

## **CRAVEN SPATIAL PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

31 January 2022

**Present** – The Chairman (Councillor Staveley) and Councillors Myers, Pringle, Rose, Shuttleworth and Sutcliffe.

**Officers** – Interim Spatial Planning Manager, Planning Consultant, Planning Officer (Planning Policy Team), Senior Democratic Services Officer and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Brockbank.

Declarations of Interests - Councillor Shuttleworth declared an Appendix B interest in Minute CSP 198 as he was an Embsay Parish Councillor.

Start: 6.34pm

Finish: 7.31pm

### **Minutes for Report**

CSP.198

#### **PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY REFRESH 2021**

The Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration submitted a report presenting a refreshed Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and an updated evidence base. The original PPS had been commissioned in 2016 and that was accepted into the Local Plan evidence base for adopted Craven Local Plan policy INF3: Sport, Open Space and Recreational Facilities.

The scope of the refresh covered football, rugby union, rugby league (although there were no league clubs or pitches in the District), cricket, hockey and artificial turf pitches (ATP) which could provide a playing pitch specifically for football, rugby, hockey or a multi-purpose ATP surface.

The report highlighted the key findings for each sport, whether there was sufficient capacity of pitches for the sports mentioned above and the progress made on several actions identified in the 2016 PPS. Emphasis on the recommendations were as in the 2016 PPS on improving the quality rather than the quantity of provision given that there was sufficient provision for the current and future levels of football and cricket. Proposed developments were in hand, which if achieved, would help address the deficiencies for rugby.

Members were pleased to note that the refreshed strategy included the whole of the Craven District including the part of the District which fell within the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority which was seen as a welcome addition to the original PPS. As residents travelled across the planning authority areas to access sports provision and given the value of collaborative working to deliver shared outcomes, a whole District view was more holistic.

**Resolved** – That, the Playing Pitch Strategy refresh as set out in Appendix A to the report now submitted is accepted as an update to the original strategy prepared in 2016.

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#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be agreed.

Chairman.