.

Would benefit from being fenced off completely. I'd love to see more seating for families. Snack bar? Splash park!

Would like seating area at Wharfdale play area.

Yes sometimes there is tap around broken areas. Its nice to have the fixed as I have remind the kids its not safe. A larger netted swing would be good and a roundabout. I use this for contact in the community as Im a carer and I feel safe with lots of people around as its popular

Zip wire at Stratford Park has been broken for some time. Recently replaced but does not work properly as it doesn't run the full length if the wire or at any speed.



## Do you have any other comments about the play provisions in the Stroud area?

A big central play area at Stratford park, encompassing all ages would be amazing

A lot of the play areas in the local area have much better facilities than the ones listed

Adding wild flowers or sensory gardens to play areas with benches would be lovely and might make more inclusive

All feels dated

All need to be cleaned more.

All Stroud's play areas are old and run down. With the exception of Horsley, Snakey Park and Whiteshill. These are 3 examples of good quality play areas.

As above. None of the parks I have visited are inclusive.

As I said above it is really not good equipment. It is also all metal so dangerous/unusable in winter or wet weather. In Stratford Park the fenced off area makes no sense as the bigger slide is in it and a smaller kids equipt both in and out.

Caninscross has no toilets. Walking to and from the park is hard for senior citizens and children, has anyone thought of this?

Compared to London, there are surprisingly few play areas and some have quite limited equipment. Kings Stanley and Stratford Park areas are both very good.

Could do with some more things as named previously

Could there be one built near the new Lidl where the new housing is going to be built? There isn't much in that area.

Disability friendly with inclusive play equipment needs to be taken into account.

Do you have any other comments about the play provisions in the Stroud area?

Feel it needs much more equipment at Cambridge avenue, bigger fenced area, something for older children. Benches and garden would be lovely. Would still leave dog walking and football area

Firstly more stuff for risky play including higher climbing frames. I love monkey bars and other things for building upper body strength - great for us grown ups too when we spend so long huddled over phones! Would also love more play areas for all ages including adults. Also love benches to be there because my mobility isn't good. Much prefer old school metal play equipment to wooden stuff that gets damaged more easily.

Generally poor.

Generally the play areas don't have equipment for older children & aren't very imaginative by design - compared to some we've experienced in Bristol (greville-smythe & Blaise Castle) & Wales (Dolgellau).

Having lived in different areas around Stroud I notice some levelling up is needed! For example I think problems with equipment are fixed far quicker at somewhere like Daisy Bank than somewhere like Archway Gardens. It has now been fixed which is great, but the fence had been broken for a very long time there. Also I think one swing is still missing at Archway. There may be more vandalism in some areas more than others but that is more an indication of need than a reason not to bother. There are also some community signs around Stroud with nothing on them - it's not clear if the community themselves are allowed to put things up on these or if they are for official council notices. For example - DER community noticeboard - has been empty for over 9 months at least. Having an empty community sign seems worse than no sign at all to me.

Highfields Play Area in Dursley is not properly maintained. The gate is broken and there is always lots of rubbish and dog poo around the park. The toddler swing has been removed and not replaced for some reason. Horsley Park is lovely, as is Slimbridge and France Lynch.



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I feel there is very limited play provision in Stroud. Other areas have splash parks and sandpits with mud kitchens etc. Plus toilets and parking. Saul park is probably the best provision available but considering the level of poverty in Stroud, the opportunities available to our children are extremely poor.

I feel we are lucky there are lots to choose from, some a bit tatty from vandalism and old age.

I have used many of the play areas mentioned above. I think Cashes Green, Westrip needs some serious investment and to be increased in size. The football field is often used by dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs and even if they do its not safe for children. The park is one of the main geographic areas for many estates and not fit to serve the volume of people currently and their needs. I would like there:- A dedicated area where dogs can be separate. - The play park increased in size and better equipment for a range of ages. There are many older children in the area and the park does not provide the right equipment which leads to anti-social behaviour and young people not having anywhere to socialise and experience the mental health benefits of outside spaces.- A play trail around the outside of the field made out of balance beams etc.- Outdoor exercise equipment. Cashes Green is a deprived social-economic area where people cannot always pay to access gyms etc. There is associated obesity and people would benefit from these opportunities.- Benches - There are no opportunities for people to enjoy the outside areas whilst being with there children.

I take my grandson out once a week or sometimes twice a week and some of the play equipment is disappointing. We like the area at Stratford park where the putting green used to be although this is not as such a play area with swings etc. My grandson loves the tunnels made out of willow.

I tend to travel to Pitville and snakey park. A good play park int Stratford is needed and a nice coffee shack in the little building near leisure centre would be popular.

I think it's quite obvious that more money is spent on affluent areas of Stroud - the regeneration project at Mathews Way has been incredible but the play park in Archway Gardens let's this down and it's embarrassing. I think more skate parks with lighting would be really good for the winter.

I think play areas are very important for people of all ages. I believe there are many open green spaces where other initiatives like community gardens and wild flower meadows (both of which I love) could be installed, without having to remove play spaces. I would like to see play spaces that include equipment or installations that can be used by people of different ages, and fewer play spaces that are zoned according to age. Hanging/brachiation bars are vitally important to our health yet are a rarity in Stroud play spaces. Hanging and swinging supports our immune and respiratory systems, and its reported to be a "biological imperative" (ie we dont truly flourish without it). It can help to prevent osteoarthritis in wrists and ribs, can help prevent breast cancer, and help people recover from it. More hanging/monkey bars (of varying heights) please! And more play spaces that encourage inter-generational play!

I think the balance between open spaces, spaces for dog walking, wildflowers and wildlife and play is generally very good in the area I live (uplands). It is good to see the football goals at Uplands again - a space that is really well used by all these groups. Perhaps some more seating around the play area would be helpful.

I think you should also be asking if there are any other green spaces that need play equipment - and there certainly are! The funds should be used for creating more play spaces for families along routes that are frequented. We live on the canal by Bowbridge Lock - and there is a wonderful space between here and the Waitrose crossing - it would be ideal to have a few swings, and a slide and climbing frame there, instead of that very dangerous "monument/statue" made of sharp metal angles... it looks like a climbing frame to children, but is actually lethal and dangerous, and should be removed and replaced with something useable to the families that walk that path. It is also worth noting that there is no park close by (other than the shabby Highfield Road) that families living on Bowbridge lock can use. I have 4 children ages 2; 6; 7 and 9 - so it is important to me to have parks that can cater for all of them.

I would like the play areas in Rodborough to be better developed. Having stimulating play areas in the local community would reduce the need for people to travel and reduce congestion.

I would like the Summer Street play area to have a few more items suitable for toddlers.



## Continued.. Do you have any other comments

I would love some small trampolines like at pitville park in Cheltenham. Swings are a favourite, the park in saul is lovely. And maybe a loo with a toddler sized loo in it.

I'd like to see more things like Discovery Timber

If possible, the equipment should be added to or changed to provide variety.

In general, the standard of play equipment is old, poorly maintained and in need of urgent upgrading.

In Hardwicke near the Hardwicke parochial school by the field opposite the Hardwicke village Hall ( other side of field) the climbing rope frame needs fixing as many rope parts are snapped off and I have to supervise closely as Im worried the loose rope will be around a body part such as a leg or worse scenario neck or nowhere flowing down to land if a misstep happens then there is no short distance to land on a rope that would act as a step. Its quite scary

In need of modernisation and safety updates

In reference again to Park Gardens, its such a great place to meet people it being near to the town centre, library, etc. But I do feel it lacks equipment. A huge slide running down the slope inside the gated area would be fun. Some tunnels, swings and or roundabout would make it a little bit more of a great trip out.

Inadequate, one big area with parking and toilets and good access by public transport would be hugely beneficial to stroud and would be widely used A well thought out plan with lots of public input is needed

Is there any logic as to why some play areas are SDC, whereas others are run by town/parish councils and seemingly much better maintained e.g. Horsley, Dursley, Snakey park. Comments on social media suggest many users don't understand the different arrangements. Perhaps there could be some explanation?

It is important to provide a variety of equipment to help stimulate children to be active and enjoy the outdoors, places for parents and carers to sit, and a range of equipment that covers different age groups in the same area, not always separated. More provision of Special needs facilities and opportunities would be an improvement as well. Children don't tend to judge it is parents and older people who do. A recognition that many older children with special needs ( teens and young adults) still need play facilities to aid their development, meet mental health needs and so on

It would be great if there were more play areas. We would spend longer at play areas if they had toilets, shaded areas and drinking water available. Having a range of good equipment is important to my children

It would be great to see the Stratford park play area improved and updated.

It would be lovely to have community and sensory gardens especially in small villages like the Stanleys, selsley and frocester. As these can be enjoyed by all ages and can help young to learn about important things like nature.

It would be lovely to see some investment in the playgrounds for the slightly older primary school aged kids, age 8-12 Id say. They don't really have a great deal to play on and are often forgotten when playgrounds are done up.

It would be nice to see outdoor exercise equipment, which I'm sure older children and adults alike could enjoy.

Lack of equipment/space for disabled

Lack of provision for disabled children to access fun and okay outside locally.

Lawnside needs this play area and needs it urgently there is a lot of children on this estate

Leazes playing field(Stroud) has just been updated but the new play equipment is not like-for-like and has far less features, they also have not fenced off the area which means the long standing dog poo issue remains. Play areas in Stroud generally could do with far more imaginative and role play equipment like play boats or castles. Covered areas for when you're caught in a rain shower or for shade would be so welcome in all parks, as would decent bike parking.

Lots need to be updated



### Continued.. Do you have any other comments

- More benches/tables would be appropriate for the summer Times when families meet up for picnics etc
- More creative thinking needs to go into the play areas to elevate the play space for children. More out door gym provisions would be amazing! Positive risk taking is important for childrens development so having some high up climbing equipment is cool.
- More equipment suitable for use by disabled children as well as able-bodied children would be very welcome  
More needed. Maintain them well.
- More okay areas and facilities needed near box Road in Dursley. There are so many houses being built and although some plans for parks- the plans aren't good enough.
- More police presence required
- More required and better quality. the park on slad road has a large catchment but again is tired. this i think is town council run.
- More updated equipment please, maintenance to the old stuff too.
- More variety.
- Most need modernising
- Mostly they are OK but I feel that safe outdoor areas are needed for older children. The park we use most often is Victory park but sadly older children flock there and they use bad language. They need seating so they can congregate safely but away from small children. Parks that stand out above the rest are: Leonard StanleySnakey parkSaul park
- Mostly updating and a cafes!
- My children and I love coming here. We enjoy meeting up with friends. We always have a positive time. An area for improvement: We would appreciate having more than one toilet open please. There have been long queues to use the toilet when we visited (during covid restrictions and after they were lifted). We all felt that being restricted to one toilet was increasing the risk of spreading germs whilst queuing and as we were all having to use the same toilet.
- Need a proper bike jump park. A tarmac track in Stratford park would be so popular. A good focus for the over 8s. Much needed.
- Need more for pre teens and teens
- need more open space for people to enjoy, better equipment for all ages
- Need to be maintained.Need to try to prevent damage.
- Need to be more equipment for older children wooden climbing frames, bridges, taller slides, zip wires etc. We always liked a trip to Saul Park or pittville park
- Need to upgrade drainage in Stratford park area- very very wet in the wintertime- like a bog around some of the equipment and tables
- Needs regular maintenance and updating.
- Needs to be easily viewable but enclosed to stop dog mess in play areas and discourage casual drug use by teens/adults
- Needs updating
- no disabled facilities
- No not really
- No where for young people to go that doesn't cost a lot of money
- Not enough for older children
- Not enough for toddlers in the Berkeley area.
- Not enough parks in Chalford. Parks are too far away from Belvedere Mews. Long walk or car journey required.
- Not enough provision for older children





## Continued.. Do you have any other comments

Not sure why Meadow Rd, Laburnum Park and Oldends Lane are not included - we use these most of all. The main thing that would make them better is a wider range of equipment types - natural things/open-ended play opportunities (as mentioned above) but also more appealing modern structures (e.g. Kompani). They are all very much of a muchness!

Only 1 of my children is able to access the play equipment. My son is wheelchair dependent and is unable to access any of the equipment. More accessible play areas/sensory gardens would be of great benefit and is very much needed.

Only what Ive mentioned in question 10.

Overall there are quite a few places I can take my child which I am grateful for and they all are clean and well kept Painswick needs better play equipment for older children like skate parks and pump tracks. So much space is wasted and could be used better.

Painswick Recreation Ground play area.Is not on list. Only play area in painkswick.Needs funding for better play equipment and zipwire to work better. Better maintenance for existing play equipment.Should be fenced off from dogs.

Park road in Nailsworth is a great play area because it has a range of equipment for different ages and a secure fence all the way around the outside. I have children ranged from 2-7years old and its important that there's equipment that will keep them all entertained safely.

Pitville park in Cheltenham and Snakey Park in Eastington are amazing spaces for children . Stroud needs to make the playgrounds much more exciting and modern like these

Please consider the needs of girls especially in the 9 to 14 age group. Check out ' Make Space for Girls' and use paint markings creatively (Superkillen is a park in Copenhagen that does this brilliantly)Play Gloucestershire would like to be involved in Mason Road developments if you invest here, please do, area of high social need and playground that has reached end of life now

Please have more inclusive play equipment. My daughter is 2 and has additional needs. She walks with a walker, so open space with rubber flooring is ideal. A swing I can sit on with her would be great. And there's nothing around for kids in wheelchairs? Chalford park is great for sensory play - the chimes and the cogs etc. Please make more of this available. Parks are not inclusive enough at all.

Please see earlier comments

Pretty good- good variety. I think that climbing areas are always under used but bars to swing on or gymnastic equipment within the area is always great.The play spaces are always well maintained and updated regularly and we are really grateful for that.

Public house

Replace all adult outdoor "gym" equipment with provisions for children - they are a waste of money. I'm also disgusted that Rush hasn't been re-honed and yet we have another supermarket! Every community in Stroud should have a skatepark or pump track as a minimum including Rodborough

Rodborough Church Park and Rodborough Community Centre Park both need updating. The church park equipment can be dangerous for younger children. I have seen sever nasty accidents as the under 5s try to use the bigger equipment. Wooden equipment like Horsley Park would be fantastic.

Rodborough community hall play area

SDC do not provide much provision in Dursley at all for the size of the town. The play area at Highfiwlds is highly used yet very under invested. I feel it would benefit from support fromSDC

Seriously youre considering removing play areas??? Do you know how vital they are to development and outdoor time.

Shocking

Should have toilets and somewhere to buy drinks etc. More picnic tables. If the children and adults wants a drink ( and you've run out ) or need the toilet, they got to go all the way home and 9 times out of 10 don't go back. If there were suitable facilities we could say longer. Which makes more sense.



### Continued.. Do you have any other comments

Small play areas near housing is important. Decent larger play area with good range of equipment like pitville would be fab at Stratford.

Smaller parks in dursley need more investment. A water/sand play area would be amazing. Dursley Town Council and Cam Parish Council have invested in our play areas yet Stroud District have not, yet again it feels like dursley is lost

Some brilliant parks with wooden equipment that are worth travelling to (Snakey Park/Horsley park/Kings Stanley) but it would be lovely if the town parks were as good so you didn't need to use a car. I'm thinking of Stonehouse in particular.

Some great provision but very unequal in terms of area and status of area . Town council area and more deprived areas in most need have less good quality provision compared to parish councils.

Some of the play parks are great - but many are poorly looked after and maintained - it is brilliant for young kids to be able to play outside - to be physical, burn off energy, meet with their friends and have something to do other than TV but when the equipment is poorly maintained it is disappointing! Lots of the climbing frames are aimed at young children (such as Stratford park and Kingscourt Lane parks) yet have steps that are too high for young children or elements that they can't get down because the steps are too far apart etc.

Some of them have no fence around them so dog poop becomes an issue.

Some parks are better than others, Nailsworth main park is pretty good, as is Bussage and Horsley. Many of the others need updates. The park on Albert rd in Brimscombe is our local one and needs some investment.

Some parks only cater for 1 age range i.e younger kids vs older kids rather than combining equipment for all ages

Some water play, role play area or play house would be amazing alot of the parks need updating

Stratford park dogs not allowed to go through park keep them down in the grassy area because some run through park which isn't good for children they get knocked or scared and parents are worried

Stratford park is a brilliant park. think some of the equipment is old though and kids love pitville in cheltenham which we do sometimes as day out. maybe get some inspiration from them the trampoline in built are great Strouds outdoor valleys, hills, woods and open spaces could lead to such potential to make playful communities. A more focused approach on active travel could improve the health and wellbeing of more young people.

Teach the kids not to kick and throw things at the equipment and rip stuff off it at do not replace the bench as they will only rip it up and brake it again at deveaux crescent

Teenagers hanging around them put younger children off using them

The "football " green in orchard Road is mainly being used by grown ups, there is no adequate fencing on the road edge, causing hefty balls hitting our vehicles. Either a higher fence or proper high netted goalposts

The 3 parks in the Dursley littlecombe estate are great, made of wood and are always well cared for. This makes them easy and fun to attend with young children. Something similar for the Cambridge avenue park would be a much better use of the space.

The best parks I have found are in stonehouse as this is catered for toddlers due to the small frames and also for pre school to..

The grass needs raking once it's cut instead of being left as it becomes a danger risk to kids. Updating or changing the climbing frame to make it safer for younger kids to use or the addition of a toddler frame

The more the better (as long as there is the range of coverage for all ages). Children need options to get them out of the house.

The okay areas are really important, please keep them and improve on them

The one at the top of the high street is a nice idea but would be better with swings and more apparatus

Stratford park needs repair work urgently Bank gardens needs swings

The ones I use in coopers edge are good and well maintained. It would be good to update them more/put more equipment in to keep it fresh. The trampoline is great - install more!

The parks in the district are great - my only issue is lack of toilet facilities. Even just a portaloos would be better ok.



## Continued.. Do you have any other comments

- The play areas are terrible there should be more made with natural materials
- The play provision is very uneven. Some of the best playgrounds in the area (Horsley, Snakey Park and Whiteshill are not mentioned). Minchinhampton and Woodchester have no / very poor playground facilities.
- The play provisions are great here for a small town. More equipment and fencing off for dogs should be considered. Daisy Bank works so well because of the community there, if more community events happened at the other smaller parks this would make them better used and hopefully more well loved.
- The two play areas in renard rise are in serious need of a revamp, who do I contact about that?
- The use of more natural materials would be nice and more assault course type activities.
- There are a few great parks but others like Pagenhill are awful. I felt disgusted by it when I happened to take my son there. It's not our local but felt really sad for the kids in the estate.
- There are a few really good preschool play facilities but not many therefore they get very busy and over crowded during the day.
- There are two we use that are not listed her at all King George V - Nailsworth Miles Marling Field - Nailsworth Both are good, but equipment needs more regular maintenance.
- There aren't enough play areas for older children in Stroud, from 7+ onwards, for example interesting climbing frames and equipment.
- There could be more wildflowers and Mason Road really needs some shade, please plant an oak tree somewhere by the play park as in the summer, the park is unusable in the sun- far too hot and no shade at all.
- Thanks
- There is a lack of allotments in SDC. Hardwicke stand to loose theirs to a new provision given by Redrow. This will most likely be less than on offer and the price will rocket.
- There is loads in Coopers Edge, perhaps too much.
- There is some very rundown parks and play areas. Take a look at the likes of Saul junction, pitville, Tuffley (Gloucester). These are all great facilities and Stroud needs something like these.
- There isn't enough for children in the Stroud area, with the cost of living going up people can't afford big days out on weekends and therefore being able to use free facilities like these in our immediate area is going to become ever more important. This combined with the pandemic and lockdowns exasperated the need to utilise our outdoor spaces more than ever.
- There needs to be more accessible parks near Dursley and cam area. As we have a huge increase in children who have sen needs and would be nice to provide more of a sensory experience
- There needs to be more toddle stuff. And COFFEE and snacks
- Theres not enough in the area i feel. The ones we do have are great but need more choice for a range of ages
- They are much needed as its not safe for children to play outside un supervised in this day and age. My grand daughter had her Birthday party in the ebley play area at her request as she wanted all her friends to attend. I was quite shocked at the state of the seating area for parents.
- They are often catered for toddlers or older children, there is very often not a good mix of both, which is difficult when you have siblings in different age groups. Eastington play Park and Saul seem to have a great mix of both.
- They are situated very near traffic
- They arent great or very ambitious. Need more adventure playground equipment and places for parents to sit and chat too. Even a mobile coffee shack would be better than nothing.
- Theyre mostly disappointing with a few exceptions. Victory Park is another that we visit and the equipment there is very old and not in good condition. The park in elizabeth playing fields near sainsburys is too small and basic. Its in a good location along the canal and the pirate ship is lovely, but only really suitable for toddlers. I would like to see the main central parks having more wooden equipment, things like sandpits, tunnels, water play areas. And definitely integrating plants, flowers, sensory gardens with the playgrounds would be brilliant. Toddler climbing frames should be suitable for little ones not open areas for child to fall off. So climbing frame in Blackwell close is classic example huge hole between bars and no steps.
- Trees, or other means of shade and shelter, need to be considered.



### Continued.. Do you have any other comments

- Upgrading needed skate park needed better than one at Stratford park
- Very few of the play areas are sufficiently big and challenging enough for older children.
- Very outdated
- Victory park would be nice if modernised
- We are lucky to live in such a lovely spot with access to outdoor spaces. Thank you for the work that you do.
- We are so lucky to be surrounded by a wealth of free open spaces in the district for all to benefit from and enjoy. Children need their play space as a safe space to escape. It would be an awful decision to replace these with the above listed alternatives.
- We generally use the car to visit play areas as the mason road play area isnt very engaging. Out of the area Pitville and Upton on Severn are a class above ours.
- We have a good selection of parks in the Nailsworth area.
- We like Stratford park playground for the wide range of equipment that can be used by many ages, great for meeting friends. Other playgrounds should be more like that!
- We like to visit lots of play areas in the district as well as our local ones, I find that most are free from damage and engaging for my son, we are very lucky to have so many!
- We mainly use play areas provided by others in the area eg by Hardwicke PC
- We mostly use the two playgrounds in Rodborough, which are not listed here. Both Rodborough playgrounds could do with some upgrading.
- We need more areas created in the smaller communities. No point investing more in playgrounds already offering extensive facilities. ALL children in the district should be able to WALK to play equipment or a safe outdoor community space at least.
- We need more in the Dursley area and money poured into the Cambridge avenue play area desperately!
- We need more play areas with clean and safe equipment for younger children to use and more green spaces that include nature areas with ponds so we can educate our child about wildlife
- We need more play facilities for older children such as skateboard ramps to help physical and mental health
- We need more!
- We need the swings where parent and child can sit and swing facing eachother there are none of these around. Such a special thing to share with your child and both looking st eachother.
- We would really appreciate more equipment and variety at Cambridge Avenue.
- Were lacking some really good playgrounds that cater for all ages 0-11
- Why are some play areas managed by parish councils and others by Stroud district?
- With the cost of living rising free play spaces are going to be utilised alot more as free fresh air
- Would be great to see a better variety of equipment, especially for climbing frames. Some recessed trampolines would be very much enjoyed. Some kids bike trails and water play areas would also be brilliant.
- Would be nice to have a bigger variety of play equipment that would cover my 2 girls ages and stepson. None of it is suitable for my 8 month old.
- Would love Rodborough play park by church to have revamp and become more natural (eg. underfoot)
- Would love to see wild flowers at the play areas and signage to help children identify the things they spot.
- Maybe community garden with herbs people are permitted to pick to use. Also seating area at wharfdale play area, by the canal.
- You have suggestions above for sensory and wildflowers. Encorporate these ideas into play areas, maybe living roofs, raised borders, Hazel wigwams etc.
- You need to assess the range of play equipment in all the parks. Get decent climbing frames, opened ended climbing apparatuses for all ages to access. Fit at least one swing for wheelchair uses in each park to make it more inclusive. Toilets installed too- we chose where to play based on which has a loo.

## Management Contractor – street cleaning and grounds maintenance - 07.07.22

Question	Response
<p><b>Why is access to play areas important to your organisations/users?</b></p>	<p>External contractor manage the contract for inspection and maintain – 16 years in role.</p> <p>Very limited budget, job is to manage risk with a small benefit – did have play builder funding – refurbished 6 play areas.</p> <p>Learning to play is vital for all children, great fun, social interaction for kids and parents, child’s first experience of taking risk, challenging self, learning about spatial awareness, understanding of speed and movement. Interaction with other carers and parents, meet new people I similar situations. Very good for your people with learning and physical disabilities.</p>
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage</b></p>	<p>Variety of activity, has to be challenging, targeted at an age range. Some are too small – bigger play areas at Stratford Park within green space is a good example after refurb. Have worked in Scotland working in large country parks. Cafes can assist to draw people to larger play areas. Toilets not always required, not necessarily for local play areas, needed for destination parks.</p> <p>Sand and water play needs to be done properly, can be expensive though, good for destination play areas. Play equipment needs to be accessible where possible.</p>

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Question	Response
<b>Do you currently use any of the 32 listed play areas for delivery of your work?</b>	Client management function.
<b>Are there any of the 32 play areas you think we should be considering for investment and why?</b>	<p>Highfields has not had work for a while, all decisions need to be made on future need of population predictions.</p> <p>Survey of potential users to understand need. Bunting Hill top of Nailsworth could be looked. The Daffodils in King Stanley surrounded by lots of retired people – could this be re defined.</p> <p>Green infrastructure and Playing Pitch Strategy should be considered. Identifies under provision in Parishes.</p> <p>Play is important, areas that can be walked to are vital when considering location of any new sites.</p>

World Jungle – 08.07.22

“We manage a social enterprise called World Jungle using play and art to bring communities together. We use parks and open spaces to really get into the community, we have a real belief in the power of green spaces”

Question	Response
<p><b>Why is access to play areas important to your organisations/users?</b></p>	<p>Free play opportunities are really important for children and adults. Parks are managed resources which take up budget, so we need to make more use of them. I don't think they are used enough, the benefits to the community are massive.</p> <p>Some the major challenges we are facing today, such as obesity and the mental health can all be helped by parks, open spaces and play areas.</p> <p>Important for both children and adults alike.</p>
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage</b></p>	<p>Sometimes play areas are tucked away in “out of the way” areas where developers have left over ground, they need to be central and a focus of the community.</p> <p>Children need to feel safe, and carers need to feel safe as well.</p> <p>Location needs to be thought about and not discouraged by vocal minorities.</p> <p>Sometimes planning is influenced by one or two powerful voices, in terms of location.</p> <p>Frist and foremost they should be beautiful places, not just about sticking kit in a park, the space should fit in the surrounding environment. 50% of a play areas sometimes go on fencing and safety survey, which does nothing to attract children. Let's look to the continent to see what can be done with imagination.</p> <p>The health and safety culture has impacted on the “play experience”, in fact it's fairly low risk, but this has impacted on design making some play areas “boring”.</p>

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Question	Response
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage (continued)</b></p>	<p>There is the need for challenging and explores their limit.</p> <p>Older children to teenagers are sometimes left out because of “perceived dangers” of creating spaces for them, but really this older age group is important to provide for. Different spaces are required for different ages.</p> <p>More thought needs to be put into landscaping areas, with hills and tunnels, rather than just going for what the equipment suppliers come up with.</p> <p>Fencing is not always required, open access is preferable if possible, so children can “roam”, into more informal “play journeys” bringing in surrounding space.</p> <p>Perceived dangers are not always the main danger, but in fact its mainly traffic issues which are the main concern, so road crossings</p>
<p><b>Do you currently use any of the 32 listed play areas for delivery of your work?</b></p>	<p>Get confused between the town and parish owned ones, but we use lots of parks and play areas in our work. When we set up, we try to locate ourselves near any “kit” in the park so that it becomes part of the event. Quite often the play areas are located quite deep into the park, so that sometimes makes it difficult to use it as we are concerned about accessibility for wheelchair users etc.</p>
<p><b>Are there any of the 32 play areas you think we should be considering for investment and why?</b></p>	<p>Highfields Park is a good example of somewhere that needs investment. A Youth Shelter which was taken out after we worked on putting it in.</p> <p>The main Rec at Dursley needs some youth/team facilities put in.</p> <p>Cam Jubilee field and the park behind Kings Hill House – the estate park really needs some work.</p> <p>Generally, more thought needs to be given to catering for the older children for example spaces/shelters with blue tooth and wifi, so they can play music etc.</p>



Question	Response
<p><b>Any other comments</b></p>	<p>It would be good to think outside the box in terms of what can be in the open space around it. What is the route to the play area? For example, veg patches and family allotments. Towns and city public space tends to be adult focused, not child focused. Any play area review needs to be child/family focused, so that the whole experience and area becomes child friendly.</p> <p>Because a lot of play areas are devolved to town and parish council, so if funds are going into developing play areas, then let's consult with the children and the communities and involve them in the design. For example, a company called Touchwood involves young people in the design and building of shelters/spaces for their own community.</p> <p>Could we have boxes where some kit like balls and bats are kept, ok you may lose them but its low value, how can we make spaces "playful" without spending a lot of money on the traditional kit.</p> <p>Finally can we mobilise local parents more and get them involved in the creation of these play areas, so that management of the areas is really community orientated.</p>

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## Housing Manager – 08.07.22

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Question	Response
<p><b>Why is access to play areas important to your organisations/users?</b></p>	<p>Parks are paid for housing revenue budget, really important to the health and wellbeing agenda for children and adults – housing plays a big part in health, connected communities, kids love going to the park. Lifts mood, tires you out, physical and mental wellbeing, very little programming or promotion of play parks currently.</p>
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage</b></p>	<p>Have done some work with residents group, to create a new park, reading chairs, stepping stones, give kids a chance to be creative. Not sure what demand is for water and sand play – difficultly it will attract ant social behaviour. Stratford park great destination park. Local parks just need to be local with play equipment and benches.</p>
<p><b>Do you currently use any of the 32 listed play areas for delivery of your work?</b></p>	<p>Manages the team that manages parks.</p>
<p><b>Are there any of the 32 play areas you think we should be considering for investment and why?</b></p>	<p>Have not really invested in past 7 years, have paid to maintain. Reviewing a rationalised offer.</p> <p>Strategy – consult with users for good and bad experiences, need to consider demographics of the local areas and future population changes. Pandemic has made people much more aware of value of local park.</p> <p>Location needs to be walking distance from home.</p> <p>Could look at education opportunities about flora and fauna.</p> <p>Is there an opportunity for local business to sponsor local play park?</p>

District Councillor (Slade Ward) and Manager of Community Centre – 12.07.22

Question	Response
<p><b>Why is access to play areas important to your organisations/users?</b></p>	<p>Lack of things for young people to do that leads to anti-social behaviour. Play spaces are great meeting place, make friends with those that live near them, creates a community. The play space at the community centre is really small, Play Gloucestershire do some outreach sessions from it as it is a useful meeting space. 0 – 5 year olds only. Play parks would be more valued if they were invested in. Really local is as important as a destination park.</p>
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage</b></p>	<p>Local park – variety of play equipment, places to sit, large open space, use the land that is available, 0 to 12/13. Products that last over time, not seen outdoor gyms work, equipment should not be too noisy. Fill time, spark imagination and be sympathetic to landscape. Parks at top of town has basketball and skate park – kids need engagement and education to use. Shaded and sheltered areas from extremes of weather.</p>
<p><b>Do you currently use any of the 32 listed play areas for delivery of your work?</b></p>	<p>Used park during jubilee celebrations, son is 7 and equipment not suitable. Important to the users of the community.</p>
<p><b>Are there any of the 32 play areas you think we should be considering for investment and why?</b></p>	<p>Pagan Hill needs attention, Town Council now own a few and are investing. Daisy Banks has been funded by parents raising funds – tends to happen in more affluent areas. Council could support the more affluent areas to fund raise and support the local council owed estates to improve play parks.</p>

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 “We work with children and families of children with, disabilities. Three main areas of focus – sport, toy library with sensory room etc, finally we have some youth clubs and young adults – age range 0 to 25”.

Question	Response
<p><b>Why is access to play areas important to your organisations/users?</b></p>	<p>We would normally do consultation ourselves on this, ie speak to our parents first about this sort of thing. However, a school called Paternoster in Cirencester put a lot of play equipment into the school, and we worked with them to develop a play area that was suitable for all sorts of disabilities.</p>
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage</b></p>	<p>Disabled access to the area itself and then to key bits of kit such as wheelchair access to roundabouts etc.</p> <p>Needs to be contained so that clients don’t run off.</p> <p>The perfect environment is something that is dedicated to children and families with disabilities, when they go to an area sometimes, one or two bits of equipment have been adapted, which is difficult.</p> <p>Ancillary facilities such as toilets and changing rooms are really important, so perhaps better to have one or two play areas in the area that are dedicated rather than adapt a few bits of equipment.</p> <p>But I think it would be ok for these sites to be used by everyone if possible.</p>
<p><b>Do you currently use any of the 32 listed play areas for delivery of your work?</b></p>	<p>We don’t at the moment, but I must admit I haven’t gone and looked at them. We do hire a range of facilities, such as Paternoster school for specific activities. Sometimes we take in kit with us but that’s not ideal.</p>
<p><b>Are there any of the 32 play areas you think we should be considering for investment and why?</b></p>	<p>When we have meet with Hannah in the past, Stratford Park has been mentioned. This would be quite central, and well served by public transport.</p>
<p><b>Any other comments</b></p>	<p>Our frustration is that in all environments that there is adequate pathways for wheelchair users. When you cant even enter a play space to watch your siblings play that is very disappointing.</p>

Question	Response
<p><b>Why is access to play areas important to your organisations/users?</b></p>	<p>Play areas are run down but used a lot by the community (Nailsworth example of community led events and holiday activities taking place in these areas)</p> <p>They create a sense of place /community and inclusion.</p> <p>Investment is important to demonstrate that these areas are valued and the importance of them to their local community is recognised.</p> <p>Play areas are ‘people places’ and should promote accessibility and inclusion for all of society.</p>
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage</b></p>	<p>Ensure it is a natural biodiverse, ecological and sustainable space – not a concrete jungle.</p> <p>It should be a welcoming space for adults not just little ones as parks are vital for parents to meet and socialise with others – equally it should be a space which enables grandparents and older generations to attend. Generational inclusivity was mentioned several times.</p> <p>Equipment should allow for the adventurous and less adventurous children with an element of sensory play. “Let them play and get dirty” – emphasis for a natural play environment.</p> <p>“Make space for Girls” campaign should be considered.</p> <p>Ensure the play area allows for varying age ranges (not just young children) and gender should also be considered.</p> <p>Safety is vital – the area should not be secluded and always visible.</p> <p>Enhances the whole community and can help with people feeling isolated and lonely – a place ‘to be’ but with safeguarding considerations and anti-social measures in place.</p>

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<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage (continued)</b></p>	<p>Benches for older people – should feel pleasant to spend time in.</p> <p>Truly accessible – not just a token piece of equipment – accessible from car park through to and including play area.</p> <p>Good mix of kit that enables physical and create play – multiple use from same piece of kit would be ideal.</p> <p>365 use of park accounting for changing seasons – shade is of particular importance.</p> <p>Be adventurous with play kit – e.g. install a ‘pillow’ / dedicated adult gym.</p>
<p><b>Are there any of the 32 play areas you think we should be considering for investment and why?</b></p>	<p>Good geographical spread – move focus away from central Stroud.</p> <p>Focus on a few – do it well and re-energise the community with the development – make a bigger difference with a few rather than adding a little to more and having minimal impact.</p> <p>Target those that need it most – show them ‘some love’</p> <p>Create a template/blue print on the success of the few developments.</p> <p>To assess which play areas are most in need a systematic approach is required which is fair and transparent. This objective prioritisation tool ought to consider a number of factors including key demographic data for each area. The outcome of this process and subsequent development could then lead to the creation of a ‘best practice’ guide to share with those who do not receive any funding.</p> <p>The prioritisation tool could also identify quick wins as well as the longer-term strategic focus.</p>

**Any other comments**

Strong emphasis on ensuring the process is as important as the outcome.

Visibility on communication of consultancy process – how was survey sent and who completed it.

It is vital to empower parents and local community in shaping their play areas.

Community involvement is required in creating the criteria for the prioritisation tool.

Community involvement is likely to increase the sense of community ownership and care.

Consider possible partnerships / possibility of match funding.

Could parents help run the play areas as a co-operative with potential of a future budget.

Question	Response
<p><b>Why is access to play areas important to your organisations/users?</b></p>	<p>Very valuable for communities, particularly those that have children and the parents that meet there, friendships are made, problems are solved, exercise happens and physical learning is an important part of a child’s future health.</p> <p>Socialism opportunities the children get from meeting other children other than their school friends.</p> <p>Good places to become close to nature and good for mental health and wellbeing as well as the health of the nature itself.</p> <p>They are hubs for the whole community.</p> <p>Encouragement to be outside.</p> <p>Its not just the equipment but the other stuff around it that encourages families to want to come and stay.                      Happy adults = children staying longer.</p>
<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage</b></p>	<p>Having a variety of different play areas to access with interesting things to entertain children and keep them active.</p> <p>Outdoor gyms are good as accessible for children and adults (if in the correct areas as not commonly used).</p> <p>Seating areas for adults.</p> <p>Something for all age groups.</p> <p>Equipment that is accessible to all and designed so it can be used by people with all physical abilities, not add-ons for specific abilities that are so much more expensive.</p> <p>It’s more than just the equipment, it places for social activities – picnic benches, things for older children, elderly people, larger people, dogs.</p> <p>Disability access.</p> <p>Access to toilets.</p>



<p><b>What makes a play area a “good” play area for your users? i.e, equipment, toilets, accessibility, signage (continued)</b></p>	<p>Natural play – wooden equipment, a lot more can be done for a lot less money than concrete and steel. Or use recyclable plastic, not as aesthetically natural but longer lasting. Could be sourced locally to save the carbon footprint.</p> <p>Risk! Kids enjoy risk, things that are fun, high up, things that push their physical boundaries, testing what is possible. It encourages growth, it looks exciting, new and innovative.</p> <p>They should be different and unique.</p> <p>Places for getting dirty, muddy puddles and sand pits. Creative and fun.</p>
<p><b>Are there any of the 32 play areas you think we should be considering for investment and why?</b></p>	<p>Demographics with not much money. Because of cost-of-living crisis, low earner areas cannot afford to travel to good play areas. They need free entertainment areas to go to.</p> <p>Go where the need is – where people are currently going and make it better.</p> <p>Forest Green area – Families stay close and are not keen to go out of the area. The current play areas are tired and old fashioned. They need space to have more fun. Having a good play area in troubled areas raises people's pride, standards and cohesion. It's the glue that keeps communities together.</p>
<p><b>Any other comments</b></p>	<p>Integrate mapping play areas, share information on evaluation of each play area on an app. Also promote tourism trails.</p> <p>Frustrating that new housing developers put play areas in, they leave them and any problems end up with the parish.</p> <p>Community involvement and local people feel passionate about green spaces.</p> <p>Funding would be welcome as parishes take on facilities in towns.</p>

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**Play Area Community Consultation Visits**

As part of the consultation phase of the Play Area Development and Action Plan a team made up of the Physical Activity Development Manager, Senior Neighbourhood and 5 Neighbourhood Warden conducted visits to 7 sites across the district from the 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The team completed a door knocking exercise speaking to residents to find out their views on their local play area. Below is a summary of some of the comments officers received during their visits.

**The Daffodils, Kings Stanley – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

- Take grandchildren twice a day when they visit
- Foster carer, uses the park, would like a climbing frame  
And more swings
- Tarmac area is used for children to ride their bikes on and  
Is well used
- Park mainly suitable for younger children
- More climbing equipment
- Suitable for young children more needed for older  
Children.



**Little Mill, Stroud – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

- Attracts teenagers
- Dog fouling issues
- Limited play value, we use other play areas
- Too small



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### Manor View Area -Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

- Not used, really overgrown
- One child uses it
- Rarely used
- Would be better as green space
- Would like green space, benches & wildflowers
- Keep as green space no swings



### Blackwell Close, Stonehouse – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

- Bigger Swing needed in addition to baby swing as kids in the close are growing up.
- The grass doesn't get collected we now have a resident who mows and picks it up.
- More seating would be good
- Really well used by kids in the close
- Grandkids use it every day
- School aged children use the play area not older children.
- More trees
- When my grandkids come and visit I take them of a tour of playgrounds in the area, including this one. They absolutely love it, they loves visiting, they love that they can just go out the back gate and there is a park there. It's safe for a 6 & 8 year old to use it. They grow out of it quite quickly as it's much better for the younger ones. It would be good to have more stuff which included climbing stuff which was more of a challenge for older kids"



### Boakes Drive, Stonehouse -Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

- My son is 18 and used it all the time when he was little, children do use it currently on the street. My grandkids love it when they visit.
- Keep as it is, we also use the play area over the bridge
- My children are too old for the equipment



**Cambridge Avenue, Dursley – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

- Inclusive swing would be great for my son
- More benches
- Better equipment needed for a wider age range
- Need a good clean up
- Better equipment needed
- Limited play value
- Its too boring so don't use it, we go to Highfields
- Climbing frame needed
- Well used play area
- Baby swing would be a good edition
- Make play area bigger
- More seating
- Mixture of equipment
- Metal slide too hot to use during hot weather
- Would like to use local play area rather than having to go to the rec.



**Acacia Drive, Durlsey – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

- Used by young mums and their kids
- People use it to have picnics
- Kids play here all the time but limited play value
- Connecting the two areas together would be great
- Creating a community garden
- Equipment for older children needed
- Bigger slide needed
- More seating
- Well used play park by the local community
- Limited



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### **The Brambles, Berkely – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

- Children use the play area near the football fields.
- Wild Flower Garden
- Doesn't really bother me but need to be tidy
- I haven't seen anybody using it
- More grass maybe an allotments
- Age of residents in close more retired and no children live here.
- Lovely play area by football field would be better if the area was grassed and had some flower beds.



**Images of recommended investment play areas**

**1. Cambridge Avenue, Dursley**



**2. Acacia Drive, Dursley**



**3. Mason Road, Stroud**



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### 4. Archway Gardens, Cainscross



### 5. Wharfdale Way Play Area, Stonehouse





## Equality Analysis Form

By completing this form you will provide evidence of how your service is helping to meet Stroud District Council's General Equality duty:

The Equality Act 2010 states that:

*A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have **due regard** to the need to –*

*(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;*

*(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*

*(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

The protected characteristics are listed in Question 9

Stroud District Equality data can be found at: <https://inform.gloucestershire.gov.uk/equality-and-diversity/>

Please see Appendix 1 for a good example of a completed EIA.

[Guidance available on the HUB](#)

### 1. Persons responsible for this assessment:

Name(s): Hannah Drew	Telephone:
	E-Mail: hannah.drew@stroud.gov.uk
Service: Community Services	Date of Assessment:

### 2. Name of the policy, service, strategy, procedure or function:

Play Area Consultation and Development Action Plan

Is this new or an existing one? **New /**

### 3. Briefly describe its aims and objectives

The main aims of the action plan are as follows:

- To invest the £300k of COMF funding on SDC owned play areas
- To use a 4 stage approach to deliver the plan – Stage 1 – Physical Condition Survey, Stage 2 – Insight, Stage 3 – Identify, Stage 4 – Commitment

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- To ensure residents have good access to high quality play areas in key locations in the district

### 4. Are there external considerations? (Legislation / government directive, etc)

1. ROSPA Inspection Reports
2. Fields in Trust Framework
3. Plan Inclusive Play Area (PIPA)

### 5. Who is intended to benefit from it and in what way?

1. Children, young people and their families who live in the Stroud district and beyond.
2. By providing good quality play areas across the district, it will enable residents to be more active within their local communities which will have an impact on their overall health and wellbeing.

### 6. What outcomes are expected?

The implementation of the action plan will

- Investment in data informed play areas
- Improved quality of the play areas in the district
- Create a long term vision for investment in SDC owned play areas

### 7. What evidence has been used for this assessment?: (eg Research, previous consultations, Inform (MAIDEN); Google assessments carried out by other Authorities)

- ROSPA Annual Inspections of all 32 Play Areas
- Stroud District Council Play Framework – July 2022
- Stroud District Council Play Area Consultation Report – July 2022

### 8. Has any consultation been carried out?

Yes

#### Details of consultation

- Members Workshop

- Town and Parish Council Workshop
- 10 x Key Stakeholder Meetings
- Online Survey

**If NO please outline any planned activities**

**9. Could a particular group be affected differently in either a negative or positive way?**  
*(Negative – it could disadvantage and therefore potentially not meet the General Equality duty;  
 Positive – it could benefit and help meet the General Equality duty;  
 Neutral – neither positive nor negative impact / Not sure)*

Protected Group	Type of impact, reason and any evidence (from Q7 & 8)
<b>Age</b>	Positive Children and Young People will have better play areas in which to play in which are more local to them. The play areas will also have an impact on the health and wellbeing of the responsible adult who is taking them to the play area. We need to be mindful of young teenagers and how they are affected by the transformation of these areas.
<b>Disability</b>	Neutral with a potential to be Positive None of the SDC owned play areas have inclusive equipment install in them, but as part of the feasibility study of Stratford Park there is the potential to create an accessible and inclusive play area.
<b>Gender Re-assignment</b>	Neutral impact as play areas are inclusive spaces.
<b>Pregnancy &amp; Maternity</b>	Neutral with potential to be positive The play parks will provide a space for parents to take their when they grow up and if better seating is provided it could be a space for parents to socialise with older siblings.
<b>Race</b>	Neutral impact as play areas are inclusive spaces.
<b>Religion – Belief</b>	Neutral impact as play areas are inclusive spaces.
<b>Sex</b>	Neutral impact as play areas are inclusive spaces.

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<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	Neutral impact as play areas are inclusive spaces.
<b>Marriage &amp; Civil Partnerships (part (a) of duty only)</b>	Neutral impact as play areas are inclusive spaces.
<b>Rural considerations:</b> le Access to services; transport; education; employment; broadband;	Neutral As the play areas are located all over the district

**10. If you have identified a negative impact in question 9, what actions have you undertaken or do you plan to undertake to lessen or negate this impact?**


**Please transfer any actions to your Service Action plan on Excelsis.**

Action(s):	Lead officer	Resource	Timescale

### Declaration

**I/We are satisfied that an Impact Assessment has been carried out on this policy, service, strategy, procedure or function \* (delete those which do not apply) and where a negative impact has been identified, actions have been developed to lessen or negate this impact.**

**We understand that the Equality Impact Assessment is required by the District Council and that we take responsibility for the completion and quality of this assessment**

<b>Completed by: Hannah Drew</b>	<b>Date: 30/08/2022</b>
<b>Role: Physical Activity &amp; Health Development Manager</b>	
<b>Countersigned by Head of Service/Director:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 30.8.22

**Date for Review: Please forward an electronic copy to [eka.nowakowska@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:eka.nowakowska@stroud.gov.uk)**

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL****COMMUNITY SERVICES & LICENSING COMMITTEE****15 SEPTEMBER 2022**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING PLAN 2022-25</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide a focus for priorities in the current Council Plan and Leisure & Wellbeing Strategy that impact health and wellbeing This is Plan provides more detail about priorities that have previously been agreed by Full Council.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RESOLVES to adopt the Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan 2022-25.</b>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	The overall priorities have been consulted upon as part of previously agreed plans and strategies.			
<b>Report Author</b>	Emma Keating Clark, Community Health and Wellbeing Manager Email: emma.keatingclark@stroud.gov.uk			
<b>Options</b>	None			
<b>Background Papers</b>	None			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Health & Wellbeing Plan 2022-25 Appendix B – Physical Activity Plan 2022-25 Appendix C – Equality Impact Assessment			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

**1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Supporting the health and wellbeing of residents is a fundamental reason for the existence of district councils. Stroud District Council creates a Health and Wellbeing Plan to pull together the golden thread of health and wellbeing that runs throughout the work of the council.
- 1.2 While this document cannot mention every piece of work that impacts wellbeing, it does include key priorities from the current Council Plan and other relevant strategies that support the health and wellbeing of Stroud residents.

**2. MAIN POINTS**

- 2.1 The Health & Wellbeing Plan 2022-25 contains priorities taken from:
- The Council Plan 2022
  - The Leisure & Wellbeing Strategy
  - Housing Strategy
  - Physical Activity Plan

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- 2.2 The Plan outlines three approaches that underpin the Council's Health & Wellbeing work:
- Focusing on population health data and local intelligence from partners to identify areas of healthy inequality and prioritise Council efforts where they will have the greatest impact. A strong partnership with NHS Gloucestershire (formerly known as Clinical Commissioning Group) supports this work through their improved data systems. Partnerships with Community Hubs and agencies working closely in our neighbourhoods provides us with local intelligence and a 'true' picture of the district.
  - Moving to an 'Asset-Based' approach when working with communities so residents are more involved in decisions and local action in their neighbourhoods. This approach is less about doing 'to' and more doing 'with' our communities.
  - Using the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' as a well evidenced approach to wellbeing interventions. If an initiative enables people to CONNECT, STAY ACTIVE, TAKE NOTICE, LEARN or GIVE - then it will benefit their wellbeing.
- 2.3 The outcomes of the Health & Wellbeing Plan will be monitored in annual reviews. The document explains that each priority comes with several actions, some of which will develop over the three years. Success will be measured in ways that are appropriate to each priority. Health and Wellbeing is a complex issue and requires all kinds of approaches. As such, a measurement of success will take a variety of forms.
- 2.4 Examples might be numerical gains like numbers of new affordable homes or properties ready to let. Success might be new partnerships like those between health services and Community hubs, or improved health outcomes, like increased wellbeing scores for people taking part in our Healthy Lifestyles Scheme. A lot of our success will be measured through case studies of people impacted by our work.
- 2.5 The current council plan 2021-2026 has 3 priorities: 1. Community Resilience and Wellbeing, 2. Economic Recovery and Regeneration and 3. Environment and Climate Change. The Health and Wellbeing plan sits under the Community Resilience and Wellbeing priority which is influenced by the 20 year Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy. The Health and Wellbeing Physical Activity action plans illustrate our focus over the next three years and relates directly to the following five Health and Wellbeing themes.
- Community Resilience and Wellbeing
  - Healthy, Affordable Homes
  - Supporting Better Mental Health
  - Encouraging Physical Activity
  - Healthy Ageing

### 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Post-COVID and now in a cost of living crisis, the need to work effectively with partners and communities has never been more critical. The Health and Wellbeing Plan 2022-25 pulls together work from across the Council that impacts the district's wellbeing through practical, environmental, and social support.
- 3.2 Adopting the Plan enables the Council to develop and monitor interventions across service areas in the next year three year period.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications as this report is to determine the priorities of the Health & Wellbeing Plan, which has previously been agreed as part of existing plans and strategies. Any potential expenditure plans will need to be outlined in future reports to this Committee.

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### **4.2 Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation to adopt the Plan. If required, legal advice and support will be sought on actions arising from the Plan.

One Legal

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### **4.3 Equality Implications**

An EqlA has been carried out by Officers in relation to the decision made in this report and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it

### **4.4 Environmental Implications**

All priorities in this Plan have previously been agreed as part of existing plans and strategies. As a result, there are no new environmental implications.

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# HEALTH & WELLBEING PLAN

2022- 2025

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## WHY WRITE A HEALTH & WELLBEING PLAN?

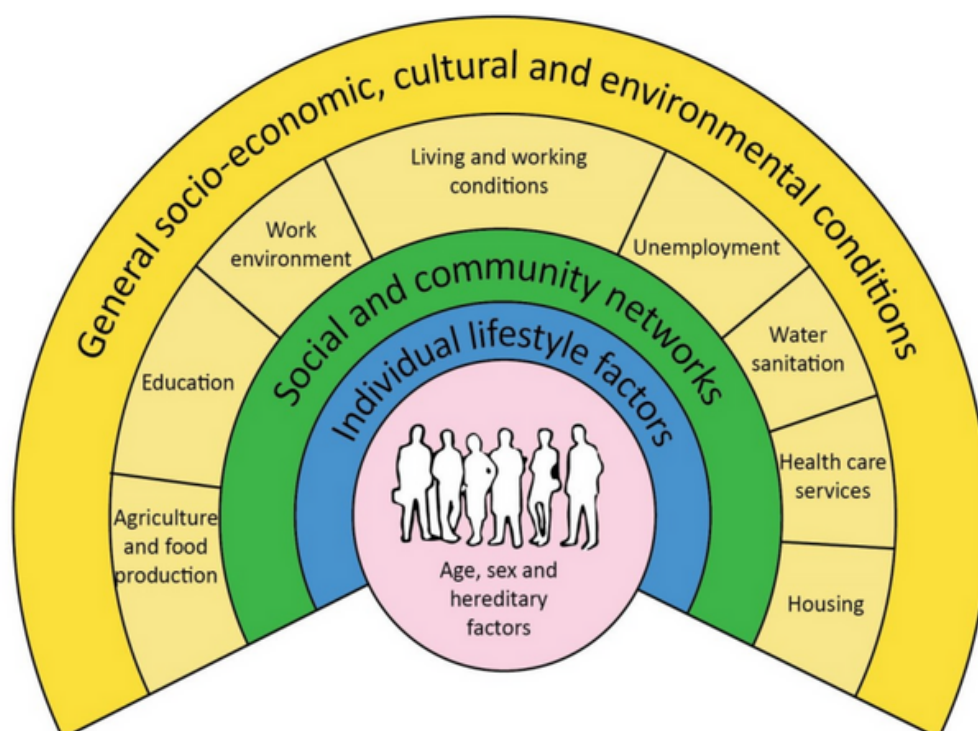
Supporting the health and wellbeing of residents is a fundamental reason for the existence of district councils.

Stroud District Council creates a Health and Wellbeing Plan to pull together the golden thread of health and wellbeing that runs throughout the work of the council.

While this document cannot mention every piece of work that impacts wellbeing, it does include some of our key priorities in supporting Stroud residents after the COVID 19 pandemic and where we intend to focus our support for a healthy recovery.

## WIDER DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

A person's health is determined by many more factors than just their genetics or their individual behaviours. There are wider determinants to do with environmental, social and economic factors. The remit of a District Council covers many of these wider factors which is why our work is so important for the health and wellbeing of our communities.



# LEISURE & WELLBEING STRATEGY

## A 20 YEAR VISION FOR STROUD DISTRICT

Stroud District Council is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the residents and visitors to the District. With COVID-19 having had such a detrimental effect on physical and mental health there could not have been a better time to embark on a new Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy.

The 20 year strategy underpins the work of teams across the council whose work impacts on wellbeing. The research and evidence in the Strategy informs this three year Health & Wellbeing Plan. In addition, the Strategy has also lead to the Council's first ever Physical Activity Action Plan. This is in recognition of the importance that physical activity plays in wellbeing long term ill-health prevention.

### PRIORITIES FOR THE LEISURE & WELLBEING STRATEGY

- All council leisure and wellbeing assets including; Stratford Park Leisure Centre including the outdoor pool, Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, and The Pulse (Dursley)
- What Stroud District residents really want through consultation, discussions, specialist focus groups and surveys.
- Investment opportunities for development, growth, new programmes and partnerships.
- Community assets and how we can work more closely with our community hubs to provide meaningful leisure and wellbeing activities on the doorstep of our market towns and rural villages.
- How residents young and old could become more active both inside our facilities and outside in our beautiful district.
- Ways to tackle the inequalities linked with some activities and removing the barriers to ensure we deliver an environment which genuinely meets the needs of the district.
- How active travel can be encouraged through walking, cycling and use of our improving canal network. This would support us in becoming carbon neutral, a key priority for the council.
- How to make our green spaces, parks, common land and woodlands more accessible with better infrastructure to enable active travel.



# COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING 2022-2025

The current council plan 2021-2026 has 3 priorities: 1. Community resilience and wellbeing, 2. Economic recovery and regeneration and 3. Environment and climate change. The Health and Wellbeing plan sits under the Community Resilience and Wellbeing priority which is influenced by the 20 year Leisure and Wellbeing strategy. The Health and Wellbeing, and Physical Activity action plans illustrate our focus over the next three years and relates directly to the following five health and wellbeing themes.



As a District Council, we invest in our voluntary and community organisations to provide opportunities for social connection and support for welfare and wellbeing. We help partners to work with community groups so local people can access services more easily.

Stroud District Council have our own housing stock to look after and we work with private developers, landlords and Housing Associations to ensure there are healthy, affordable homes across our district.



Mental health challenges are increasing for all ages, but especially for our younger people. The District Council supports community organisations offering help with mental health and isolation and develop innovative projects for mental health in partnership with the NHS and Schools.

Increasing physical activity levels is one of the most effective ways to improve health outcomes. The District Council makes it easier for people to access good quality green spaces, facilities, instructors and schemes to support being active across all ages.



Stroud District has an ageing population, meaning we will continue to have more older people than young people in the future. The Council commit to healthy aging by increasing opportunities for older adults to be active for longer, through participation in suitable exercise classes run by qualified instructors, finding suitable accommodation in older age and by playing an active role in a supportive community

# USING HEALTH INEQUALITIES DATA

*Lead and support action to reduce health inequalities in partnership with Public Health and local NHS trust*

Focussing on health inequalities enables us to prioritise our work where it will have the most impact on health outcomes. In some cases there are geographical areas where people experience poorer housing, access to support or health outcomes so we may work with local partners to target projects there. In other cases, there are a cohort of people living across the district experiencing a common health issue like respiratory conditions, We work with health partners to help those people access not only treatment but also prevention and self management schemes.

NHS Gloucestershire are improving their data reporting on health inequalities and developing a new approach to health called Population Health Management. Our close partnership with NHS Gloucestershire enables us to benefit from these new approaches and access high quality population health data to inform our work.

Of course data only tells half of the story, we rely on local intelligence to tell us how people are experiencing our district. Our developing Community Hubs networks and strong partnerships with support organisations like Social Care, Schools and the Police, provide us with on the ground intelligence to target our work in the right places.

## HOW WE MEASURE & REPORT SUCCESS

Over the three years of this plan, outcomes will be reported in annual reviews and in more detail in the Housing Strategy Action Plan and Physical Activity Action Plan.

Each priority comes with a number of actions, some of which will develop over the three years. Success will be measured in ways that are appropriate to each priority. Health and wellbeing is a complex issue and requires all kinds of approaches. As such, measurement of our success will take a variety of forms.

Examples might be numerical gains like numbers of new affordable homes or properties ready to let. Some success might be new partnerships like those between health services and Community Hubs. Some will be improved health outcomes, like increased wellbeing scores for people taking part in our Healthy Lifestyles Scheme. A lot of our success will be measured through case studies of people impacted by our work, like the young people taking part in our Eating Disorders forum.



## A DIFFERENT APPROACH

### Adopting an 'Asset-Based' Approach

Improving community wellbeing can be well supported by adopting a strengths or 'asset' based approach. Gloucestershire has been developing 'asset-based' approaches to working with communities for several years. The approach encourages partnership between community members, local organisations and agencies that provide services - less 'doing to' communities and more 'working with'. Asset-based means building on the strengths of what people can do and are passionate about, rather than focusing on what is wrong with a place and what outsiders think needs 'fixing'. An asset-based approach is about local projects that people really care about and builds equal relationships between people living and working in a neighbourhood. Good connections between neighbours creates strong communities which is good for wellbeing.

Asset-based working is not about reducing services or expecting people to deliver complex services that should be done by statutory agencies. It is about providing support for local people who want to do more in their community and making it easier for community groups to organise local support or make decisions about their own areas.

Stroud District Council is implementing asset-based approaches in appropriate service areas, looking at how we can develop stronger communities by supporting more local involvement.

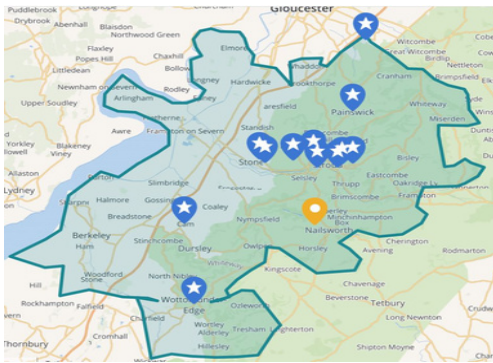
### 5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

Underpinning much of our work are the principles of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. International evidence has shown that adopting the 5 Ways benefits wellbeing. They don't have to cost money and can be adapted to suit any individual.



# PRIORITY 1 COMMUNITY HUBS

*Develop community led networks and community hubs across the district by helping communities to develop their own networks and hubs, connecting smaller and larger hubs and providing support and training*



[Live Community Hubs Map.](#)

After a pilot year jointly funded by Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Creative Sustainability CIC, the Community Hubs Development Programme, now has an active network of Community Hubs working together across the district. Each Hub is led by local residents and delivers different support and activities depending on what their neighbourhood needs. The Hubs network gives peer support between the Hubs and a central point for advice and development through the district Hubs lead including a useful resources webpage. The Hubs model is now a springboard for an Affordable Food Hubs project, Digital Hubs and partnering with Family Hubs and Primary Care Networks. A project Steering Group has helped bring in investment from the public and charitable sector. The district also now has funding to recruit an extra role to support developing Hubs and new Hubs grants through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (subject to confirmation in Autumn 2022).

**Building the Network**  
Our online map shows where and how to contact the Community Hubs in our network. Our next focus is on Berkeley, Sharpness and Hunts Grove where rurally isolated communities need more support or where large new housing development will create the need for a new hub. The Hubs grants pot and extra development role will support this work.



## Drop in Advice at Community Hubs Cafes

Many Community Hubs start life as a weekly community cafe in a local hall, often with crafty corners and games. Hot drinks and simple snacks made by volunteers encourage people through the door and build up trusted relationships between Hubs and community members. Some areas have no affordable cafes, so a 'pay as you feel' meal is the only way to get out of the house for good food and to meet people.

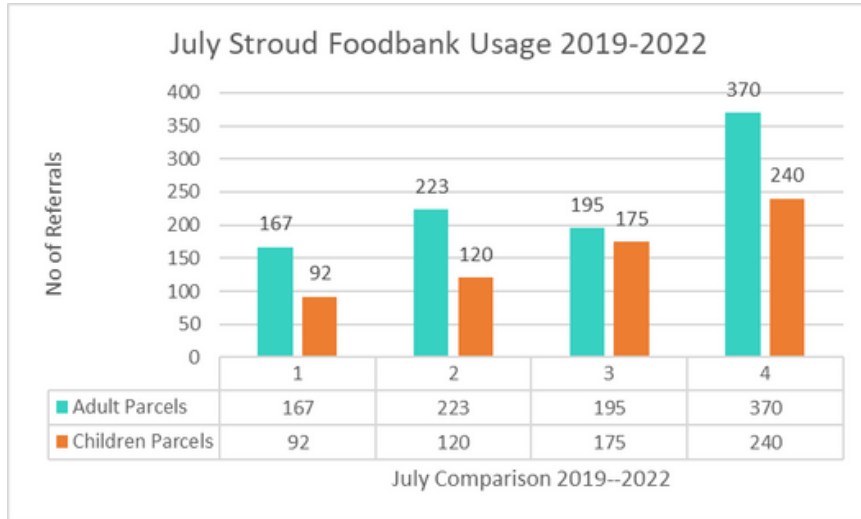
The regular cafe sessions are a great way for advice workers to offer drop-in clinics discretely in the corner on things like health, money and housing. Seeing an advice worker over a cup of tea with the support of a Hub volunteer is more accessible than making an appointment and traveling by public transport to an unfamiliar place. Our Community Hubs project encourages partnerships between developing Hubs and support organisations like the Citizens Advice and the Social Prescribing Service so more people can access helpful services.



# PRIORITY 1 COMMUNITY ADVICE AND SUPPORT

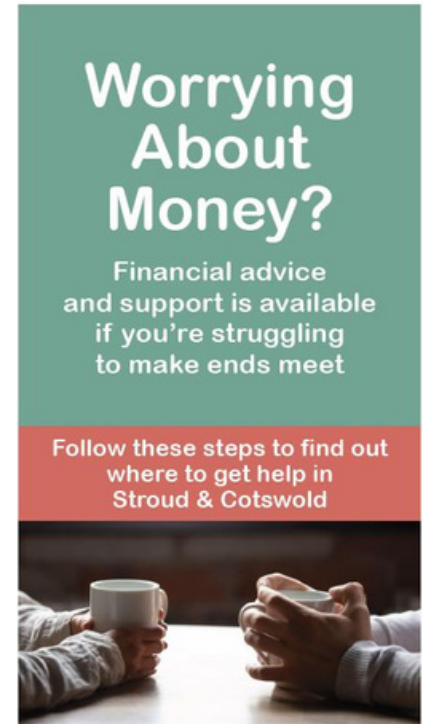


Ensure residents continue to receive the advice they need, by continuing our work in partnership with Citizens Advice and other community support partners.



## Support through Citizens Advice

We are major funders of Stroud District Citizens Advice. In 2022 their advice enquiries have increased, with debt and benefits being the highest support requests. The CA are the main referrers to the Foodbank and also have debt advice workers placed in some Community Hubs and the Foodbank.



## Household Support Fund

In response to the cost of living increases, Government funding is coming to Local Authorities for families with children, people on pensions credit and adults facing hardship.

In the Stroud District, we are distributing supermarket vouchers through Citizens Advice and Community Hubs. We have also funded extra help for families from Kids Stuff. Stroud households can also access help with energy costs through Warm & Well and household goods through Gloucestershire Furniture Bank.

As the cost of living continues to increase, we are improving our partnerships around food and money advice so people can access help as locally as possible.

Our links with UK food bank charity The Trussell Trust allowed us to access their nationally recognised 'Worrying About Money' leaflet. The leaflet helps people to talk about money with no judgement and details local sources of help. The leaflet is available online and 10,000 have been printed and distributed in the Stroud District.

# PRIORITY 1 FEELING SAFE



*Work to reduce the impacts and causes of anti-social behaviour by developing a district wide policy in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership*

## Community Safety County and Local

As a member of the Stroud Community Safety Partnership we have adopted a strategy which includes committing to the Safer Gloucestershire Anti Social Behaviour Pledge. The ASB Pledge focuses on early intervention and prevention and encourages working together across multi agencies.

Locally, our Neighbourhood Wardens know their communities well, listen to concerns and try to resolve issues before they escalate. They work closely with colleagues in the Police, Housing and support organisations to share information and find the right way to work with residents.

When incidents happen in a neighbourhood, communities can feel frightened and worried about the future. Our Community Safety team work with partners to hold community forums where residents can speak to the Police about concerns and talk about action going forward. This is a key element to improving feelings of safety and wellbeing in a neighbourhood.

## Patch Based Partnerships

Some Community Hubs are working with our Neighbourhood Wardens to improve neighbourhood safety.

Local Police colleagues, Housing Managers and Neighbourhood Wardens meet every six weeks with Community Hubs to hear about concerns or local sources of tension. Many issues can be resolved through a conversation with the right person. Situations can be de-escalated and major incidents prevented.

By responding to concerns, trust has built between residents and the Police service are confident that local reporting of crime in those neighbourhoods has increased. This leads to better intelligence which can help with conviction rates.

By working together across organisations and getting to know residents on the ground really well, neighbourhoods feel safer.



# PRIORITY 1 FEEDING STROUD



*Establish a council Food Justice group to work with partners to tackle food injustice, set up a food partnership and develop a food strategy to address the causes of food poverty, promote sustainability and food justice.*



## Affordable Food Network

With Food Bank usage and supermarket prices soaring, most Community Hubs collect surplus food from charities and supermarkets to distribute to their communities. This takes a lot of volunteer time. The food supply is unreliable and often not what people need or want to eat, only what the shops couldn't sell.

We are working in partnership with The Long Table, to explore how food staples could be bought and distributed to Community Hubs for local people to buy affordably. This would free up volunteer time and ensure a regular supply of affordable, nutritious food. The Long Table also teach cooking skills and support Hubs to prepare and sell affordable meal to their communities.

Additional funding to tackle the cost of living crisis will be used to support this new project. We are learning from national examples of affordable food networks through our Feeding Gloucestershire partners.

**Feeding Gloucestershire Partnership**

We are part of the newly formed Feeding Gloucestershire Partnership, which is chaired by Gloucestershire Public Health and is supported by national food charities, Feeding Britain and the Independent Food Aid Network. Our aim is to improve access to affordable, sustainable and nutritious food for Gloucestershire. In Stroud we are drawing on the Partnership's expertise to support affordable food project for the Community Hubs and to improve access to money advice through the 'Worrying About Money' leaflet.



**Holiday Activity & Food Programme**

We are Stroud's lead partner for the Government's HAF programme. This scheme provides family activities and food for children on free school meals over holiday periods. Started in the pandemic, the scheme has grown each year. We now have a three year contract with a host of community providers to ensure families have fun and food across the district.

# PRIORITY 2 HOUSING

*Build affordable, energy efficient homes and deliver high quality services for all tenants by investing in the renovation of existing council homes and meet a range of housing needs for those who experience disadvantage and creating a culture of tenant engagement and empowerment*



**Housing Strategy 2019-2024**  
The Stroud District Council Housing Strategy is a five year commitment to improving housing in the district. The Strategy covers the creation of affordable, healthy homes, the improvement of council properties, working proactively with our tenants and working with partners to tackle homelessness. For full details of our Housing targets and commitments download our [Housing Strategy](#) and [Action Plan](#).

*Deliver new affordable homes across the District, through planning policy and work with partners including community-led housing groups, housing associations and via our own New Homes Programme, which will deliver EPC-A\* rated properties in line with our Strategy for New Council Homes 2020-2024*



**New Affordable Homes**  
We work with partners such as housing associations to get new affordable homes built throughout the district in urban and rural areas. We also have planning policies in place which mean that we can ask for 30% affordable homes in larger new housing developments. One example of this is the new development at Great Oldbury, near Stonehouse, which will include over 400 new affordable homes. These homes include both affordable rented and shared ownership properties.

## PRIORITY 2 INVESTING IN COUNCIL HOUSING

*Invest £30m over the next 5 years to repair, maintain and invest in current council housing stock and bring empty council homes back into use as soon as possible.*



**Tackling 'Voids'**

The Council Housing service provides clean, safe and welcoming homes for new tenants. When one tenant leaves a council home, the 'Voids' team prepare it for the next tenant. In many cases during the COVID-19 pandemic, moving tenants left their properties in a very poor condition. Fixing them to be ready for new tenants was a challenge due to COVID working restrictions, materials supply chain issues and external contractors on furlough.

Even after the pandemic, materials supplies are still a challenge but the Voids teams have worked hard to get through the empty properties backlog and more homes are coming on stream every week.

### Retrofitting Renewables

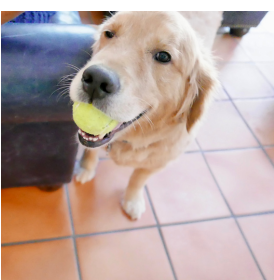
We are reducing the carbon footprint of our council homes and making them warmer and cheaper to run for our tenants. We are fitting better windows, doors, and installing roof and cavity insulation.

External funding enables us to invest further in renewable energy by installing PV units for solar power, battery power storage units and ground source heat pumps in properties like our Hamfallow Court Independent Living site in Sharpness. Further properties for improvement will be scoped out over the next three years and this investment will continue.



## PRIORITY 2 PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

*Prioritise the prevention of homelessness by delivering the Next Steps Accommodation Programme and invest in temporary accommodation and specialist support, including working with partners countywide to develop the specialist housing and support needed*



**Temporary Accommodation**

We are working with Gloucester City Homes to acquire a vacant property in Stroud so that it can be repurposed as temporary accommodation for people who are at risk of rough sleeping. The aim is for this property to be 'pet friendly' so that people needing temporary accommodation won't have to give up their pet in order to be housed.

### Refugees in Stroud

We are responding to a fast changing refugee situation in Gloucestershire.

We currently check and approve homes and support hosts and refugees who need housing. We will continue to do what is needed in response to government guidance.

# PRIORITY 3

## ROOTS OF MENTAL HEALTH



The pandemic and increase in the cost of living is having an impact on the mental health of our district. Anxiety, isolation, grief, financial worries, insecure housing, lack of food and uncertainty about the future have been felt by many of us at some point in the last year.

As a District Council we work on some of the fundamental welfare issues that cause distress:

- ensuring people get the welfare payments and grants they are entitled to including emergency payments like the Household Support Fund
- supporting the distribution of food including Foodbank referrals, the Holliday Activity and Food scheme and food through the Community Hubs.
- providing housing advice and preventing homelessness through our dedicated Housing Advice team.



### Community Hubs support better mental health

Loneliness and social isolation has a major impact on health, both physical and mental. We are supporting local groups to develop Community Hubs across the district. Hubs provide 'pay as you feel' cafes, advice drop-ins and social activities where people feel welcome, make new friends, volunteer and find things to do that interest them. Getting involved in a Community Hub can be a turning point in helping someone back to better health and finding meaningful social connection and purpose.



## PRIORITY 3 YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

Our Young People's mental health and wellbeing workstream is focused on exploring ways to help support young people in the Stroud District using the five ways to wellbeing to inspire project themes.

Supporting  
Better Mental  
Health



### Focus on Eating Disorders

*110 young people needed urgent care for eating disorders in Gloucestershire in the 12 months to the end of September 2021. That figure was double the previous year's and includes children suffering with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating and any other method of controlling food to cope with daily life.*

*Eating disorders thrive in isolation, so it is important to stay connected and support each other through this. [beateatingdisorders.org.uk](http://beateatingdisorders.org.uk)*

### Developing in partnership

- 1 Clinical intervention for eating disorders is not always easily available. Working with NHS Gloucestershire and a local Young People's Social Prescriber, we are developing a series of placed based schemes to support young people and their families.
- 2 A flexible forum for young people with eating or body image concerns is being trialled within the district. By connecting directly with local young people we want to explore what matters to them: both now and during their recovery.
- 3 Connect-ED: for anyone supporting someone with an eating disorder. We hold a monthly group in Dursley for sharing and listening, an opportunity for connection and a space to help break the silence that exists for those affected: parents/carers, family and friends.

Being mindful of the impact of isolation and feelings of shame, our mental health projects for young people and families help people to break the silence by focusing on connection and sharing.



# PRIORITY 3 YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

Supporting  
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As our work with health partners and young people continues, we are developing other projects to support young people's mental health, inspired by the 5 Ways to Wellbeing.



This pocket size book has practical advice on all kinds of emotional distress and mental health challenges.

It also features local helplines and sources of support. We have printed 10,000 copies to distribute around local schools, libraries and leisure centres. It will soon come as an ebook too for online access.

**Adventures in Art Journaling**  
This short online course, encourages participants to take time to focus on a positive activity alongside other young people who have a shared understanding and experience. We focus on the creative activity not on any medical conditions.



## Reading Well Collections

Reading Well is a national scheme from the Reading Agency delivered through local libraries, it is also referred to as 'books on prescription'. The Reading Well collections help us to understand and manage our health and wellbeing using helpful reading. The books are selected and recommended by leading health bodies and people living with the conditions covered.

We are working with Gloucestershire Library Service to distribute a generous amount of the Reading Well collections to local schools. We currently have 13 primary and 4 secondary schools involved. We have a key contact from each school who joins our termly forums to generate conversation around maximising pupil engagement with the book collections, and to develop further work around the idea of helpful reading.

**READING WELL**

"I felt a bit sad when I read this book, as Ruby has a worry that won't go away. In the end though she works out how to make it go away. I understand worries a bit more now."  
*Primary school pupil*

**RUBY'S WORRY**  
TOM FERRIVAL

reading-well.org.uk

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Already, one student leafed through 'Can I tell you about depression' and said that she needed to read it -

I enjoyed attending the Reading Well forum last week and have been planning how we will use the books in our school



## PRIORITY 4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN

*Increase physical activity and sports participation through our Healthy Lifestyles Scheme and in partnership with the Gloucestershire We Can Move programme*

Encouraging  
Physical  
Activity

People who do less than **30 minutes** moderate physical activity per week are defined as being inactive. In Stroud District **17.4%** of adults and **25.2%** of children are inactive (Active Lives data 20/21).



Evidence shows that moving from 'inactive' to 'fairly active or active' has the greatest impact on health which is why Stroud District Council will prioritise this group.

In order to achieve this goal, we need to make physical activity a part of everybody's everyday life by ensuring there are opportunities available to them across the district.

This year in recognition of the importance of physical activity to our wellbeing and as part of the county's 'We Can Move' programme, we have produced our first stand alone Physical Activity Plan, informed by the Leisure & Wellbeing Strategy. The Plan supports an Active Start, being Active Everyday and Staying Active.



### ACTIVE START

To increase levels of participation by children and young people



### ACTIVE EVERYDAY

To provide opportunities for adults to build physical activity into everyday life



### STAY ACTIVE

To encourage older adults to maintain mobility and continue to lead active lives

# PRIORITY 4 IMPROVING OUR PARKS AND PLAY AREAS



*Working with partners, increase the number, accessibility, and quality of playing pitches, play areas and outside spaces within the district.*

## Play Area Action Plan



Stroud District Council manage 32 play areas and 2 Multi Use Games Areas throughout the district, including Stratford Park. We secured external funding to improve priority play areas so a review of the play areas has been undertaken and an action plan written.



The Play Area Action Plan aims to ensure residents have good access to high-quality play areas in priority locations across the district. Children and young people and relevant external partners have been involved in the consultation of where improvements should be made and will be involved in the development of the play areas to ensure that they are fit for purpose and provide exciting opportunities to play.

## Stratford Park Review

In addition to reviews of play areas across the district, Stratford Park is undergoing a separate review and development project as part of the Leisure & wellbeing Strategy. This involves an in depth review of what is needed and would be feasible for the Park. As a result a business plan will be written for the future investment required to bring every part of the park up to the standard needed to keep our growing population well and active.



## Stratford Park Lido

*Support refurbishment of Stratford Park Lido by submitting a bid, in partnership with Stroud Town Council and Friends of the Lido to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.*



Although much loved, the Stratford Park Lido an under utilised facility. A Task and Finish group of officers and Elected Members is now working on its development. The project is complex with special consideration needed for the Grade 2 listed diving platform and the balance between heating the pool to extend the swimming season and creating an economically viable facility.

## PRIORITY 4

The Physical Activity Plan covers our targets and commitment towards encouraging physical activity, including the following three developments. For more details download the Physical Activity Plan

Encouraging  
Physical  
Activity



### Active Start

### Active Tots

The pandemic reduced opportunities for young children to develop the important skills of balance and co-ordination. In response the Stroud District Council, Health & Wellbeing team launched Active Tots Gymnastics at Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

Every week, three to four year olds learn to climb, roll, balance or jump using the gymnastic circuit set up by our experience coaches. Numbers have grown and the team are now trialling Active Kidz Gymnastic 2022 for five to seven year olds.



### Lifestyle Centres

A major focus of the Leisure & Wellbeing Strategy is to improve the Leisure Centre facilities in the district for all residents. Our ambition is to develop Stratford Park Leisure Centre and The Pulse to become 'lifestyle centres', offering high quality physical activities but also social and wellbeing opportunities. Partners in health, social care and community support will be based in our centres to support people with their health and wellbeing.



### Active Everyday

In addition, a new 'Leisure Local' is proposed for the west of the district where new housing development will see an increased need for water and fitness space. See our [Leisure & Wellbeing Strategy](#) for our leisure centre recommendations.



### Stay Active

### Choose2Move

Our Healthy Lifestyles Schemes is well established and supports people with health conditions to be active. Specially qualified instructors are trained in a range of health challenges like falls, cancer, cardiac and respiratory issues.

In January 2022 we added a new stream of light to moderate physical activity sessions called Choose2Move. These classes are not targeted at specific health conditions but are for anyone who wants to improve strength, balance, flexibility and overall wellbeing. Sessions include Maintaining Mobility, Pilates and Tai Chi.



# PRIORITY 4

*Work with partners to support older people to stay in their homes for longer and continue to work to become a dementia friendly district.*



**Continue to invest and deliver the programme to modernise our Independent Living homes for older people**

We have 24 Independent Living Schemes across the district. Four have have been developed into Independent Living Hubs where tenants and community members can use refurbished communal areas for social activities like adult learning and fitness classes.

**Healthy Lifestyles**  
Our Healthy Lifestyles scheme is well respected by health professionals in the county as great example of how to support older adults to manage long term conditions and maintain mobility. We continue to expand our range of activities and encourage social connection as much physical activity as key factor in wellbeing.



**Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance**  
Stroud will contribute to a county role to champion Dementia Action in Gloucestershire. We are members of the Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance which supports the development of local Dementia action in Stroud. A Dementia Action Alliance works with support organisations, local communities and business to increase dementia awareness and develop local activities or schemes that help people affected by dementia stay active and feel part of their communities.



## Careline

Our Careline service plays a key role in helping vulnerable or older people live independently and safely in their own homes. The service can provide vital reassurance to residents and their family and friends when they need it most. Careline is an effective way of getting help through your landline telephone line quickly and efficiently 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. A small pendant is worn around the neck or on a wrist-strap. This is linked to a special unit - the Careline - which plugs into the telephone. The service currently supports 1328 customers across the Stroud District.



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ACTION PLAN

2022- 2025

Stroud District Council



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# Introduction

In September 2021, Stroud District Council adopted a 20-year Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy for the District. This strategy is providing the key framework for delivering and facilitating leisure, health and wellbeing provision across the district in the next 20 years.

The case for being regularly active is well documented with a huge amount of evidence demonstrating that physical activity enables us to lead healthier lives. However, a large number of people in the district do not achieve the level of activity which could enable them to be physically and mentally well which is highlighted in the Active Lives Survey May 20/21: Sport and Physical Activity Levels findings.

Our 3-year Physical Activity Action Plan aims to provide opportunities for everyone in the Stroud District to be more active and, in turn gain the many benefits that being active can bring regardless of your age or ability.

Everyone has a role to play in increasing physical activity levels, it is not just about your physical health. Being physical active brings people together to enjoy shared experiences, reduces isolation and supports the development of strong communities as well as developing a resilient local economy.

## Purpose

The purpose of this action plan is to provide clear information on the interventions and partnership working Stroud District Council will undertake over the next 3 years to increase physical activity levels in the district.

The action plan sets out 3 key principles that provide the framework for the delivery of the plan. It isn't possible for us to achieve our ambitions by ourselves it relies on a joined up approach with our local partners and VCS organisations.



Increasing physical activity has the potential to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of individuals, families & communities. Physical inactivity is the fourth leading risk factor for global mortality (death) accounting for 6% of deaths globally. In the general population of England, physical inactivity is higher in more deprived local areas. People who have a physically active lifestyle have a 20-35% lower risk of cardiovascular disease, coronary heart disease and stroke compared to those who have a sedentary lifestyle. Regular physical activity is also associated with a reduced risk of diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis and colon/breast cancer, and with improved mental health. (Gloucestershire Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2020-2030)

## Where are we now?

People in the UK are 20% less active today than in the 1960's and if this trend continues, we will be 35% less active by 2030. (Gloucestershire Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2020-2030).

Being active can:

- Improve an individual's fitness, strength and balance
- Prevent/manage medical conditions
- Increase an individual's energy levels
- Improve your quality of sleep
- Improve mental wellbeing





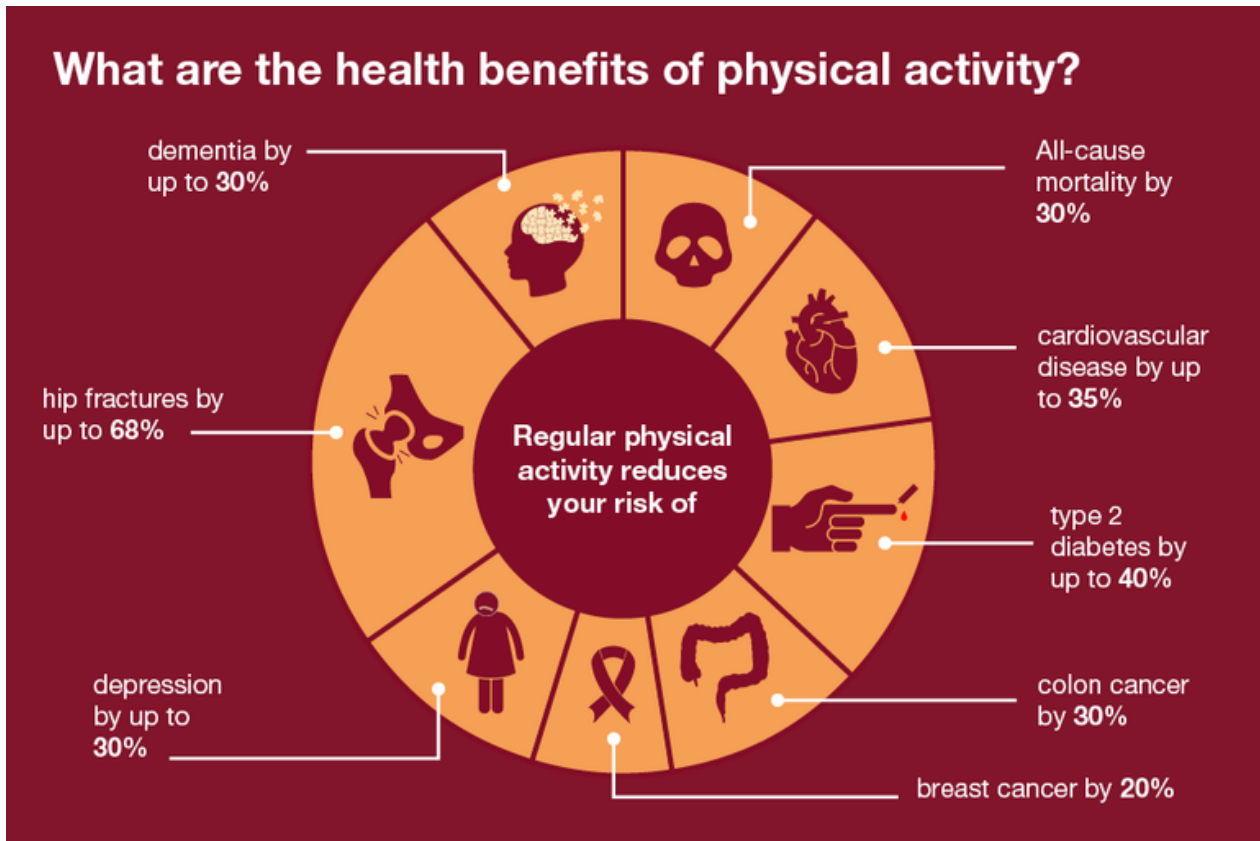
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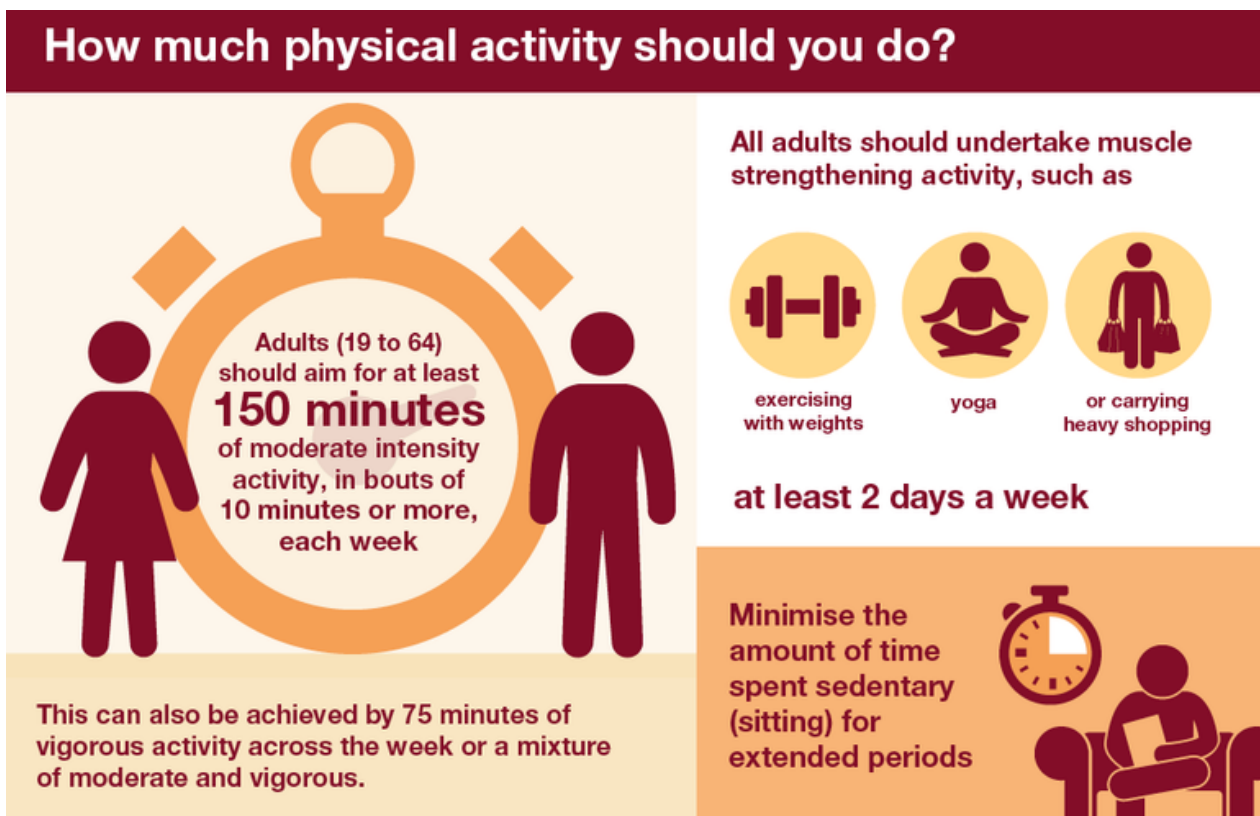
In September 2019, the UK's Chief Medical Officer produced guidelines which provided recommendations around the amount of physical activity children, young people and adults in the UK should do. The table below shows the recommended amount of physical activity different age groups should do.

	What?	How Much?
Early Years (0-5 years)	Floor based play and water activities in a safe environments	At least 180 minutes spread throughout the day.
	Time spend being sedentary	Minimise time (expect time sleeping)
Children and young people (5-18 years)	Moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity	At least 60 mins per day
	Activities to strengthen muscle and bone	At least 3 days each week
	Time spend being sedentary	Minimise time
Adults (19-64 years)	Moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity	At least 150 mins per week in bouts of 10 mins or more
	Activities to strengthen muscle and bone	At least 2 days each week
	Time spend being sedentary	Minimise time
Older Adults (65+)	Moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity	At least 150 mins per week in bouts of 10 mins or more
	Activities to strengthen muscle and bone	At least 2 days each week
	Activities to improve balance and co-ordination	At least 2 days each week
	Time spend being sedentary	Minimise time

There is overwhelming evidence to demonstrate that being physically active is essential if you want to live a healthy and fulfilling life into old age.



Moderate intensity physical activities, such as brisk walking or cycling, cause adults to get warmer and breathe harder and their hearts to beat faster, but they can still carry on a conversation.



# 5 Ways to Wellbeing

Underpinning all of our work are the principles of the 5 ways to wellbeing. International evidence has shown that adopting the 5 Ways benefits wellbeing. They don't have to cost money and can be adapted to suit any individuals.



## Data & Insight

Evidence shows that people who do less than 30 minutes moderate physical activity per week are defined as being inactive. In the Stroud District 17.4% of adults 16+ and 25.2% children (active lives data 20/21) are inactive.

It has been shown that where we have the greatest impact on someone's health is when you move someone from "Inactive" to "fairly active or active" categories.

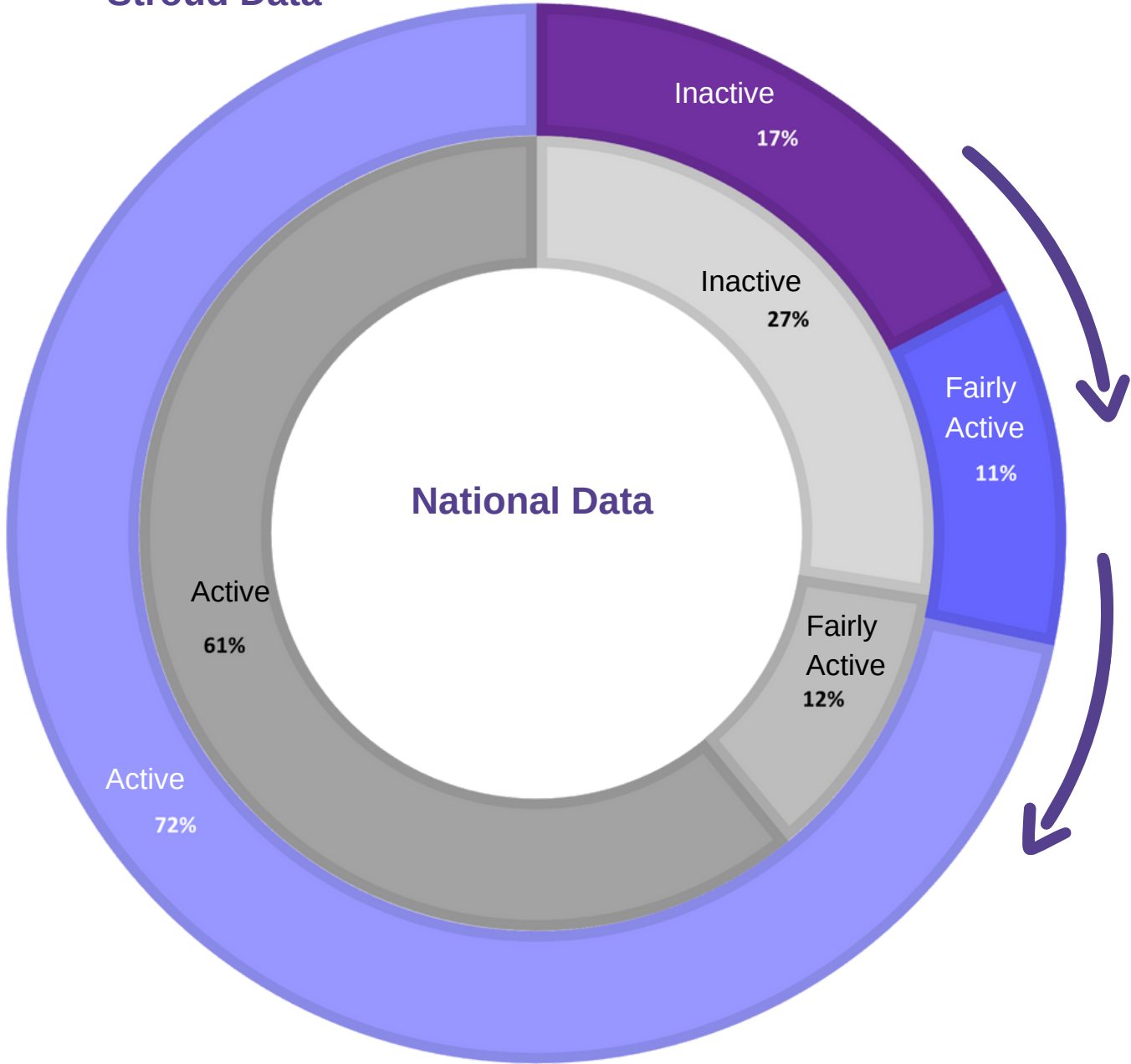
In order to achieve this goal, we need to make physical activity as part of everybody's everyday life, by ensuring there are opportunities available to them across the district.

Each year Sport England produces a report called Active Lives which focuses on the Sport and physical activity behaviours of adults (16+). They also produce a similar report for Children and Young People (5- 16yrs) which is based around the academic year.

The data on page 6 provides us with guidance around the current level of physical activity in the district.

# Active Lives Survey May 20/21: Sport and Physical Activity Levels

## Stroud Data



As a district we are aiming to increase the percentage of residents who are "fairly active" and "active". We would achieve this by seeing a decrease in the percentage of residents who are inactive, so effectively moving them around the diagram.

# Key Principles



## Active Start

To increase levels of participation by children and young people



## Active Everyday

To provide opportunities for adults to build physical activity into everyday life



## Stay Active

To encourage older adults to maintain and continue to lead active lives



# Overall Actions



# Overall Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To develop a marketing and social media plan for Community Health & Wellbeing that encourage those residents who are inactive to become more active	March 2023		Stroud District Council	Active Gloucestershire	CW3.1
To support the set of the Local Authority Trading Company	April 2023	October 2024	Stroud District Council	NHS, Voluntary and Charity Organisations	CW4.1
To support the development of SDC's Play Area Consultation and Development Action Plan	April 2022	March '25	Stroud District Council,	Town and Parish Council, Residents	CW4.2
To create and maintain strong partnership links with the network of Community Hubs to promote opportunities for people to be physically active	April 2021	March ' 25	Stroud District Council	Community Hubs	CW1.1
Increasing the number of Playing Pitches across the district.	September 2022	March 2025	Stroud District Council	National Governing Bodies, Sport England	CW4.1 Appendix B
To work closely with SLM to ensure they increase and improve their physical activity programme with the view to have a full operational programme by October 2024.	April 2022	October 2024	SLM	Stroud District Council	CW4.1
Reducing Health inequalities across the district via targeted interventions	April 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council	Health Partners, VCS	CW5.3

# Overall Actions

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Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
Develop the Lido at Stratford Park Leisure Centre	April 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council, SLM		Appendix B CW4
To develop the GROW (Green Recreational Outdoor Wellbeing) brand across the district	September 2022	October 2025	Stroud District Council	VCS, Cotswold Canal Trust, Active Gloucestershire	CW4
To be the district lead for HAF (Holiday Activity and Food Programme)	July 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council	Gloucestershire County Council	CW1





# Active Start Actions

To increase levels of participation by children  
and young people



# Active Start Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To work in partnership with Go Outside to develop walking challenges across the district	April 2022	March 2025	Stroud District Council,	Go Outside	Appendix B CW4
To work in partnership with local providers to delivery the Holiday Activity and Food programme for the Stroud District	Easter, Summer & Christmas 2022	Easter, Summer & Christmas 2025	Stroud District Council	Gloucestershire County Council, VCS	CW4
To support Active Gloucestershire with their Schools Yoga project across the district.	September 2022	April 2024	Active Gloucestershire	Stroud District Council/ Bliss by Robyn/ Schools	CW4
To encourage the development of holiday schemes at The Pulse and Stratford Park Leisure Centre	September 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	The Pulse, Stratford Park Leisure Centre	CW4
To support the development of the learn to swim programmes across the district	August 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	Swim England, The Pulse, Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Archway, Leonard Stanley, Wotton Pool & Sharpness Pool	CW4
To encourage participation by children and young people in the Allstars & Dynmoes Cricket initiative organised by the ECB and local cricket clubs.	January 2023	September 2023	EBC	Stroud District Council, Local Clubs, Schools	CW4

# Active Start Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To support the development of the Barclays Girls Football Programme being lead by Katharine Lady Berkeleys School	April 2022	April 2024	Katherine Lady Berkely's School	Gloucestershire FA/Forest Green Rovers Community Trust/Stroud District Council/Schools/ Football Club	CW4
To link with the Premier League Primary Stars programme delivered by Forest Green Rovers Community Trust to support the roll out of reading well books across the district.	April 2022	September 2023	Forest Green Rovers Community Trust	Stroud District Council, Primary Schools	CW4
To develop Active Tots Gymnastic sessions at Stratford Park Leisure Centre	April 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	Stratford Park Leisure Centre	CW4
To develop Active Kids sessions at Stratford Park Leisure Centre	August 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	Stratford Park Leisure Centre	CW4
To develop classes and workshops to offer a broad range of physical activity opportunities in non traditional sports.		March 2024	Stroud District Council	Local Instructors	CW4 Appendix B
To work with young people in the district to understand the barriers around Physical Activity in partnership with key youth organisations	September 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council	Youth Providers , HAF	CW3 CW4
To encourage play opportunities for children & young people in the district	April 2022	March 2025	Stroud District Council	Housing Developers, Town & Parish Councils	CW4

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# Active Start Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To develop an Activity on Referral Programme for young people in partnership with Active Gloucestershire	Septemeber 2022	September 2023	Active Gloucestershire	Stroud District Council, VCS, Leisure Centres	Appendix B
To offer meaningful work experience opportunities for young people in the district	September 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	SGS College, Local Organisations and Buisnesses	CW4
To support the development of School Games across the district					



# Active Everyday Actions

To provide opportunities for adults to  
build physical activity into everyday life



# Active Everyday Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To implement Self Referrals into the Healthy Lifestyles Scheme	October 2022	March 2023	Stroud District Council	Gloucestershire Integrated Care System	Appendix B CW4.3
To implement Mobile Payment devices for Healthy Lifestyles Classes	April 2022	December 2022	Stroud District Council	Sum Up	CW4.3
To increase delivery of Choose2move classes across the district	September 2022	December 2023	Stroud District Council		CW4.3
To continue to develop Long Covid Active Recovery programme	April 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	Gloucestershire Integrated Care System	CW4.3
To develop pre natal Mummy & Me exercise classes across the district	September 2022	October 2023	Stroud District Council	Gloucestershire Integrated Care System	CW4.3
To develop GROW strand of the healthy lifestyles scheme	September 2022	March 2023	Stroud District Council	Cotswold Connected Canals	CW4.3
To established Escape Pain sessions as part of the healthy lifestyles scheme	September 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council & Active Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire Integrated Care System	CW4.3

# Active Everyday Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To provide gym group GP Referral Sessions at The Pulse for participants who are a moderate risk.	October 2022	March 2023	The Pulse	Stroud District Council	CW4.3
Develop GP Referral Scheme across the district	September 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council	The Pulse, Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Health Partners, Community Hubs	CW4.3
To raise awareness and develop opportunities linked to the Menopause	September 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council		CW4.3
To develop an outreach community programme for targeted exercise class delivered by Instructors from the The Pulse at venue in the south of the district.	September 2022	March 2025	The Pulse	Stroud District Council	CW4
Implement new management system "Refer-All" for processing all referrals relating to the healthy lifestyles scheme and link health data to Moving Communities platform	April 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	Refer-All, Moving Communities	Appendix B CW4.3
To increase the numbers of adults participating in Adult swimming lessons at The Pulse & Stratford Park Leisure Centre	September 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	The Pulse, Stratford Park Leisure Centre	CW4
To offer opportunities for employee wellbeing via Corporate Membership Schemes at The Pulse & Stratford Park Leisure Centre	September 2022	March 2025	Stroud District Council	The Pulse, Stratford Park Leisure Centre	CW4

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# Active Everyday Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To increase the number of Walking Sports sessions being run across the district	August 2022	March 2023	Stroud District Council	National Governing Bodies, Forest Green Rovers Community Trust, Gloucester Rugby	Appendix B
To encourage the development of Talk Club sessions taking place across the district using Forest Green Rovers Community Trust as an exemplar model	October 2022	April 2024	Stroud District Council	Forest Green Rovers Community Trust	CW4
To increase the number of Strolling in Stroud District walks across the district	August 2022	March 2025	Stroud District Council	Volunteer Walk Leaders	CW4





# Stay Active Actions

To encourage older adults to maintain and  
continue to lead active lives



# Stay Active Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To increase the number of Move it or Lose it classes delivered across the district	November 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council	The Pulse, Local Instructors	Appendix B CW4.3
To increase delivery and variety of classes offered under the Choose2move brand	September 2022	March 2025	Stroud District Council	Local Instructors	CW4.3
To establish Joint Pain Advice sessions as part of the healthy lifestyles Scheme	January 2023	September 2023	Stroud District Council		CW4.3
To create partnerships with care homes in the district to expand delivery of Choose2move classes	January 2023	April 2024	Stroud District Council	Care Homes	CW4.3
To provide a range of classes within the Healthy Lifestyles Scheme that support people with Long Term Conditions	September 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	Gloucestershire Integrated Care System	CW4.3
To develop an outreach community programme to Care homes & Independent living sites using Instructors from The Pulse	November 2022	March 2024	Stroud District Council	Care Homes, Independent Living Sites	CW4

# Stay Active Actions

Objective	Project Start Date	Project Finish/Review Date	Lead Organisation	Key Partner(s)	Link to Council Plan
To link with Stroud & South Gloucestershire College Adult Education to promote their range of part-time courses suitable for older adults	July 2022	March 2023	Stroud District Council	Stroud & South Gloucestershire College, Gloucestershire Integrated Care System	CW4
To relaunch the Concessions Scheme at The Pulse & Stratford Park Leisure Centre	October 2022	October 2024	Stroud District Council	The Pulse, Stratford Park Leisure Centre	CW4
To imbed a Health & Wellbeing Plan into the Local Authority Trading Company		October 2024	Stroud District Council LATC	Gloucestershire Integrated Care System	CW4.1

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## Equality Analysis Form

By completing this form you will provide evidence of how your service is helping to meet Stroud District Council's General Equality duty:

The Equality Act 2010 states that:

*A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have **due regard** to the need to –*

*(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;*

*(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*

*(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

The protected characteristics are listed in Question 9

Stroud District Equality data can be found at: <https://inform.gloucestershire.gov.uk/equality-and-diversity/>

Please see Appendix 1 for a good example of a completed EIA.

[Guidance available on the HUB](#)

**1. Persons responsible for this assessment:**

<b>Name(s):</b> Emma Keating Clark	<b>Telephone:</b> 01453 766321
	<b>E-Mail:</b> <a href="mailto:emma.keatingclark@stroud.gov.uk">emma.keatingclark@stroud.gov.uk</a>
<b>Service:</b> Community Health & Wellbeing	<b>Date of Assessment:</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2022

**2. Name of the policy, service, strategy, procedure or function:**

Stroud District Council Health & Wellbeing Plan 2022-2025
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Is this new or an existing one?      **Existing** (please delete as appropriate)

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## Appendix C

### 3. Briefly describe its aims and objectives

Supporting the health and wellbeing of residents is a fundamental reason for the existence of district councils. Stroud District Council creates a Health and Wellbeing Plan to pull together the golden thread of health and wellbeing that runs throughout the work of the council.

While this document cannot mention every piece of work that impacts wellbeing, it does include key priorities from the current Council Plan and other relevant strategies that support the health and wellbeing of Stroud residents.

The Health and Wellbeing and Physical Activity action plans illustrate our focus over the next three years and relates directly to the following five health and wellbeing themes.

- Community Resilience and Wellbeing
- Healthy, Affordable Homes
- Supporting Better Mental Health
- Encouraging Physical Activity
- Healthy Ageing

### 4. Are there external considerations? (Legislation / government directive, etc)

Yes – The Council has a remit to support tackle homelessness, support the cost of living crisis through the Household Support Fund, and support refugees who may be housed in Stroud District.

### 5. Who is intended to benefit from it and in what way?

Residents all across the Stroud District, especially those in more vulnerable groups who could be supported by SDC, health and care providers and by their local voluntary and community organisations.

### 6. What outcomes are expected?

The Health & Wellbeing Plan 2022-2025 aims to improve to improve:

- Community Resilience and Wellbeing
- Healthy, Affordable Homes
- Supporting Better Mental Health
- Encouraging Physical Activity
- Healthy Ageing

### 7. What evidence has been used for this assessment?: (eg Research, previous consultations, Inform (MAIDEN); Google assessments carried out by other Authorities)

This is a wide ranging Plan that covers multiple service areas, target demographics and interventions. Evidence from the relevant service areas on the impact of their work on wellbeing is considered.

**8. Has any consultation been carried out?**

This plan is based on existing Council Plans and Strategies that have already been consulted upon and agreed.

**If NO please outline any planned activities**

**9. Could a particular group be affected differently in either a negative or positive way?**

*(Negative – it could disadvantage and therefore potentially not meet the General Equality duty;*

*Positive – it could benefit and help meet the General Equality duty;*

*Neutral – neither positive nor negative impact / Not sure)*

Protected Group	Type of impact, reason and any evidence (from Q7 & 8)
<b>Age</b>	Positive – Support for mental health and encouraging physical activity are two major themes in this plan for young people and older people.
<b>Disability</b>	Positive – Social connections and peer groups are more likely to blossom in local, equality-minded Community Hubs. Better coordination with Disability charities across the County and more awareness of gaps in the current provision for Stroud District.
<b>Gender Re-assignment</b>	Positive – Social connections and peer groups are more likely to blossom in local, equality-minded Community Hubs. Better coordination with Gender Re-assignment charities across the County and more awareness of gaps in the current provision for Stroud District.
<b>Pregnancy &amp; Maternity</b>	Positive – Community Hubs will support new families and more mental and physical health opportunities will be made available. The Healthy Lifestyles scheme includes physical activity support for new mums.
<b>Race</b>	Positive – Social connections and peer groups are more likely to blossom in local, equality-minded Community Hubs. The district council is on the forefront of work to support refugees.
<b>Religion – Belief</b>	Neutral –
<b>Sex</b>	Positive - Some aspects of the plan tackle issues that are predominantly felt by women and girls, including work to tackle Eating Disorders.
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	Positive – The Community Hubs encourage open and non-judgemental social spaces. Our work to support young people's mental health can be of help to young people dealing with coming out.
<b>Marriage &amp; Civil Partnerships (part (a) of duty only)</b>	Neutral

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<b>Rural considerations:</b> le Access to services; transport; education; employment; broadband;	Positive – Better coordination with rural voluntary and community sector organisations across the County and more awareness of gaps in the current provision for rural communities in the Stroud District. Affordable food for rural areas is planned through the Feeding Stroud work.
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**10. If you have identified a negative impact in question 9, what actions have you undertaken or do you plan to undertake to lessen or negate this impact?**


**Please transfer any actions to your Service Action plan on Excelsis.**

Action(s):	Lead officer	Resource	Timescale

### Declaration

**I/We are satisfied that an Impact Assessment has been carried out on this policy, service, strategy, procedure or function \* (delete those which do not apply) and where a negative impact has been identified, actions have been developed to lessen or negate this impact.**

**We understand that the Equality Impact Assessment is required by the District Council and that we take responsibility for the completion and quality of this assessment**

Completed by: Emma Keating Clark	Date: 18-08-2022
Role: Community Health & Wellbeing Manager	
Countersigned by Head of Service/Director: 	Date: 30-8-22

**Date for Review: Please forward an electronic copy to [eka.nowakowska@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:eka.nowakowska@stroud.gov.uk)**





## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

### MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust)
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 (apologies sent, report based on reports/minutes)

#### BRIEF REPORT

Please see the [museum's annual report for 21-22](#) which was approved at the last meeting.

The museum has welcomed just over 12,600 visitors during April-June and 24,500 engagements (visits, enquiries, outreach, website visits but excluding social media), visits are down by about a third compared with pre-Covid-19. This appears to be what other museums are experiencing. Gross income is however comparable with pre-Covid 19 figures. The signs of recovery remain.

Despite providing a scaled down programme visitor feedback in regards to exhibitions and events continues to be positive. The 'quality over quantity' approach taken by the museum team to ensure flexibility and resilience is important to manage their limited resources effectively and that a quality visitor experience can be maintained.

**Top three risks** to museum operations include:

- Staffing (vacancies and availability) – affecting staff well-being and workloads for all
- Volunteer recruitment and engagement (pending staffing being resolved)
- Distributed collection stores and care of collections (environmental controls – see below).

The **Community Case** continues the theme of missing histories and to celebrate 50 years of Pride in the UK, Stroud District Council's LGBTQIA+ group - known as Stride - put on a display of personal objects and photographs alongside their reflections on finding and celebrating their identities and accomplishments. If you belong to a community group or know of anyone who may be interested in staging a display in the Space do get in touch with the museum [here](#).

Following a **missing histories** display on women's health, 19 women came to the museum to share their stories of motherhood and menopause, and to create a piece of bunting to represent their story. These artworks are now on display and their stories available to read.

The summer exhibition is an exhibition by local wildlife artist and founder of Stroud Nature Festival, Steve Roberts. Over the summer the museum was also host to Twenty Years - an interactive installation touring UK arts venues. The project is shaped by the participants who interact with it. In each location, visitors are invited to help the project mission – to build a permanent archive of ideas and thoughts about how the future is envisaged, dreamed of and hoped for. What has led us to where we are and what do our communities and society hope will happen next? *Note: both would have finished by the time of this report.*

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## Treasure Finds

There have been a number of declared Treasure Finds due to national backlogs caused by Covid-19. Fundraising is currently underway for two items of treasure:

- William Webb mourning ring found at Painswick. You can read more about the ring here: <https://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/1037014>. Fundraising for this object is via public donations online and at the museum as it has been able to borrow the object for fundraising.
- Hoard of 61 Charles II & William III coins found at Alkington. You can read more about the coins here: <https://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/1038864>. The museum has secured a grant of from the V&A Purchase Fund and The Headley Trust supported by match funding from the collections development fund held by the Cowle Trust.

## Collections Care

The museum is continuing to undertake actions to manage a mould outbreak in two rooms at the School of Science and Art and are implementing recommendations from external conservators. Once stabilisation of the environment is confirmed, the conservators will be contracted to clean the worst mould from the objects and brief some of the museum team on cleaning others.

The annual location audit was completed and 99.995% of objects sampled were found to be exactly where they were supposed to be.

## Fossil Fishing at the Farm

You may have seen the jaw-dropping photos of the hundreds of fossils found in Kings Stanley on the news and social media. They include 3D fish, fish with soft parts (including eyeballs!), ichthyosaur bones, rare insects and more. What you may not know is that the museum's Collections Officer, Alexia Clark, played a pivotal part in the operation. In the museum's September Member Mailing there will be exclusive early access to Alexia's excavation diary.

## Museum Membership

People are continuing to sign-up to the free-to-join membership to get news and insights, anyone can join at:

[www.museuminthepark.org.uk/membership](http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk/membership)

The museum team are continuing to work with the supplier on user functionality and customisation requirements relating to the new electronic point of sale (EPOS).



The current **Cowle Trust** Chair intends to step down in 2023. There is one other vacancy which is soon to be advertised. Camilla Hale (nominative trustee) was re-nominated for a further term at the end of April 2022. The Trust are now in a position to gift aid donations.

<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Nigel Prenter
<b>DATE</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022



## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Police and Crime Panel
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	1st July 2022

### BRIEF REPORT

Cllr Steve Robinson was elected the new Panel Chair and Sajid Patel the new Vice-Chair unanimously.

The Police Commissioner gave a verbal report on progress on key parts of the strategy and election commitments given before a presentation on actions taken in response to the HMICFRS report. The main points being:-

- The commissioner noted the recent media interest of the force being put into 'engaged status', or special measures as it incorrectly terms it, the report included areas where the force was considered good as well as a number of areas which were rated as poor. The next meeting with the inspectorate was later in July for a progress update.
- One area of improvement from the report was crime recording of lesser crimes which has increased over recent crime reporting up about 5,000.
- The force control room continues to under perform and the answering of 999 or 101 calls remains below standard despite the increase in resources, post covid has increased the number of calls being received. So, the commissioner proposes to introduce more resources to improve the situation together with a review of its management.
- The force continues to work with other forces in the South-West on joint operations with a further one next week.
- The commissioner's office is applying for a number of bids to gain more resources totalling c£7m at present and is confident that many of these will be successful.
- The business case to implement a new records system to create efficiencies and modernise the forces operations has been approved, together with a new HR system to support the recruitment drive for special constables
- The commissioner further reported on the Restorative justice initiative in assisting victims and helping offenders take responsibility for their actions with the victim remaining in control throughout.
- The force is working with Gloucestershire County council on their road safety initiative supporting advice and sending out warning letters.

In response to questions on the report the following additional issue was discussed:

- The Commissioner agreed Fraud and scamming risk is a problem and referring to putting additional resources and engagement with GCHQ as ways this was being responded to,
- The Commissioner reported that missing persons take a great deal of effort to investigation with 4 or 5 forms needed which agencies responsibility it is to lead on this

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particularly if the individual has mental health needs and cited that social care in Gloucestershire is lacking.


- On in response to questions on the annual independent custody report, the commissioner acknowledged that there were few visitors from ethnic backgrounds, and he hoped this would improve over the next recruitment phase, while he encouraged members to attend the next open day of the custody suite.
- In response to a question on the annual report on environment again cited those Electric vehicles (EV) have their place but not in the front line, but police buildings are being fitted with solar panels and they all have EV charging points.

<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Martin Percy
<b>DATE</b>	5th August 2022



## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

### MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Mental Health Champions
<b>BRIEF REPORT</b>	
<p>A recent meeting was held in Cainscross by 'The Life Coach' on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 5-7pm at the Pavilion, Victory Park. The evening included a short presentation and a Q&amp;A session and was free for parents and young people. The session was aimed to raise awareness and provide an opportunity for young people to discuss mental health and life challenging issues.</p>	
 <p>The Life Coach is a mental health safe space created by Tom for young people The aim is to help young people who are finding some areas of life challenging</p>	
<p>Cainscross Town Council and District Councillor Katrina Davis have teamed up with Tom Hoskins from The Life Coach.</p> <p>Tom will be doing a talk for young people and parents on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm -7pm at The Pavillion, Victory Park A short presentation and a Q and A session will be open to all</p> <p>Please contact Councillor Katrina Davis or The Cainscross Town Council Team to confirm your attendance. There will be food provided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">cllr.Katrina.davis@stroud.gov.uk or clerk@cainscross-pc.gov.uk</p>	
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllrs Natalie Bennett, Victoria Gray and Tricia Watson
<b>DATE</b>	19 August 2022

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

### MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Homestart
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	14/06/2022
<b>BRIEF REPORT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteer expenses and donations were discussed, many more volunteers are now claiming back their expenses due to the increase in cost of living where previously they donated their expenses to Homestart.</li><li>• Homestart are struggling for volunteers and the team are making every effort to promote the new training course starting in September to attract as many new volunteers as possible.</li><li>• The volunteer prep training course has been revised and will now take place over 8 weeks, instead of 10.</li><li>• Two new “Dad Matters” coordinators have recently been recruited and they are coming up with good ideas for the project. which helps dads have positive relationships with their families, supporting them with their own wellbeing and mental health.</li><li>• The three schemes across the consortium are working together well and a joint referral from has been devised with a view to all using an online process in the near future.</li><li>• Due to the increase in referrals currently being received and the number of staff now in the team it was felt that the future plan to expand into Gloucester City needed to be reviewed. It was agreed that the priority should be the quality of support on offer to families. Trustees will meet with the Scheme Manager to discuss further and provide a support working group.</li><li>• Appendix A is the Annual Report for 2021-2022 for Homestart.</li></ul> <p>Date of next committee meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022</p>	
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Natalie Bennett
<b>DATE</b>	2 September 2022

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# Annual Report 2021-2022



Stroud and  
Gloucester

This has been a year of getting back to normal gradually after the pandemic. **Alex Corgier**, our Scheme Manager for many years left us to work at Home-Start UK head office as their new National Infant Perinatal Mental Health Lead. Fortunately, we found **Ri Ferrier**, who is also blessed with the commitment and drive that Alex led us with.

We said goodbye to **Malcolm Swait** and **Judith Munro-Faure** as trustees. Malcolm had been a trustee for many years and our thanks to both for their contributions.

We have welcomed two new trustees to the board, **Becki Clarke** and **Lemara Hibbert**.

There is an ever increasing demand for our services and moving into the Gloucester area is certainly challenging. Thanks to **Colin Pascoe** who acts as our Gloucester trustee.

The groups continue to be very popular and we are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers. The consortium is working well and hopefully cutting down on the duplication of administration between the three schemes which now cover the county whilst we retain our independence.

It's with great shame we have had to make the decision to cancel this year's Westonbirt Fair due to the increase in costs generally. We are reviewing plans to run this again in 2023. We did have a successful fundraising golf day which we are pleased to say raised more than £4,000 for the scheme. Special thanks to **Sheila Marsh** and **Shelley James** for their help and to **Minchinhampton Golf Club**. My thanks as ever to the wonderful staff team, fellow trustees and our amazing volunteers.

**Elizabeth Ewart-James (Chair)**

For parents  
when they  
need us most



It has been a privilege to take over as Scheme Director from Alex Corgier in October 2021. The legacy she left behind has made the job of stepping into her shoes so much easier than it could have been! This financial year has seen us beginning to come out of the pandemic – though the reverberations of Covid-19 will continue to impact our families for years to come. Social distancing and isolation have placed enormous strains on families; the practical and emotional demands of parenthood are challenging enough in normal times but the pandemic has added so many additional layers of anxiety, uncertainty and isolation.

We have seen a **45% increase in referrals** (from 2020 to 2021). In the last financial year we received **836 referrals** – with some referral reasons more than doubling over the previous year (coping with child's mental health, stress caused by conflict in the family). **65%** of the families that we are currently supporting have **mental health** issues with **19%** registered with mental health services. The level of complex needs has been challenging for us as a team but the level of heart and commitment of each and every team member, volunteer and trustee is outstanding, with everyone working together to meet this challenge.

Our group work has gone from strength to strength, with **parental wellbeing** improving by an average of **50%** as a result of attending one of our groups. Home-visiting support is a vital part of our offering, and our outcome measures show that we have the biggest impact on **confidence and self-esteem (38%), feeling less isolated (32%) and improved mental health (25%)**.

*"You have seen me and my family in the best and worst of states and never judged."*

*"You do such an amazing job. I could not have done the first few years of my son's life without you."*

We said goodbye to Lee Houghton but welcomed two new Dad Matter's Coordinators – **Nick Darrock-Fuller** and **Ryan Jones** who have many exciting ideas of how to develop the project to support dads across Gloucestershire. Watch this space! Within the last year we also welcomed **Emily Price** who is running Best-Start groups and **Amy Wright** who is a home-visiting family and volunteer coordinator to the team.

I want to thank all of our funders, both large and small, who help to support the vital work that we do.

**I'd like to finish with a HUGE thank you to all the staff and volunteer team for their hard work, care and commitment to our charity.**



## ABOUT HOME-START

Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester is an established charity founded in 1999 to support families living under stress in the Stroud District of Gloucestershire. In 2020 we expanded our services into Gloucester City which has the highest levels of deprivation in the county. Our scheme covers a large area of rural communities, several market towns and a city.

We support over 600 families every year through a plethora of different services including home visiting by trained volunteers, ante and post-natal groups, a perinatal mental health peer support program and a Dad Matters project to specifically support dads to have the best relationships possible with their children.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to see every parent living in Gloucestershire getting the support that they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

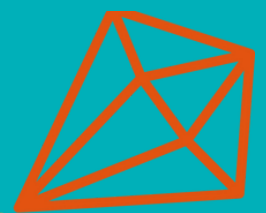
We believe passionately in early intervention and a strengths-based approach to supporting families to overcome any challenges they face and for parents to be supported to be the best parents they can be.

## OUR VALUES

- We strive to be a non-judgmental service that is professional and non-threatening in its approach.
- We aim to empower families with strategies that enable them to raise their children in a safe, positive and enjoyable way.
- We do this through being empathetic, supportive and honest in all of our interactions.
- We are committed to reducing inequality and promoting well-being in the communities that we serve.



- **Home-Visiting** (weekly) to families in their own homes by highly trained volunteers who are supervised by our family coordinators.
- **Bump-Start** programme: These ante-natal groups are informal sessions for vulnerable families referred by midwives to provide extra support on new parents' pregnancy journeys. Sessions are activity based and cover a range of topics such as bonding with your bump, emotions during pregnancy and the baby's development in the womb.
- **Best-Start** programme: These post-natal groups for vulnerable parents with 0- to 6-month-old babies are structured programs led by our highly trained group staff. Sessions focus on up-to-date advice on topics such as teething, first aid, supporting early relationships, play, baby massage, routines, self-care and sleep.
- **Mothers in Mind**: This is a perinatal mental health program to support women affected by mental health issues in the first two years of their parenting journey. They are based on peer support, offering reassurance and support to women who are struggling to attend any other group.
- **Arkell Family Fun**: This is a term time only stay and play group for families based in a rurally isolated and deprived community in the Stroud District.
- **Dad Matters Gloucestershire**: A project to help dads have positive relationships with their families, supporting them with their own wellbeing and mental health. This is achieved by providing ante and post-natal groups for dads, offering 1-2-1 peer support, signposting and supporting dads to access services and information to help make sense of being a dad as well as by recruiting and training volunteers to provide peer support.



## Senior Family and Volunteer Coordinator

We have seen a significant increase in referrals into our home -visiting team and I need to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of volunteers who have provided their support during a particularly difficult time. Navigating restrictions and keeping themselves and the families they support safe, has been challenging. Our staff and volunteers adapted ways of working to keep our support ongoing, showing their heart-warming resilience.

With four coordinators now covering Stroud and Gloucester with a Senior Coordinator in place, we are in a stronger position to be able to move forward with our support to Gloucester based families as planned.

Our recruitment and training of volunteers is ongoing, we hold two training events a year in the Spring and Autumn covering both localities. Our volunteers make the difference, here's what some of our families had to say:

***Lauren says her volunteer is "the most wonderful woman she has ever met. She has been an absolute rock keeping in contact during Covid, being there for her, a listening ear, giving her encouragement and advice when needed and putting her in touch with other support networks."***

***Chantelle says that her volunteer "has been a huge support over the last few years. Supporting her eldest child to start school and being an emotional support for her. Chantelle says she did not have anyone else and that a phone call once a week meant the world to her, especially during Covid."***



## Rhiannon Byron

### Groups Lead Coordinator

The Covid 19 pandemic continued to affect the support we were able to provide at the start of this year, although groups have gradually returned to face-to-face sessions, with less groups delivered online as the year went on. Delivering sessions for parents whilst wearing face masks was a new challenge we faced as facilitators but parents were crying out for more social contact for themselves and their babies. We did as much as we could, with the government guidelines in place at the time, and varied our support between telephone calls, online group sessions, in-person group sessions and wellbeing walks in the community to help people to feel supported and connected. Thanks to the continued dedication and flexibility of staff, we have been able to support more families than ever via our group sessions, whether they were delivered online or in-person.

Throughout the year, we saw an inevitable increase in families being referred to us, enabling them to access and benefit from the range of groups we provide, many more families were shared between our various services, accessing more than one form of support from Home-Start at once. This meant that demands on staff time increased and the year saw changes and additions to group facilitators due to increased provision:

- 1. Our MIM co-ordinator went on to a career in psychotherapy and was succeeded by the MIM peer support volunteer, Tracey Edwards.**
- 2. One of our home-visiting coordinators, Isla Rawson, now delivers our third MIM group (Matson/Tredworth).**
- 3. Emily Price joined the team as a Best-Start coordinator to work alongside myself and Amy Wright, has helped to deliver some of the extra Best-Start and Bump-Start groups needed.**
- 4. Our groups administrator has also taken on extra hours.**

As restrictions have eased, we have been able to reconnect in-person with more of our referrers and formed new partnerships. The Gloucester Continuity of Care midwifery team invited us to co-deliver some of their antenatal sessions this year and this has helped us to keep a consistent numbers of referrals to our services from that team. Gloucester City has been our main area of growth this year and we now regularly run Mothers in Mind and Best-Start groups in city locations and hope to expand into more new locations in the future.



## Number of groups delivered in 2021/2022: 16 Best-Start, 10 Bump-Start, 14 Mothers in Mind

### Areas in which groups were delivered:

Cashes Green, Quedgeley, Kingsway, Stonehouse, Sharpness, Tredworth, Podsmead, Linden, Dursley, Online Bump-Start sessions, plus walking groups

"After my labour I felt like I couldn't seek help with my baby but the group made me realise its ok to feel how I do and it has also made me be able to spend more time and to bond with my baby & I do see a change in his behaviour."

"The group has been so positive and upbeat about being pregnant and has been completely non judgemental. The women in the group were lovely and I made friends with one person in particular who is on a similar journey to me - I've found talking to Stef and the other lady has helped me so much to relax a bit so I can bond with my bump a bit more"



"Wednesdays are always calmer because of MiMs group. I know if I'm having a bad time I feel much better talking to mums who feel the same"

### REFERRER QUOTE

When we asked referrers how their families have benefited from attending our groups, one said: *"I have found that women have enjoyed the groups, women who have had 1:1 support have needed less time/interventions from us as are being helped in practical ways that mean the most to them to help them which we often we don't have the capacity to do."*



**Family, Volunteer and Arkell Group Coordinator**

A huge thank you to **Elena** for all her passion and enthusiasm and a thank you to the volunteers, **Brian, Anne, Juliet and Becky**, for supporting her to provide families with such an amazing group every Wednesday and Friday at The Arkell Centre, Forest Green.

We would like to give thanks to **Forest Green Rovers**, who helped support our Christmas 2021 party, **Morrisons (Nailsworth)** who provided Easter eggs for the families, and **Nailsworth Town Council**, who provide much needed funding to enable the group to run.

**I think these photos and quotes from families say it all**



When coming to the group you never feel alone, as everyone is so friendly and welcoming. The children and adults all become good friends

We have made life long friends by coming to the group

This wonderful Group has been just as beneficial to me as it has to my little one. To see them experiencing so many new things through sensory play is so magical. Lockdown had us feeling so lonely but this Group has remedied that. Eternally grateful

## Groups Impact

- **100%** of Best-Start and Bump-Start parents reported a reduction in parental isolation after attending the groups, with **100%** of respondents at all groups confirming they had built social networks for ongoing support.
- **100%** of Bump-Start, **96%** of MIMs and **95%** of Best-Start parents reported improved mental health and wellbeing.
- **89%** of MIMs mums report feeling better able to cope with their child's practical & emotional needs following attendance at the group.
- **95%** of Best-Start attendees report an improved understanding of baby's behaviour and ability to respond to them more effectively.
- **100%** at Bump-Start, **98%** at Best-Start and **89%** at MIMs report an increase in parenting self-confidence.

## Home Visiting Impact

- Families reported a **51.9%** increase in their confidence and self esteem
- Families reported a **40.5%** improvement in their feelings of isolation
- Home visiting has improved parent's mental health by **35.8%**
- Families reported a **22.4%** improvement in their ability to manage with children under the age of 5 years

## ArkeLL Family Fun Impact

- **100%** stated that the group had a positive impact on their child
- **85%** stated that the group had an EXCELLENT impact on their own wellbeing
- **80%** experienced reduced stress
- **90%** felt less isolated
- **85%** have improved self esteem
- **80%** have reduced anxiety

### Number of referrals received 2021-2022

Home-Visting referral: 198  
Bump-Start referral: 142  
Best-Start referral: 273  
Mothers in Mind: 223

**Total referrals 836**



### Expenditure

Staff salary costs: £229,608  
Volunteer expenses: £10,175  
Rent and Insurance: £12,704  
Professional fees: £6,814  
General costs: £32,772

**Total: 292,073**

### Income

Statutory grant funding: £272,796  
Non statutory grants: £221,350  
Other income & donations: £16,721

**Total: £510,867**



## Dad Matters Gloucestershire



Studies have shown that **1 in 10 dads** will suffer from postnatal depression, with this number believed to be higher. A peak time for this development is between 3-6 months after birth, but symptoms can come on anytime within the first few years of being a dad.

Although new to the post we have hit the ground running! Utilising the already great work that has been done by Dad matters UK and the home start consortium here in Gloucestershire. We have been able to reconnect with existing partners and connect with new ones, to ensure our service offering is shouted from the rooftops fair and wide. Social media is key to getting our message out to dads. We have reignited our social media presence with new up-to-date, and relevant content for dads of all ages in our local area.

A prime strategy for us is to connect with Dads in situations and environments where they are thinking about being a dad. For example, within antenatal, maternity, and postnatal settings. We will be carrying out drop-in sessions in Gloucester Royal hospital women's centre to engage with new dads and dads-to-be to give support, advice, and an ear to be listened to. Alongside this, we are running peer support groups such as Walk 'n' Talks in a neutral environment giving dads the chance to connect and talk openly with other dads.

Gloucestershire is a large county with a very diverse population and remote areas. At Dad Matters, we want to be able to reach these dads and families, so a key aim of our is to ensure our service offering reaches these communities. We will do this by increasing our network of volunteers and utilising our partners' knowledge, skills, and facilities and work together to bring our **peer support groups, workshops, and signposting connections** to these areas that we have not been able to reach in the past.

During our time talking to dads and men of all ages a line that comes up a lot is **"I wish I would have heard about you guys earlier."** In Gloucestershire, we currently support dads with children up to 5 years. The aim though is to listen and ensure we see dads earlier and increase our reach by building solid relationships with as many maternity services in the county as possible and offering targeted support to these new dads and dads-to-be. As well as ensuring we continue to support dads with children in the older age range through our partners, other charity organisations and our self-referral system.

**Nick Darrick Fuller and Ryan Jones**  
**Dad Matters Gloucestershire Coordinators**

**Nick Darrock-Fuller**  
**YOUR NEW GLOUCESTERHSIRE COORDINATORS**

"It is a great privilege to be part of the Dad matters team. I feel passionate that all dads should be given the opportunity to have a successful relationship with their families. I am hugely looking forward to getting out there, supporting dads to have the best possible relationship with their families. It's a great cause, and supporting all dads in the local community!"

"I'm incredibly happy to be apart of Dad Matters and I'm excited to provide support to Dads that want the best relationship possible with their children"

## A special thanks to our volunteers who are at the heart of everything we do



Sharon, Kim, Sarah B, Jane B, Beverley, Barbara, Jennifer, Amy C, Sondos, Anne, Sally-Ann, Gill, Susan C, Lucy, Hayley, Paul, Irene, Caroline, Juliet, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Margaret, Erica, Bobbi, Angela, Gwen, Martin, Emily H, Janette, Sally H, Tracy, Sarah H, Krystina, James, Alice, Rose, Rebekah, Aly, Jane J, Susan J, Joanne, Susan L, Sam, Lynne, Mary, Judith, Mary M, Kim M, Rhonwen, Susan M, Amy M, Linda, Daphne, Val, Nicola, Anne-Marie, Melanie, Catherine, Teresa, Jan, Melanie S, Jan S, Pamela, Andrea, Mandy, Ingrid, Janine, Gail, Harriet, Penny, Naomi, Christine, Barbara W, Joanne W, Lorriane, Nia, Virginia, Alison, Caroline, Martin G



"It makes me feel good to help people when there is no financial gain but just because I can."

"It is such a privilege to be welcomed into a family when they are struggling and to walk alongside them as they slowly learn to cope, sharing their highs and as well as their lows. To feel I may, in some small way, have helped a family get back on their feet is the biggest reward of all."



## Thank you to our funders for their continued support

Peter Lang Trust, Gloucestershire County Council, Community Funding lottery, Gloucestershire Community Foundation, Gyde Trust, Barnwood Trust, Henry Smith, Stroud Town Council, Garfield Weston Foundation, Nailsworth Town Council, David Thomas Trust, Tudor Trust, Jack Lane Charity Trust, Home-Start UK, GCC - Thriving Communities, Sumerfield Charitable Trust, Masonic Trust

## Thank you to our fundraisers and donors

Stonehouse Town Council, Ecclesiastical, Stroud Rotary, Nailsworth Rotary, Dursley Town Council, Dursley Lions, Waitrose Stroud, Tesco Stroud, Co-op Cainscross, The Foodbank Stroud, Westonbirt Charity, Sheila Marsh, Randwick Parish Council, Rodborough Parish Council, Uley Mums, Sal Craw, Maria Fisher, Alison Winkfield, Alison Weller, Sarah





## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

### MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Woodchester Park Mansion
<b>BRIEF REPORT</b>	
<p>The Trustees of the Mansion were extremely grateful for the £50,000 grant towards the Phase 1 Improvements to the North Range. It will enable work to commence on the small work units.</p> <p>The scaffolding has now been removed from The Croft and the Trustees await the grant from Historic Houses Foundation for the second phase.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Natural England has decided to stop paying the £2k towards heating the bat roost. This is disappointing in view of the increase in utility bills.</p> <p>An Open Evening has been arranged for all members of Friends of the Mansion on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees are looking forward to a visit from Cllr Chris Brine in the near future.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Robinson was thanked for arranging a visit by two visually impaired men. The reason for the visit was to look at the possibility of having guided tours for visually impaired visitors. Mark Austen and Mike Kelly have been involved in setting up tours for the visually impaired at Westonbirt and the SS Great Britain. Work on the tours will be carried ready for next spring.</p>	
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Steve Robinson
<b>DATE</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2022

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### **Local Authority Trading Company (LATC)**

At the last committee meeting this brief outlined the direction of travel for the project up until January 2023 when the Project Manager and Consultants will present the full report to this committee.

Work is continuing with the following actions completed.

1. Visits to other centres which have been through or are in the middle of development. The commonality between all the centres; all centres refurbished and not new builds.

The centres included:

Monmouth

Halesowen

Warrington (Great Sanky Neighbourhood Hub)

Salt Ayre

The team of officers were able to take away key learning which formed part of the discussion at the facilitated officer workshop held by the consultants in July. Conversations will continue as we move forward on the design aspect of the leisure assets.

Key partners within health, education, voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations and physical activity and sport have been contacted as we open discussions on the potential asset developments and partnership collaborating with the new company.

2. The project team are working through the following areas which will be relevant both within the demobilisation of the current leisure contract and the mobilisation of the new company.
  - a. Health and Safety audits at both The Pulse and Stratford Park Leisure centre
  - b. Inventory audits at both centres
  - c. Risk management workshop
  - d. Service level agreements to deliver HR, finance, property services and IT services to the new company
  - e. Inventory and cost of IT equipment for the new company
  - f. Conditions surveys on both centres
  - g. Research into a new CRM (customer relationship management) and FM (facility management) system for the new company
3. The Consultants are continuing to work on
  - a. The business case and investment plan
  - b. The external consultation with the identified stakeholders and wider public

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INFORMATION SHEET (NO.3)  
WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022**

- c. Final report with recommendations on the best set up of the new leisure company for the council.

A full and detailed transfer document has been designed to support both demobilisation of the current management arrangement and mobilisation of the new one.

The project manager will keep this committee informed throughout the year on the progress of this work in readiness for the full report in January 2023.

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### **Stroud Lido Update (AKA Stroud Outdoor Pool)**

Stratford Park Outdoor Pool opened in the summer of 1937 and is situated in Stratford Park, adjacent to the Leisure Centre which opened in May 1975. Although initially heated before World War II, the outdoor pool is now a cold-water pool, open for around one hundred days a year during the summer months (end of May to the beginning of September)

The briefing paper for June covered the work programme for the Lido over the next 3 years including the wider consultation and where the Lido sits as part of the wider park project.

This briefing paper covers the highs and lows of the Lido 2022 season up to the end of July 2022.

#### **The high points so far**

1. The hot temperatures have had a positive impact on the attendance. The centre recorded temperatures against attendance which clearly showed the correlation between the two elements
2. Early morning swims were trialled this year for the first time (2 days a week) with the first hour 7am-8am proving to be popular
3. The contractor ran three free National Pool Lifeguard courses this year to encourage the sign up of new lifeguards
4. The booking system introduced because of COVID continued into this year. This made it easier to staff the pool in line with Health and Safety requirements
5. Refreshments at the point of entrance selling hot and cold drinks and ice creams
6. The removal of the false ceiling exposing the original roof and brought in additional light
7. Students from Stroud college collaborated with a volunteer from Friends of the lido and SDC officers to improve seating, painting, and general aesthetics of the facility
8. Positive comments from swimmers
9. Staff morale good

#### **The low points so far**

1. Despite running free lifeguard courses, the intake was poor, and recruitment of lifeguards proved to be difficult (this is not unique to the Lido in Stroud and reflects the current staff shortages across the country for the leisure industry)
2. The contractor could not maximise on the hot weather as they did not have enough staff to increase the occupancy levels

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3. There was a national chemical shortage at the start of the season which added to the pressures of keeping the pool open
4. The old pipe work, poor preseason maintenance of the drains and plant caused issues with the cleanliness of the pool floor
5. Poor customer satisfaction levels due to cleanliness (this has been addressed with the contractor)
6. A lack of volunteers resulted in painting works not being progressed as planned

The Lido will close as per contract on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. On the last day, a Triathlon event has been scheduled in the morning prior to the last public swimming sessions.

### **Looking forward**

The pool tank, pipework and plant are crucial to keeping the lido open and come before any cosmetic updates.

A conditions survey and investigative work will take place in The Autumn of 2022.

1. The pool tank
2. The pipework and drainage
3. The filter

Work on the above is essential and must be concluded prior to the opening of the pool in 2023.

A meeting between SDC and the current contractor to address the work scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The task and finish group will reconvene in December 2022 in preparation for the 2023 season.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

## WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022-23

15 SEPTEMBER 2022

Date of meeting	Matter to be considered (i.e. insert report/project title)	Notes (e.g. lead member & officer)
<b>01.12.22</b>	Performance Monitoring Q2	Councillor Job and Prenter
	Budget Monitoring Q2	Accountant
	Community Services and Licensing Revenue Estimates – Revised 2022/23 and Original 2023/24	Accountant
	Draft Vehicle Emissions Policy for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles for consultation	Licensing Manager
	Member/Officer Reports: a) Gloucestershire Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee b) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust) c) Police and Crime Panel d) Citizens Advice e) Mental Health Champions f) Progress on LATC information sheet	Councillor Helen Fenton  Councillor Nigel Prenter Councillor Martin Percy Councillor Jessie Hoskin Councillors Bennett, Gray & Watson Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
	Work Programme	Chair/Strategic Director of Communities/Committee
<b>26.01.23</b>	The adoption of the LATC Business Case and Feasibility Investment Plan	Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
	Member/Officer Reports: a) Gloucestershire Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee b) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust) c) Police and Crime Panel d) Citizens Advice e) Mental Health Champions	Councillor Helen Fenton  Councillor Nigel Prenter Councillor Martin Percy Councillor Jessie Hoskin Councillors Bennett, Gray & Watson
	Work Programme	Chair/Strategic Director of Communities/Committee
<b>23.03.23</b>	Performance Monitoring Q3	Councillor Job and Prenter
	Budget Monitoring Q3	Accountant
	Update on Play Review Spending Allocations	Physical activity & Health Development Manager
	Vehicle Emissions Policy for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles for adoption	Licensing Manager
	Review of Street Trading Policy	Licensing Manager
	Concession Scheme Pricing	Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
	Anti-Social Behaviour Policy	Head of Community Services
	Member/Officer Reports:	

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a) Gloucestershire Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Helen Fenton
b) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust)	Councillor Nigel Prenter
c) Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Martin Pearcy
d) Citizens Advice	Councillor Jessie Hoskin
e) Mental Health Champions	Councillors Bennett, Gray & Watson

Potential future Informal Information Evenings	
Date	Topic
TBC	Youth Service and Health & Wellbeing (Children) 6pm – 7.30pm
TBC	Police and Crime Commissioner and Director of Public Health 6pm – 7pm
TBC	The Pulse, Museum in the Park and Health & Wellbeing (inc community hubs) 5.30m – 7.30pm
TBC	Neighbourhood Wardens and Careline 6pm – 7.30pm

To be allocated to Committee date or Information evening	
Date	Topic
TBC	Cultural Strategy
TBC	Citizens Advice Bureau Level Agreement KPI's
TBC	Update on Tourism in the District

Future Members' Information Sheets		
	Topic	Notes (e.g. responsible officer)
Annual Members' Information Sheets from Officers	<b>Oct 2022</b> - Museum in the Park - The Pulse - Health and Wellbeing (inc Community hubs) - Safeguarding - Abandoned Vehicles	- Museum Manager - Operations Manager - - Project Manager, Leisure, Health and Wellbeing - Senior Community Services Officer - Senior Community Services Officer
	<b>Dec 2022</b> - Youth Service - Health and Wellbeing (Children)	- Senior Youth Officer - Health and Wellbeing Development Officer for Children
	<b>Jan 2023</b> - Customer Services	- Customer Services Manager

	<p><b>Feb/March 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Grant Allocations (Successful and unsuccessful applicants)</li> <li>- Neighbourhood Warden</li> <li>- Careline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Health and Wellbeing Manager</li> <li>- Senior Neighbourhood Warden</li> <li>- Senior Community Services Officer</li> </ul>
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<b>Published Members' Information Sheets</b>		
<b>Date sent (&amp; ref no)</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes (eg responsible officer)</b>
CSLC.001 15.6.22	Local Authority Trading Company	Project Manager Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
CSLC.002 15.6.22	Stroud Lido	Project Manager Leisure, Health and Wellbeing

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