

Council Meeting 19 October 2017

Public Questions

<p>Question (1) from Mr David Carpenter to the Executive Lead for Community Safety (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>The proposed refurbishments at Clennon valley sound very encouraging, however the current astro turf at Clennon Valley Leisure Centre is a sand based Hockey compliant surface that can accommodate a wide range of sports, football training and small sided leagues.</p> <p>Why is the council considering replacing the Hockey surface with a Football specific 3G surface that will have a detrimental impact in hockey in the Bay goes directly against the instructions of the Torbay Playing Pitch Strategy, which is the blueprint for grass pitch sports in Torbay until 2021. The Playing Pitch Strategy was supported by the four grass sport NGB's (The FA, RFU, EH and ECB) and Sport England who are central to achieving future capital funding in Torbay and currently this decision is objected by Rob Loxton, Chair of Sport Torbay, Stephen Criddle, Principal South Devon College, Stephen Kings, CEO Bay Education Trust, Jay Carter, Paignton Academy Community use Manager, Barbara Reynolds, England Hockey, John Julyan, Torbay Hockey Club and most importantly Chris French, County Development Manager for Devon FA. All of these organisations oppose the resurface of the sand based surface to a Football specific 3G and if this decision was taken Torbay would see the two other 3G facilities cease to be commercially viable in the future and close, ultimately leading to a reduction in community facilities, undermining future sporting opportunities in Torbay and the activity levels of residents of Torbay.</p>
<p>Question (2) from Ms Nicci Tucker to the Executive Lead for Community Safety (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>What evidence, data or research is there of a need for a third football 3G in Paignton?</p>
<p>Question (3) from Mr Mark Faulkner to the Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing (Councillor King)</p>	<p>Is planning permission required to change the surface of Astro to 3g pitch surface?</p>
<p>Question (4) from Mr Robert Loxton to the Executive Lead for Community Safety (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Why did Torbay Council, officers of Torbay Council, Sport Torbay, local Sports Clubs and the people of Torbay spend over 2 years and £30,000, investing in a playing pitch and Sports Strategy in partnership with Sport England (who provided a grant to assist in the sports</p>

Strategy) to take us to 2021 and then within a year or two Torbay Council, decide to go against the recommendations of the Devon FA and Sport England and other Sporting National governing bodies, to retain a sand based astro turf at Clennon Valley, which if this scheme (3G Pitch) went ahead Torbay may not have support on future sports developments.

(the true cost of Torbay Sports Playing Pitch and Sports Facilities Strategies Torbay Council Officers of Torbay Council Sport Torbay Sport England Sport's National Governing Bodies volunteers, meeting rooms, visiting clubs, club representatives going to various meeting £250,000 to £300,000)