

A PLAN FOR SPORT IN TORBAY 2006



Executive Summary

This document is a revised strategy of the 2003 Torbay Sports' Strategy. This strategy has proved critical for the development of sport, which in turn is closely linked to health, regeneration, culture and the quality of life in Torbay.

This Sports' Strategy will provide a framework for facilitating sports development and the prioritisation and development of sports facilities in Torbay.

Sport England and governing bodies of sport require a sports strategy to be in place if we are able to draw down essential funding to the area.

The re-draft of this sports strategy has been prepared by Cultural Services following extensive consultation. It contains an audit of sports provision in Torbay and sets out aims and objectives for sport in the context of the socio-economic profile of Torbay.

Our vision is to have

'a bay where the majority of people, of all ages and backgrounds, regularly play sport;
where local people achieve sporting success at their chosen level;
where incidences of ill-health are much lower than the national average,
and where the range and quality of sports' facilities and opportunities attracts inward investment'

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Introduction

Definition of sport

This strategy follows in Sport England's footsteps and guidance from the Council of Europe's definition of sport:

'Sport means all forms of physical activity which, through casual or organised participation, aim at expressing or improving physical fitness and mental well-being, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competition at all levels.'

This inclusive definition has been adopted by this strategy. It embraces informal recreation, such as walking, and exercise as much as competitive sport.

Why have a Sports' Strategy in Torbay?

- It is a requirement of many funder's that bids for funding will only be eligible if they are supported by evidence that they are addressing strategic need.
- To raise the profile of sport
- To demonstrate the benefits of sport in terms of quality of life and the national agenda
- To address the sporting needs of Torbay in an effective and equitable way.
- To help increase participation in sport and create pathways for individuals to develop their sporting skills
- To give value to the efforts of staff and volunteers by showing how their work relates to the bigger picture
- To give rationale to why certain activities are funded and supported and others are not
- To set direction and priorities for Torbay Council and our partners
- To forge links with other strategies and the agendas of partners
- To help deliver best value and equality
- To act as a lever for gaining funding from external sources such as the Sport England Lottery Fund.

How was the Sports' Strategy prepared?

This strategy demonstrates the dedication of all key partners of sport and physical activity within Torbay and beyond to work together to identify and address the needs of Torbay. The review of this Strategy has taken place when a number of changes are taking place within Torbay and within sport itself. Paignton Community & Sports College are now delivering the former Sports Development Service of Torbay Council. 2005 saw London's successful bid for the 2012 Olympics. This will bring many new and exciting opportunities in sport to the whole nation.

The success of the implementation of this strategy is dependant on the co-ordinated and dedication of individuals and organisation of sport's provision, development, and management across Torbay. By sharing common aims and objectives and creating strong partnerships, the visions of this strategy will become reality.

Research and Consultation

Primary consultation was conducted and returned by the following individuals and organisations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paignton Community & Sports College, • Torbay Development Agency, • Churston Grammar School, • Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club, • Torbay’s Fitness Co-ordinator, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paignton Rifle & Pistol Club, • Brixham Community College Sports Centre, • Torbay Amateur Athletics Club, • South Devon College and • Torquay Grammar School for Girls. • Safer Communities
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A larger consultation process then took place with the following individuals and organisations replying:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paignton Community & Sports College • Torbay Amateur Athletics Club • South Devon College • Torquay Grammar School for Girls • Fitness in Torbay GP Referral Scheme • Active Devon • Groundwork Devon and Cornwall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brixham Community Sports Centre • Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club • Churston Grammar School • Torbay development Agency • Sport England South West • Devon County Council
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The Sports Strategies Aims and Objectives are;

Aims

- To increase the percentage of adults (16 years and over) in Torbay participating in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport and active recreation (including walking) on 3 or more days a week.
- To guide and promote awareness of individuals or teams from Torbay so they reach sporting success on a national and international level.
- To reduce incidences of ill-health.
- To develop, in partnership with outside organisations, the range and quality of sports facilities and opportunities in Torbay.
- To use sport as a means of deterring young people from crime, anti social behavior and substance misuse.
- Assist with partners to increase the percentage of 5 – 16 year olds engaged in two hours a week minimum of high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum.

Objectives

- To develop and maintain effective and mutually beneficial partnerships to ensure the most effective use of resources.
- To work with partners to create and sustain quality opportunities for all people to participate in sport at whatever level they wish.
- To work in partnership to develop resources for coach education and the development of sport’s activity at all levels in the bay.
- To enhance and support the administration and management of local voluntary sports clubs in the bay to enable them to meet their full potential as providers of sport opportunities.
- To identify and work in partnership to gain funding towards the provision of new facilities and the improvement of existing sports facilities in Torbay in line with Torbay’s needs analysis.
- To raise the profile of sports clubs within the community and recognise the role that sport can play in improving the quality of life for the residents of Torbay.

Torbay Council's vision, principles, values and themes

Our vision is

'A healthy, prosperous community, living, Local Education Authority learning and relaxing in a safe and beautiful Bay'.

Our guiding principles are:

'We will provide Leadership and inspiration to improve the services we support and provide'

'We will enable all to have fair access to, and enjoy, high quality services which will enrich their lives and help realise their full potential'.

Our core values are:

Customer focus

- We are committed to putting the customer at the centre of all our services.
- We will seek the views of the people of Torbay so that we can better meet their needs.
- We will celebrate diversity and promote equal opportunities in our service delivery, our employment practices and through our partnerships.
- We will ensure that we are transparent in our decision-making.

Service delivery

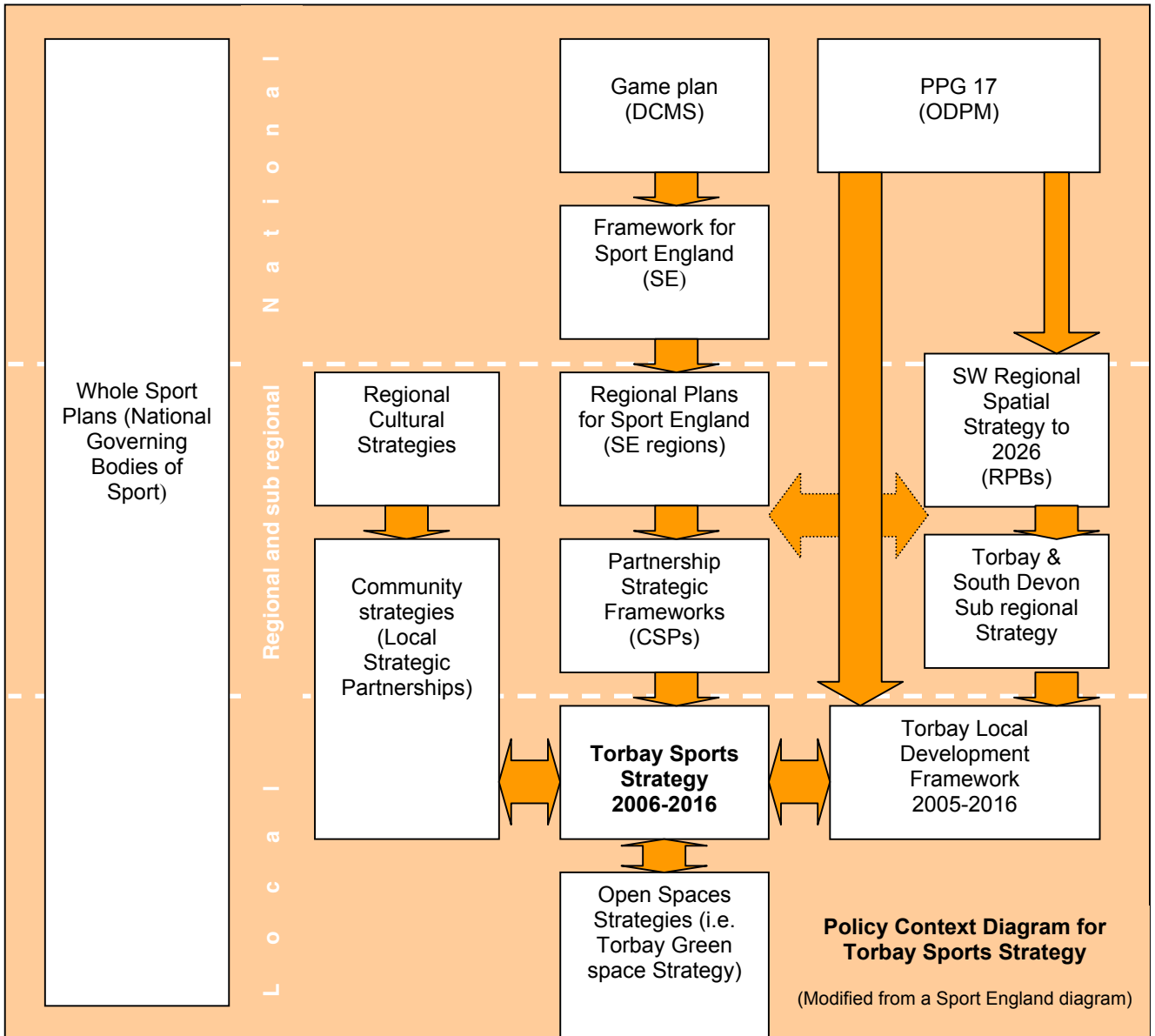
- We will consider community and environmental impact when making decision.
- We will aim to continuously improve our services, particularly those that are our priorities, and seek to be more efficient.
- We will work with all of our partners to deliver better quality services to Torbay Council We will value the contribution that staff make to services and ensure that they are well trained and effective in their jobs.

Torbay's Sports Strategy fulfils the following 4 themes identified in the emerging community plan;

- **Safer and Stronger Communities** – Sport can often be a diversion from anti social behaviour. It is a means to learn respect and to follow rules and regulations which can benefit in every day life. It promotes opportunities to bring communities together and enhance quality of life through both direct and indirect participation. Sport and physical activity helps people to live longer, healthier and more independent lives by maintaining their physical and mental well being.
- **The New Economy** – Sport brings both volunteering opportunities and many paid jobs to Torbay through facilities, clubs and education.
- **Pride in the Bay** - Sport is an essential part of the community's culture. It brings people together and gives them a sense of community pride an example of this is in 2004 when Torquay United FC. were promoted from second to first division. Sports Clubs often become the centres for communities.
- **Learning for the Future** – Sport allows people to both learn through becoming qualified coaches and generic education such as child protection and first aid. It also teaches athletes that take part to learn essential life skills such as the ability to win or lose, to work as an individual and as part of a team and a sense of achievement amongst others.

Policy Context

The table below shows Torbay's Sports Strategy in context with the various strategy's of partner organisations.



The following pages will explain about each of the above policies and strategies in context. The following pages will go into more detail concerning each of the above policies and explain how Torbay's Sports Strategy fits in.

The National, Regional and local context

'The Structures for administering and delivering sport ... are extremely complex. They have evolved, ad hoc, over a long period of time'
Game Plan December 2002

The Government has set a national target to widen the base and increase participation in England by 1% annually. To achieve this, it will be necessary to work through a system for the delivery of community sport in England which is simple, systematic and joined up, overcoming the inefficiencies identified in both Game Plan and the Review of National Sport, Effort and Resources.

The National Framework for Sport identified that 'at a local level there was felt to be a need for all local authorities to 'take the lead', individually or in partnership with neighbouring authorities, for overseeing the strategic planning for structured sport, physical education, lifelong learning through sport, and informal recreation activities. This should incorporate all of the educational and early years, public sector, voluntary sector and commercial sector interests within their geographical boundaries and be linked to the wider 'shared priorities' for their communities'.

The Delivery System, including Torbay's Sports Strategy will offer this opportunity.



Sport England

Sport England is responsible for delivering the government's objectives for sport, which is focused on a 1% year on year increase in participation?

Their vision is to:

Make England an active and successful sporting nation

Their objectives are to get people to:

- **Start in sport** – to improve the health of the nation, particularly for disadvantaged groups
- **Stay in sport** – through a thriving network of clubs, coaches and volunteers and a commitment to equity
- **Succeed in sport** – via an infrastructure capable of developing world class performers

Sport England has a strategic alliance team that is working with the government on a number of initiatives that address the role sport can play in wider agendas. These include:

- Physical activity and health
- Community cohesion and sport
- Neighbourhood renewal
- Young people

Sport England has a regional plan for sport delivered through the South West Regional Sport's Board.

South West Regional Plan for Sport

There are four strategic themes in the South West Regional Plan for Sport:

- **Delivering Community Sport** through multi sport, Hub Clubs, Community Co-ordinators, the coaching profession, integrated facilities and County Sports Partnership's
- **Encouraging "Active Living"** through "Active Travel", "Active Workplaces", employee local Education Authorities, open access play facilities, the alternative school day and the natural environment
- **Influencing Strategic Planning** through developer contributions, LPSA targets for physical activity and sub regional strategic plans
- **Raising sports profile** through high profile events and media campaigns, the physical activity survey and evidence based research

South West Regional Sport's Board

The South West Regional Sport's Board echoes the government's participation target and Sport England's objectives:

"Our challenge is to create a 1% year on year increase in moderate activity levels, leading to 50 % of the South West population being physically active by 2020 "

Ged Roddy, Chair of South West Regional Sports Board

Modernisation of National Governing Bodies of Sport

Sport England have been working to encourage and support National Governing Bodies of Sport to modernise their planning through the production of "Whole Sport Plans". These are designed to plan for the sport at all levels – from grass roots through to elite levels.

Sport England's funding to National Governing Bodies is based on these plans and how they contribute to the Sport England vision and objectives.

The plans cover all aspects of development for the sport, including coaching, clubs and volunteers and identify partnerships with County Sports Partners and School Sports Partnerships that are needed.



Vision for Coaching

Sports Coach UK (scUK) are the leading organisation within the UK to support the development of coaches and are currently in the process of developing a UK Coaching Action Plan.

The scUK vision is to have quality coaches and coaching interactions operating at every level within sport, contributing to an increase in participation, enjoyment and success in sport. scUK's strategic priorities are:

- Coach education and development
- Coach employment and deployment
- Communication and membership
- Research and innovation



2012 - Olympics and Paralympics

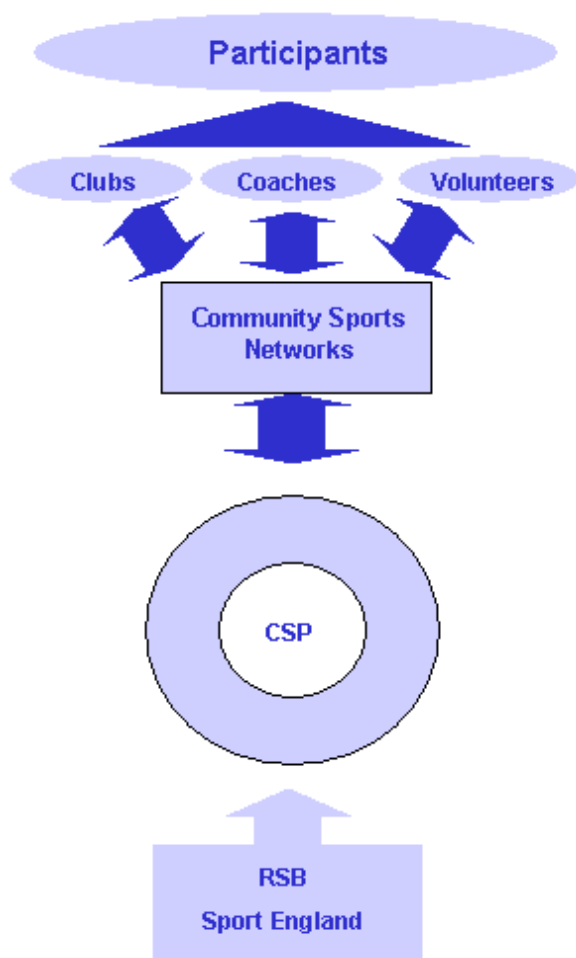
The successful Olympic and Paralympic bid provides an unprecedented, and once in a life time opportunity, to develop physical activity and sport in the country.

The legacy element of the bid was a key to the success. Everyone involved in physical activity and sport can harness the profile, inspiration and motivation the games bring to the UK.

County Sports Partnerships

The Government's strategy for sport " Game Plan " published in 2002, called for: -

- The strengthening of the 49 County Sports Partnerships in England
- The development of their capability and capacity to both drive forward the strategic development of sport and physical activity at a county level.
- The delivery of access funding against a wider social agenda of enhanced educational achievement; improved health and well being; wider social inclusion and economic and community regeneration.



“Game Plan” also referred to the County Sports’ Partnerships (CSP) existing structures being used to take a lead co-ordinating delivery at a local level. They would work in the context of a performance measurement framework. They would identify weakness in provision that needed to be addressed, identify key partnerships that needed to be developed and put in place appropriate delivery mechanisms.

Information supplied by Sport England

All CSPs will share the following core functions:

- **Strategic Coordination** – the interpretation and shaping of national, regional and local policy to best fit future community needs
- **Performance Measurement** – the development of a single system to support effective decision making for sport and physical activity to maximise opportunities available and to make the case for investment
- **Marketing and Communications** – developing and marketing the CSP as a single point of contact for sport and physical activity and sharing information and innovation to ensure effective delivery on the ground

Supporting the sports’ agenda by providing

- Pathways for young people to create a single system for community sport
- Club Development to increase participation and retention in club sport
- Workforce Development to work through local community networks to create an effective and diverse workforce by developing the people who support sport – teachers, coaches, officials, volunteers and professional staff

Supporting wider agendas

- Using sport as a social tool to improve the well-being of the individual and to support the community as a whole
- Helping other agencies meet their objectives and organisational goals as defined in the framework for sport
- Helping to link the shared priorities of central and local government on Health, Community Safety and Regeneration

CSPs will also work to create a co-ordinated strategic approach at a sub-regional level helping to reduce costs and allowing for greater investment in sport by:

- Influencing work in these sectors and networks
- Influencing Local Area Agreements and Local Public Sector Agreements
- Working with Children's Trusts Services (Every Child Matters)
- Developing Physical Activity Plans and Physical Activity Strategies in collaboration with Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)
- Providing evidence of sport contributing to achieving wider socio-economic outcomes
- Sharing resources for sport
- Ensuring the sports system is able to deliver against locally identified priorities through local community networks
- Stretching traditional sports operations through innovation and creativity to deliver social policy outcomes

Community Sports Networks (CSNs)

The National Framework for Sport identified that 'at a local level there was felt to be a need for all local authorities to 'take the lead', individually or in partnership with neighbouring authorities, for overseeing the strategic planning for structured sport, physical education, lifelong learning through sport, and informal recreation activities.

CSNs are an integral element of the Delivery System shown on the previous page however understanding of their role is limited. CSN partners aim to achieve core common outcomes;

- Raise participation levels within sport and physical activity by 1% year on year
- Widen access to opportunities for sport and physical activity
- Bring together and align partners existing priorities and targets within on joined up local delivery / action / strategic plan for sport and physical activity within the CSN are based upon the needs of local communities.

Its strength lies in its diversity and responsiveness to local issues. One of the CSNs greatest assets will be its ability to draw in the key players from the community to focus upon local needs and then to influence and shape interventions to ensure change occurs. These key players will potentially include partners from across sport, health, all education and early years providers, community safety, regeneration and the local voluntary and community sector.



Specialist Sports' College Status

Paignton Community College received specialist status in 2002. Its role is to spread best practice and raise standards, delivering the National PE, School Sport and Club Links Strategy. Specialist Sports' status involves a Local Education Authority expectation that the curriculum centre of excellence will drive whole school and community improvement.

Paignton Community and Sports' College aims to

- Raise attainment for all students both in Physical Education and across the whole curriculum;
- Strengthen and develop the quality of teaching and learning strategies in Physical Education and use them to help raise standards throughout the school;
- Extend opportunities for vocational learning and enrichment activity through Physical Education and Sport, including through links with sponsors, business, employers, further and higher education institutions and specialist organisations;
- Develop within the school, characteristics which signal its specialist ethos and identify and which are reflected in the school's mission and objectives – including through encouragement of increased take-up and interest in Physical Education and Sport
- Strengthen collaboration with partner schools, primary and secondary, to provide or facilitate high quality learning opportunities and outcomes in Physical Education – by sharing specialist facilities and resources, enhancing further the quality of teaching and developing and disseminating good practice; and
- Provide or facilitate high quality learning opportunities and outcomes in specialist subjects for the school's wider local community, including local businesses and employers.

As a College with Specialist Sports College status, Paignton is dedicated to raising whole school standards by improving the quality and provision of sports and physical activity. This commitment to high

quality sports provision extends to all members of the community in addition to the students and staff who attend the school.

Physical Education, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL) Strategy

The PESSCL strategy was launched in 2002. It is being delivered by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). In Torbay the strategy is being delivered locally by the School Sports Coordinator Partnership at Paignton Community & Sports College. The strategy has three key aims:

- School improvement
- Improving health
- Creating sporting success

The overall objective and Public Service Agreement (PSA) target for the strategy is:

To enhance the take up of sporting opportunities by 5 – 16 year olds so that the percentage of school children who spend a minimum of 2 hours each week on high quality PE and school sport, within and beyond the curriculum, increases to 75% by 2006 and to 85% by 2008, and to at Local Education Authorities 75% in each partnership by 2008.

The strategy also has a wider vision that:

By 2010 all children, 5 to 16 years of age, will be offered at least 4 hours of sport every week. This will comprise at least 2 hours high quality PE and sport at school. In addition, the opportunity for at least a further 2 -3 hours beyond the school day (delivered by a range of school, community and club providers)

“Choosing Health” – The health white paper

The Government’s white paper, “Choosing Health” was published on the 16th Nov 2004. The Paper sets out the Government’s strategy for improving the public’s health through measures aimed at preventing illness. Increasing exercise is seen as a key measure.

The following measures are identified as being central to achieving better public health:

- More flexibility for Local authorities to develop local targets and work in partnership to respond to local need through the development of 21 Local Area Agreements
- More support for Local authorities on improving parks and public spaces and whole town approaches to walking, cycling and public transport.
- A national ‘Healthy Schools Programme’ focusing on food in schools, school travel and physical education and sport in schools.
- Investment in physical activity – building on local exercise plans

“Youth Matters” – The green paper for young people

The emerging government strategy – “Youth Matters” provides a framework for providing opportunities, challenges and support for young people through an integration of services around young people’s needs.

The green paper introduces a set of proposals through which all young people should achieve five key outcomes:

- Being Healthy
- Staying Safe
- Enjoying and Achieving
- Making a Positive Contribution
- Economic Well-Being.

Sport is given a very high profile within the proposals. It is recognised that it can make a vital positive contribution within the lives of young people and support the social and emotional as well as the physical development of teenagers. Sport is accepted as a vital means through which many disaffected young people can be engaged, supported and find positive direction in their lives.

Extended Services to School

'An extended school is a school that recognises that it *cannot work alone* in helping children and young people to *achieve their potential*, and therefore decides to *work in partnership* with other agencies that have an interest in outcomes for children and young people, and with the local community.' DFES 2004

Schools located at the heart of the community are well placed to take up the challenge of making Every Child Matters a reality for children, young people and families. The government has set out a core offer of extended services that they want all children to be able to access through schools by 2010:

- Quality Childcare
- A varied menu of activities
- Parenting Support
- Swift and Easy Referral
- Community Access

In Torbay all schools have been grouped in clusters around a locality area. There are 4 clusters in Torbay – Brixham, Paignton, Torquay East and Torquay West. A cluster co-ordinator (part-time) has been appointed for each locality and a childcare co-ordinator has also been appointed to support the provision of childcare across Torbay. These co-ordinators will provide guidance and support to schools and partner agencies to develop a range of services that remove barriers to learning and meet the needs of the community.

Groundwork Devon & Cornwall

Groundwork's purpose is 'to build sustainable *communities through joint environmental action*'. Through partnership working our projects aim to improve things in three ways:

For people - creating opportunities for people to learn new skills & take local action

For places - creating better, safer and healthier neighbourhoods

For prosperity - helping businesses and individuals fulfil their potential

Generally our work can be said to contribute to 6 themes:

- Business - integrating the economy & the environment
- Communities - building stronger neighbourhoods
- Education - learning, citizenship & sustainability
- Employment - training for work and stimulating enterprise
- Land - reconnecting people with their surroundings
- Youth - realising young people's potential

Currently there are nearly 50 independent Groundwork Trusts working as part of a federation network across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Each Groundwork Trust is an independent registered charity and works through a partnership between local public, private and voluntary sectors. In the South West Groundwork Devon & Cornwall has been active since 1991.

In Torbay Groundwork have delivered a number of community sports projects including Barton Downs M.U.G.A, Torquay (Multi Use Games Area), Victoria Park M.U.G.A, Paignton (Multi Use Games Area) and improvements to Cary Park Junior Tennis Project, Torquay.

So why do we invest in Sport?

- Within the notion 'Sports for All' principles of equality and social inclusion are implicit.
- Sport can often be used as the vehicle for local authorities to have direct contact with the community. As a consequence, sport allows empowerment and consultation with the all local people.
- Sport has proven health benefits, including reducing the risk of coronary heart disease, strokes and osteoporosis. In addition, there are well founded examples of psychological benefits including increased self-esteem.
- Sport is vibrant within the youth culture and provides opportunities to make the important links between school and community life.
- Voluntary work and active citizenship are central to sport. Volunteers, through their dedication, are the backbone to British sport. Sport provides people with the opportunity to enhance their skills and put something back into their communities.
- Sport provides the opportunity for lifelong learning through developing skills and competence, as a participant, and more widely through lifelong involvement and obtaining qualifications in coaching, sports leadership and administration. Many of the skills acquired through involvement in sport have the added benefit of being transferable into other areas of employment.
- Participation in many sports takes place outside and sport has often led the way in protecting open space and access to water. In developing sound management practises it ensures that conflict between different users is minimised and projects sustainable.



Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) – Culture Block Sport & Recreation

The government measure an authorities performance by performance indicators. By measuring overall levels of participation we are in effect measuring the impact of sports development or lack of it. Volunteering likewise is a reflection of sports development work with coaches and communities therefore sports development is a key player in the measurement indicators. Elsewhere within the CPA sports development will have real opportunity to contribute to outcomes for children and young people reflected in 'Every Child Matters' as mentioned earlier and in the children's services inspection.

As local government moves forward towards 2008 and a future of greater self-assessment and less inspection, there Performance Indicators (PI's) are intended to assist in that self-assessment frame work. What is clear is that the Office of the Deputy Prime Minster (OPDM) and Local Government Association (LGA) are seeking to reduce rather than increase the number if Performance Indicators (PIs) as we move towards self-improvement. How ever the Audit Commission is very clear that there is to be a culture block within the CPA and it must be measurable. The critical factor is ensuring that measurable culture block exists in the self-improvement agenda in the future.

The range of Sport and Recreation Performance Indicators to be included in the CPA Culture Block for 2006 and beyond are;

- Participation
- Volunteering
- Equity & Value for money (VFM)
- Choice & Opportunity
- Access
- Satisfaction

This sports strategy will contribute to the CPA rating for Torbay of the following performance indicators;

	Performance Indicator	Measured by
Participation (2007)	% of adults (16 years and over) participating in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport and active recreation (including recreational walking) on 3 or more days a week.	The Active People Survey (currently being undertaken by Ipsos MORI on behalf of Sport England) every 3 years.
	% of 5-16 year olds engaged in two hours a week minimum of high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum.	The schools within the School Sports Partnerships complete the survey annually in the summer term. The Dfes coordinate collection of data, do the analysis and then publish their findings in the autumn.
Volunteering (2007)	The percentage of the population volunteering in sport and active recreation for at least one hour a week	The Active People Survey (currently being undertaken by Ipsos MORI on behalf of Sport England) every 3 years.
Equity & Value for Money (Access) (2008)	Representative facility use by people from socio-economic groupings 6 & 7; young people aged 11-19yrs; minority ethnic groups, over 60 years and visits by disabled people under 60 yrs, all of these are measured as a ratio against the size of that target group population within the catchment area,	The National Benchmarking Service or APSE Performance Networks in conjunction with the local authorities and leisure operators. Based on facility surveys and census information.
	Subsidy per visit (finance)	The National Benchmarking Service or APSE Performance Networks on conjunction with the local authorities and leisure operators. Based on a financial and annual attendance return from the facility operator.
	Annual visits per square metre (Utilisation)	The National benchmarking Service or APSE Performance networks in conjunction with the local authorities and leisure

		operators. Based on financial and annual attendance return from the facility operator.
Choice & Opportunity (2008)	% of population that are within 20 minutes travel time (urban areas by walk: rural areas by car) of a range of three different sports facility types, of which one has achieved a quality assured standard	By Sport England using the facility information contained in the Active Places database.
Access – Active Recreation – Use of footpaths (2007)	% of total length of footpaths & other rights of way easy to use by members of the public	Local authorities
Satisfaction (2007)	Resident satisfaction sport/leisure facilities	General Household Survey every 3 years
	Resident satisfaction parks/open spaces	General Household Survey every 3 years



**The planning context:
Adopted Torbay Local Plan (1995-2011), Regional Spatial Strategy and the emerging Local
Development Framework**

The Torbay Local Plan points to the following aspects of recreation provision which need to be addressed:-

- the specific needs of both mainstream and specialist sports facilities (both indoor and outdoor);
- the particular recreational needs of the elderly and disabled people;
- the protection of public and private open space which has recreational or amenity value;
- the availability of public rights of way; and
- playing fields.

Regional Planning Guidance for the South West states that facilities for leisure, including sports and cultural activities, should be actively encouraged where this is compatible with conservation objectives. The Adopted Devon Structure Plan (2001-2016) emphasises the need for recreational facilities and opportunities to be developed in a sustainable way.

- The Torbay Local Plan therefore protects and makes provision for new playing field complexes, complete with parking and changing facilities. Policy R3 (Appendix 1) allocates a site at Barton Valley South to serve the new Scotts Bridge/Barton development in addition to meeting existing needs - and a second complex at Bridge Road, Churston to meet requirements in the southern half of Torbay. At Centry Road, Brixham, a single playing pitch is proposed. A new playing field is allocated at Collaton St Mary to provide new facilities for the recently completed primary school.
- The fields surrounding the village of Churston Ferrers serve to provide an open break between the urban areas of Brixham and the southern approaches to Paignton. Although much of this area is farmed, scope exists for some new recreational development to also meet local needs. In addition to new playing fields at Bridge Road, Brixham, the Local Plan supports the relocation of cricket fields at Churston Court and on land adjoining North Boundary Road.
- Survey work by the Torbay Sports Council suggests a shortage of golf courses in Torbay. To complement existing golf facilities at Torquay and to help offset recognised short comings within Torbay, improvements at Churston have recently been carried out.
- PPG17 points out that once an open space is developed, it is unlikely that it will ever be recovered for its original purpose. Moreover, in view of the limited opportunities to provide additional open space in Torbay, it is necessary to seek to protect existing areas of public open space and playing fields unless alternative provision can be found and/or an overall community gain is secured.
- The waste water treatment works at Brokenbury Quarry will enable Torbay's coastal waters to realise their full recreational potential. There is a need to maintain and improve the range and quality of coastal facilities.

Policy RS (Appendix 1) sets out the Adopted Torbay Local Plan (1995-2011) recreation and leisure strategy: The need for recreation, leisure, entertainment and cultural facilities within the community will be met through the improvement of existing facilities and the provision of new ones provided that there is no significant adverse landscape, environmental or other planning impacts. Urban open spaces which have landscape, nature conservation or amenity value will be protected.

The Local Plan strategy aims to provide a sustainable planning framework for recreation and leisure provision, with good access to all sections of the community, both through the protection and improvement of existing facilities and through new provision in appropriate locations.

Where possible, sites in urban areas have been identified for new recreation, leisure, entertainment or cultural use, although, following the application of the sequential test, much of the new outdoor leisure provision has been allocated on green field sites.

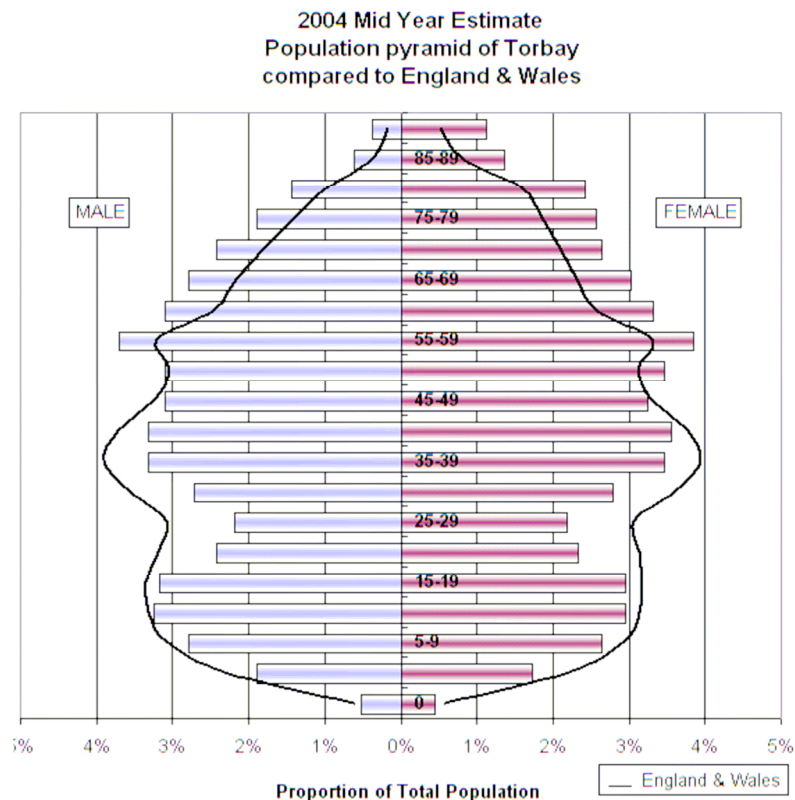
The Torbay Local Development Framework will shape the future of Torbay to 2016. It is being created by Torbay Council under the requirements of a new planning Act. Planning is now called 'spatial' planning and relates to all aspects of how people use land (rather than simply things which need planning permission). The LDF will eventually replace an existing document called the Torbay Local Plan, and will be the basis for making important decisions about the direction of growth and development in Torbay. It looks at issues such as the provision of new housing, jobs and community facilities. The framework will also ensure that due regard is made to the protection of the environment in decision making.

To receive a copy of Torbay's Local plan or the emerging LDF please contact the planning department on 208804 or visit www.torbay.gov.uk/ldf

A Community Profile

Torbay Key Facts:

- Torbay covers an area of just under 25 square miles.
- It has approximately 27 Miles of coast line with 20 public beaches.
- The average age of residents in Torbay is 43.2 years. This is 4.6 years higher than the national average.
- Around 20% of Torbay's resident population lives within an area in the top quartile most deprived in England.
- Torbay is the 10th most populated local authority in the South West. While being the 8th smallest in area.
- 2.7% of Torbay's resident working age population claimed Job Seeker's Allowance on 10 Feb 05. This is compared to 2.4% for the UK and 1.6% for the South West Region.
- Torbay's total population is estimated to be 132,500
- Torbay has the largest percentages of working population on incapacity benefit.



The aim of Torbay Council is to: -

- raise living standards throughout the communities which make up Torbay,
- increase the level e.g. economic activity, within a business friendly environment.
- create a public / private economic and regeneration partnership to deliver economic, tourism and marine objectives.

Torbay is seen by many as a traditional English Seaside Resort, and therefore the economy is very much dependant on the Service Sector.

The population pyramid above illustrates how the Torbay population structure differs to the England and Wales structure. It is clear to see both the deficit of young adults and the abundance of older people in the population.

Torbay's population is estimated to grow constantly over the next 25 years, at an average rate of 1,200 persons a year. There is a growing number of foreign workers from Eastern block countries.

Opportunities for Torbay's' Older People

It can be seen from the community profile that Torbay has a wealth of older people in the population. Many of the sports clubs in Torbay thrive on the enthusiasm from older people in the community giving up voluntary hours for many clubs and often unseen. That is not to say that older people are not also members of many of the sports clubs including the many bowls clubs, croquet, tennis, athletics, cycling, walking and many more.

Being active, particularly for older people, has many benefits. Regular activity can help improve ones strength and ability to do daily tasks which in turn can help to live life in the way you would like to.

Benefits also include

- Having fun and enjoying life
- Meeting more people and making new friends
- Relaxing, combat stress and anxiety
- Be able to control their weight
- Have improved movement and balance - leading to a decrease in the chances of falls and accidents
- Helps keep our brains healthy
- Increases strength and bone density - without exercise muscle quickly wastes away
- Increases energy and allows you to be more alert than sedentary people
- Health Specific Conditions
- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and high blood pressure
- Improve balance, co-ordination and flexibility of joints
- Prevent the start of some types of diabetes
- Improved immune systems
- Better circulation - less swollen ankles (oedema) and cold at extremities

As mentioned above there are many activities for older people to take part in. Both Brixham Swimming Pool and Swim Torquay run aqua classes and Torbay Leisure Centre, the Acorn Centre and the Riviera International Centre also run many activities targeted at older people.

50 + at Torbay Leisure Centre. Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon between 13.30 - 15.30 various activities are available including gentle aerobics, badminton, squash, racquet ball, swimming, table tennis for the 50 plus.

The Acorn Centre, Every Thursday (term time only) there is a 50 plus session at the Acorn Leisure Centre.

The Riviera International Centre, There are a number of activities available at the centre including aqua aerobics, walking, Hatha Yoga and various other exercise and aerobic classes

Torbay's Library and Leisure Card

It can be seen from the index of deprivation on the following page that just over 9,000 people in Torbay live in an area that is within the top 10% most Income Deprived in England. Working in partnership Torbay Council made it possible for people on low incomes to be more accessible to sporting opportunities locally. Torbay's Library and Leisure card is for individuals and families on low incomes, and for looked after young people and their carers.

The Library and Leisure card has 4 benefits

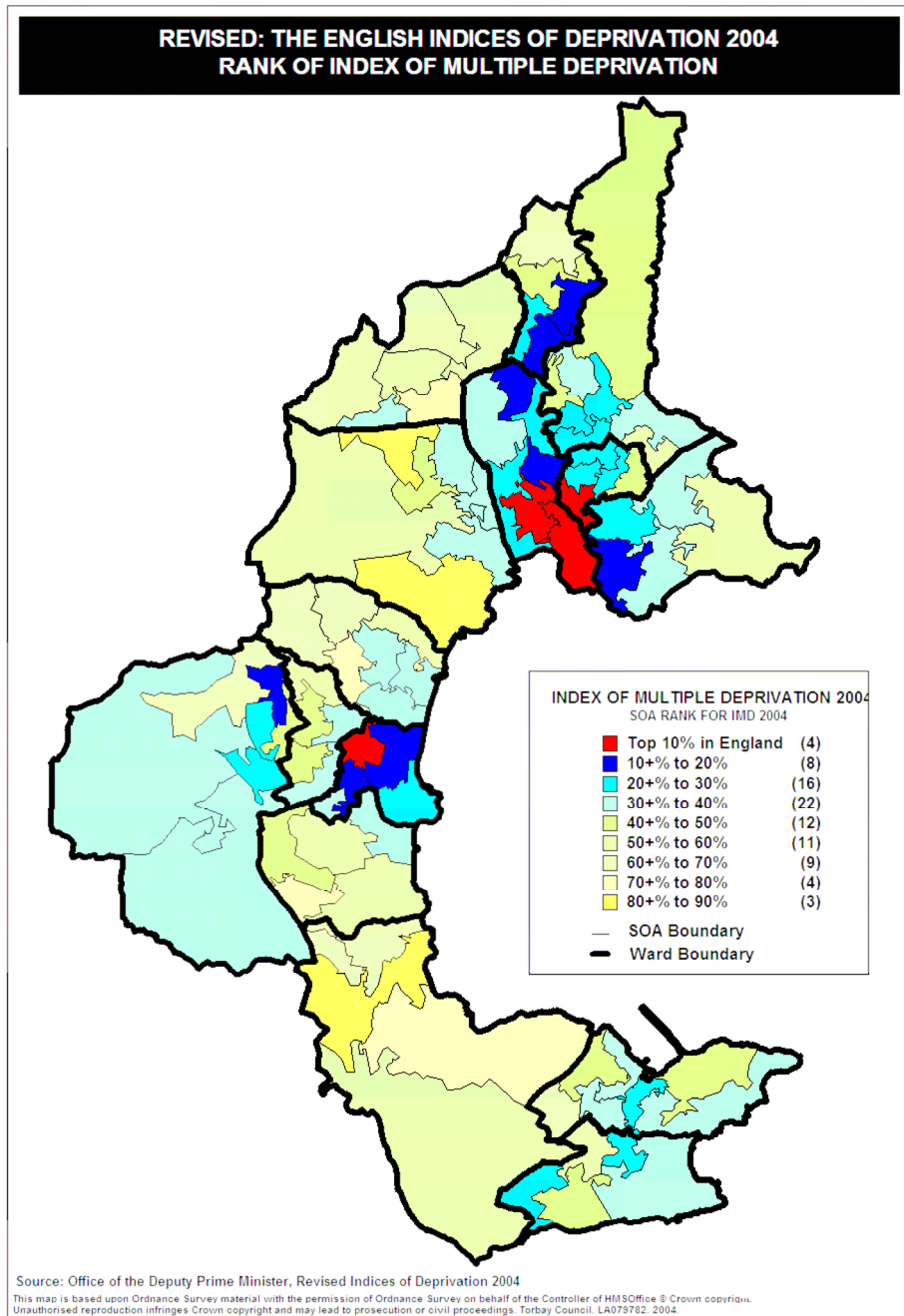
- Discounts for swims, athletics or gymnastics at local sports and leisure facilities
- Use of the library services to hire DVDs, videos and music, or borrow books
- Free internet and email access from local libraries.
- Access to free ICT taster sessions for those who are not familiar with computers

Centres currently include The Riviera International Centre, Torbay Leisure Centre, Swim Torquay, Torquay Gymnastics Club and Torbay Athletics Club, Torquay Library, Paignton Library, Torbay Mobile Library, Brixham Library and Churston Library.

Index of Deprivation

District Level

- The national average rankings places Torbay as the 89th most deprived local authority in England. Just outside the top quartile.
- Torbay is the 94th most deprived local authority in England.
- Torbay is one of only two local authorities in Devon in the top 100 most deprived local authorities in England.



- 14 SOAs within Torbay are ranked in the top 20% most Income Deprived SOAs in England. Of these six are ranked in the top 10% most deprived in England.
- Just over 9,000 (7% of the Torbay population) persons live in an area that is within the top 10% most Income Deprived in England. This includes nearly 4,000 households.
- Nearly 21,000 persons (16% of the Torbay population) live in an area that is within the top 20% most deprived in England for Income Deprivation.

Priority Sports

In 2003 when the Sports Strategy was first developed the following sports were identified as priorities:

- Swimming
- Tennis
- Athletics
- Water sports
- Playing Pitch provision (as identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy)

Considerable improvement has been made in regard to tennis, with new and refurbished facilities having taken place and planned for the future.

Swimming has also seen some limited development for Brixham Indoor Pool and Swim Torquay. Additional 106 funding has been allocated to Swim Torquay as well as a successful application to the Amateur Swimming Association for government funding. It is hoped that Brixham swimming pool will also receive a grant from the Community Sports Fund through the Amateur Swimming Association.

Although applications were prepared for the development of an athletics' track these were unsuccessful. Therefore this still remains a key priority.

The coast, beaches and sea provide a valuable resource for leisure pursuits, such as sailing, angling, swimming, canoeing, windsurfing, rowing, jet skiing, water skiing and sub aqua. Torquay Harbour, encompassing 16 square miles of open sea. Tor bay is one of the country's finest water sport locations, nestling within the western shores of Lyme Bay. The popularity of water sports in Torbay is illustrated by the number of boats moored in the marinas and by the variety of clubs and establishments dotted along the coast. Torbay can therefore be promoted as a centre for maritime events. Virtually all water-based recreational activity takes place within the area which comes under the jurisdiction of the Torbay Harbour Authority, which has statutory responsibilities for matters such as health and safety, and this provides the context for all the water-based proposal in the Sports' Strategy.

Water sports have recently become a focus for future development in Torbay. This is due to the proposal by Torbay Sports Council to develop a Water Sports Centre of Excellence which is backed by the Torbay Development Agency and the Cultural Partnership, and is linked to Torbay's aspiration on being an Olympic training camp in 2012.

The Playing Pitch Strategy identified the following priorities to:

- Establish new pitches for junior rugby and football – including converting adult pitches which are currently surplus in Torquay and Paignton
- Develop a new cricket pitch at Barton Landfill site
- Secure dual use of school pitches outside school hours
- Develop a Football Foundation bid for Churston Grammar School for new dual use pitches
- Examine the potential for securing new pitches at Brixham for junior football and rugby.
- Improve changing rooms across Torbay.
- Limit the over playing of pitches to allow them sufficient time for recovery

What's happened since Torbay Sports Strategy in 2003?

In the heart of the Sports' Strategy there were three Action Plans. They contain proposals and more detailed initiatives. The identification of the lead organisation responsible for each proposal and the main partners,

The following are actions that have been accomplished as a result of the 2003 Sports Strategy;

Action Plan for Sports' Development – the key elements

- The new "Leisure Card Scheme" for Torbay was launched with the library services in November 2005.
- Paignton Community College achieved Sports College Status in September 2002. They are also the lead organisation of the School Sports' Co-ordinator Programme which every school in the Local Education Authority is part of.
- Torbay now has its own Coach Education Programme running along side the Devon Coach Education Programme. Courses include both generic and governing body courses. Responsibility was handed over from Torbay Council to the Community Sports Coordinator at Paignton Community and Sports College in 2005.
- The Devon Active Sports Partnership is vibrant in the bay with the 9 key sports. Junior netball clubs, hockey, mini tennis and girls football clubs are all now on offer in the bay for young people to join due to the development of Active Sports and the Devon Youth Games.
- A biennial sports/arts directory is available in all leisure centres, libraries and schools across Torbay with the latest one being issued in 2006
- In partnership with the Groundwork Trust and the Youth Service various projects have been carried out in deprived areas across the bay including parks across the bay.
- A community cricket coach is now in place to work across the bay and it is hoped further community sports coaches will follow to include a cycling community cricket coach in 2006.

Action Plan for infrastructure – the key elements

- A funding guide for all sports clubs is now available from libraries and Cultural Services.
- A funding strategy is still to be written. Cultural Services now has a Special Projects Officer in place to help community groups to develop funding opportunities.
- As a priority sport tennis has grown from strength to strength in Torbay. Mini Tennis is now available through both Torquay Lawn Tennis Club and Cary Park Tennis Club. Cary Park Tennis Club has now taken on a licence for its courts. Torquay Lawn Tennis Club has worked closely with the Council and the Lawn Tennis Association to develop Torbay's first indoor tennis courts opening in 2006.
- As a priority sport Torbay Council have worked closely with both Brixham and Swim Torquay swimming pools to gain essential funding to maintain the buildings.
- Torbay Council has worked closely with Torquay Amateur Athletics Club to develop an athletics' track. Unfortunately no suitable funding has as yet been made available for the track. A bid has been put together for when more funding is available.
- Playing Field Provision – A playing pitch strategy for Torbay has been written and identified that there is enough pitch space per head of population if pitches in educational establishments are included. Because of this Torbay Council is now working closely with schools to open up their facilities to the community.
- Improvements to pitches – Whiterock pitch has been improved and a lot of work has been carried out to improve changing facilities.
- Access and ancillary facilities – sports facilities, including sports halls and clubs are being made available to all sections of the community.
- Other initiatives SRB, Objective 2 wards
After a lot of hard work skate parks are now available in Torquay, Paignton and Brixham.

Action Plan for Water Sports – the key elements

- Water Sports Forum and Coastal Zone Management - Marine bio-diversity Action Plan now in place.
- Beach zoning – Water skiing now at Livermead Beach and Elberry Cove. Other beaches have a 400m off shore limit of 5 knots.
- Access point for water-borne users - investigating new access sites for boats and improving beach access in accordance with the Harbour bylaws
- Increase use and promoting safety, improving bathing water standards, public awareness and beach facilities – Torbay Council are working with the Environment Agency and South West Water to improve standards. In 2005 Torbay boasted 5 blue flag beaches and 12 seaside awards.

- Raising awareness through promotion of facilities and information. - A water sports leaflet explaining where all water sports can be carried out in the bay is now available.
- Public Realm - a new slipway at Torquay Harbour and the widening of Beacon Quay and supporting improvements of sailing clubs, including boat storage and other facilities, including launching is currently under construction.
- 2006 will see the launch by Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust Snorkelling Safaris around areas of the bay.

Conclusion

Torbay's Sports' Strategy documents set out the vision for the development of sport for all sections of the community. It has provided useful input into the Community Plan and other statutory plans. The strategies support Torbay Council's important role of encouraging more of the population to take part in active sports in Torbay.

The up dated strategy will only be of value if the community have input and use it. Torbay Council is keen to discuss ideas and comments with anyone interested in sports development.



Education in Torbay

There are currently 46 schools in Torbay; this is including special schools and non Local Education Authority (LEA) schools. All LEA schools are part of the School Sport's Coordinator partnership.

Paignton Community College was awarded specialist sports' college status in September 2003. They are now one of 400 specialist sports' colleges. Its role is to spread best practice and raise standards, delivering the National PE, School Sports' and Club link's strategy. Specialist Sports' status involves a clear expectation that the curriculum centre of excellence will drive whole school and community improvement forward.

Paignton Community & Sports' College is also the hub site for the Torbay School Sport Partnership – families of schools which work together to increase sports' and physical activity opportunities for all. The Torbay Sports Partnership has a Partnership Development Manager, based at the college, with eight School Sports' Coordinators based in each of the Torbay secondary schools and a Community Sports' coordinator who is responsible for supporting sports' clubs and helping to establish effective school to club links.

The collage also received fast track New Opportunities Funding (NOF) and have developed a community use facility on the borough road school sight. It is a dual use sight that is available schools up until 6pm during the week and available to the community in the evening, weekends and school holidays. Torquay Community College also received NOF funding for a similar project and opened in 2006. This has allowed Paignton Community and Sports College to work in partnership to cater for GP referral patients and it is hoped that Torquay Community College will come on board in 2006.

South Devon College is a post 16 establishment that moved in 2005 from Torquay to Paignton. Facilities at the new site include a sport's hall with multi sport's usage, a fitness suite used for GP Referral and training purposes, a full size grass football pitch plus a training pitch. A full time Sports' facilitator has been employed to promote the use of the sports' hall and sports' facilities at South Devon College.

South Devon College is both a Football Centre of Excellence (Boys) linked to Plymouth Argyle Football Club and Devon Football Association and a Tennis Academy linked to the Lawn Tennis Association and Torquay Lawn Tennis Club building on the recognised priority for Torbay. The College also runs varying courses in a variety of subjects including Football, Sports and Fitness Therapy, Sports Studies, Vocational pathway to Outdoor Education and Tennis.

It is the first college to offer a degree in Marine Sports in the UK. On completing the course you can enter the rapidly expanding industry as a junior manager or progress to a final year at the University of Plymouth and top up to a BSc in Marine Sport Science.



Sports Development in Torbay

Youth Sports' Development was introduced as a service when Torbay Council became a Unitary Authority in 1998. On 1st April 2005 the Sports' Development Service role was handed over to Paignton Community & Sports' College.

The aim is to develop opportunities for everyone throughout Torbay to participate in sport. This includes developing links with schools and clubs and promoting key elements of Active Sports, Active Schools and Active Communities programmes as stated within Sport England's development programme. Torbay Council and Paignton Community & Sports' College also work in partnership with local agencies including the Youth Sports Trust, Sports' Coach UK, Sport England, and National Governing Bodies of Sport, sport clubs, youth groups and other organisations with an interest in sport.

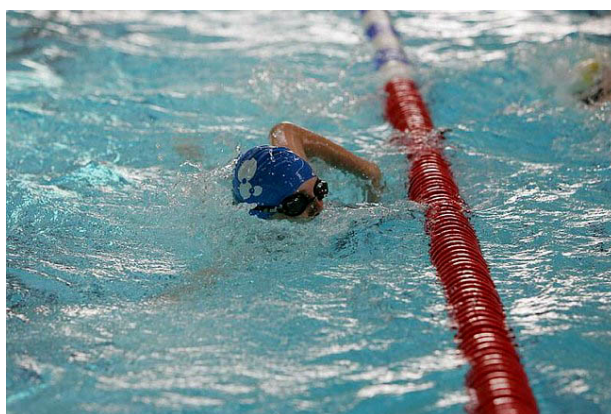
Since its establishment, Sports' Development in Torbay has introduced several sports programmes and initiatives. Both organisations are constantly working on the development of other programmes and initiatives in order to improve the sporting life of everyone throughout Torbay.

The service has evolved and experienced many successes since its inception, including the following:

- As of September 2002 all schools across the bay are involved in the School Sports Co-coordinator Partnership.
- Paignton Community College has achieved Specialist Sports College Status.
- Promotion of a funding guide for sports clubs has enabled many clubs to obtain funding.
- £1,831,144 NOF funding for sports facilities for Torbay Schools has been distributed.
- 6 Torbay Sports Awards have been held with finalists being fed into the Devon Sports Awards. In 2003 Torbay hosted the Devon Sports Awards.
- Many 'one off' tournaments and sports events organized to support current initiatives.
- 2 Junior Netball Clubs and 2 Junior Hockey Clubs are now vibrant in Torbay out side of school hours
- Mini Tennis is now available in Torbay through both Cary Park Tennis Club and Torquay Lawn tennis Club.
- A biennial Sports Directory is published promoting over 180 sports clubs in the bay.
- A local Coach Education programme is in place to allow coaches to become governing body qualified and feeds in to the Devon Coach Education Programme.
- 'The "Sweet Chariot Tour" came to Torquay Rugby Club in 2004.
- The Torbay Young Persons Triathlon has now become an established annual event. Over 150 applicants compete annually with an age range from 11 years to 16 years.
- In 2003 Torquay Grammar School for Girls, in partnership with Torbay Council, received Sport England funding for a brand new ATP facility including community for outside of school hour's use.
- A successful free of charge 'have a go' event was held at Torbay Leisure Centre allowing the community from 0 to 80 to try a variety of sports from Baton Twirling to Aero ball to Hockey and girls football.
- In January 2004 the 'Fitness for Torbay' GP referral scheme was launched in partnership between Torbay Council and the Torbay Care Trust. This allows people to be recommended exercise rather than medicine.
- Opportunities for many work placement students from local schools and from abroad have allowed young people to obtain work experience in the sports development field and to assist the Sports' Development Officer with the work programme.

- Continued membership of the Devon Active Sports' Partnership with 10 week start centres, encouraging many young people to become involved in basketball, netball, hockey, girl's rugby and girl's football. And a county wide coaching conference available to all sports coaches
- A vibrant High 5 netball league is running in primary schools.
- A Sports grant scheme is available to talented sportspeople who reside in Torbay.
- Torbay Council has adopted a Child Protection Policy for Sports Development.
- A leaflet is now available on "Where to take part in Water sports in Torbay.
- Carers and "Looked after young people" have access to sport's clubs and facilities free of charge in some cases or at reduced rates in others.
- Torquay Lawn Tennis Club have opened there doors to new indoor tennis courts in 2006 in partnership with Torbay Council and the Lawn Tennis Association.
- Many clubs in Torbay have now taken on the lease form the Council for their premises allowing them greater access to external funding.
- Swim Torquay has gained 106 money and funding through the Amateur Swimming Association to improve disabled facilities, a new filtration unit, new heat exchanger and new storage facilities.
- Torbay's first Leisure Card was launched in 2005 to allow carers and those on low incomes access to leisure facilities at a reduced rate.
- Each year Torbay is proud to enter teams into every sports category in the Devon Youth games allowing many young people form Torbay to enjoy the experience.
- In 2006 Sport England reported that 84% of children and young people in Torbay are participating in two hours of quality PE per week, putting Torbay in the top performing quartile. (These results can be viewed at www.sportengland.org.uk)
- Also in 2006 Sport England reported that only 16.9% of adults in Torbay are participating in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport and active recreation (including recreational walking) on 3 or more days a week. This is a very disappointing but may be related to Torbay's ageing population. (These results can be viewed at www.sportengland.org.uk)

The achievements illustrate what can be achieved with a coordinated approach to sport. Commitment and funding support of all partners is essential. This strategy aims to build on these successes and to further extend the scope of the Sports" Development Programme to cover all sectors of the community. It is now 'our' challenge in increase the percentage of people involved in sport and active recreation. It is felt that these percentages would be greater if dance was included.



Existing Sports Provision by Torbay

- Torbay provides a wide range of sports facilities within the Bay. These facilities serve important community needs and their improvement or replacement would be supported at appropriate sites within the communities concerned.
- To encourage community sports clubs Torbay Council also offer
 - Discretionary Rate Relief for sport-clubs
 - Advice on external funding by Cultural Services, Community Projects Officer
 - leases and grants to help off set market rents to clubs occupying land owned by the Council
 - Support and administration for Torbay Sports Council

Indoor leisure facilities

- The Riviera Centre in Chestnut Avenue, Torquay is situated in a prime location overlooking Torre Abbey Garden. It is the busiest leisure centre in Torquay. It is a multipurpose centre, including facilities ranging from swimming and other active sports, to eating, conference and entertainment. Currently it has some 228,000 annual users to the swimming and gym facilities.
- The Torbay Leisure Centre at Clennon Valley, Paignton, is the main indoor recreation centre in Torbay, with approximately 475,000 paying visitors in 2003. There are two other purpose-built indoor sports centres - the Acorn Centre in Barton, Torquay and Brixham Leisure Centre, which is part of the Brixham Community College. There are also two voluntarily run swimming pools - at Plainmoor, Torquay and Brixham Indoor Pool which also have scope for improvement. There is also a wide range of indoor sports and leisure facilities available to the public in local schools, hotels, community centres, church halls and private sports clubs and fitness suites. There have been several recent developments in hotels and schools. There are new sports halls and fitness suites at Paignton Community & Sports' College and Torquay Community College, ten pin bowling at AMF Bowling, Torquay, and indoor bowls centres at Oldway, Paignton, Torquay United's Football Ground, and at the Victoria Hotel, Torquay. There is a squash club at Barton, Torquay. Multipurpose halls at Torquay and Brixham Town Halls which are owned by the Council and available for organised public use. A rifle shooting club is located at Clennon Valley, Paignton and two gymnastics facilities in Torquay and Paignton. Torquay Lawn Tennis club now have both indoor and outdoor courts available for community use.
- All secondary schools through out Torbay offer a wide range of facilities for community use. Including Paignton Community & Sports College, Torquay Community College and Brixham Community College which offer gym facilities and sports halls for community use outside of school hours.
- There are also several privately run leisure and health facilities in the area, including swimming pools, many of which are associated with hotels.

Outdoor leisure recreation

- Torbay enjoys a wide range of outdoor leisure and recreation opportunities, including the South West Coast Path and other coastal and countryside walks, 22 beaches, extensive country parks, town parks and gardens. The high quality of our species rich natural environment provides Torbay with a great potential for 'eco-tourism' / recreation, which puts an emphasis on a direct contact with the natural environment (i.e. nature based experiences, badger watching, conservation work etc). This also raises the profile of green / sustainable tourism, which gives visitors the opportunity to experience local crafts and produce that make Torbay distinctive. In turn, this provides an opportunity for local businesses to promote high quality produce made in the area. A sustainable approach to the recreation and leisure industry should also involve the use of alternative means of transport such as walking and cycling.

- There is also extensive provision for active recreation, including soccer, rugby and hockey pitches, (including a floodlit full size all-weather facility), cricket grounds, tennis courts, bowling greens, two golf courses, Cayman golf and a dry ski run.
- Torbay has a generous provision of public amenity open space in relation to its population. This is perhaps to be expected in a resort area where there is a large increase in the population during the summer. However, in terms of formal pitch requirements the situation is reversed. In 1994, the Council commissioned consultants to carry out a study of playing pitch demand and provision in Torbay. This was to enable it to plan for the future by safeguarding and improving existing facilities and developing new playing pitches and ancillary facilities where required. The study (completed in January 1995) concluded that, even allowing for the generally older population profile of Torbay and the existence of the coast and other recreational resources, Torbay is severely underprovided for in terms of playing field area per thousand of the population. Demand from existing clubs (especially football) outstrips supply. An equally serious concern, highlighted by the same survey, was a considerable dissatisfaction with the standard of facilities provided, both in terms of size and quality. This applies especially to changing facilities, but it also applied to social facilities, car parking, drainage and quality of surface of pitches. There is evidence of residents using facilities outside Torbay because they cannot obtain pitches of suitable quality within it.
- There is no synthetic athletics track (8 x 400 metres) to enable all-weather athletics activities to take place in the area. The nearest being at Exeter. This is approximately a 50 mile round trip. The Sports Strategy for Torbay has identified a need for such a facility. Dedicated spectator and associated facilities (changing rooms etc) will also be required in the longer term. The site previously proposed at Clennon Valley has, however, proved to have unsuitable ground conditions. An Active Communities bid was submitted for a facility at Torre Valley North. Unfortunately it was rejected.
- Alternative sports are nationally on the increase. All three towns of Paignton, Torquay and Brixham now have skateboarding facilities in local parks.
- Recreational facilities such as horse riding establishments should consider the proximity of facilities to bridleways. There is a need to provide segregated route systems for horse riders in order to increase safety, to protect footpaths from erosion by horses and in the interests of road safety. It is also important, however, to ensure that horse riding is not encouraged along roads, particularly on busy routes.
- Grenville House is Torbay's outdoor education centre. Grenville House is supported by British Seamen's Boys' Home and are a registered charity. The philosophy emphasises the encouragement of young people to develop their appreciation of the environment, personalities and improve self esteem. This is achieved through a team of staff facilitating adventurous activities such as kayaks, canoes, 26' yacht, RIB safety boats, indoor climbing wall, abseil tower, team building, problem solving, orienteering, caving, climbing, moorland walking and river expeditions. Some 65000 children and support staff have been through the centre in 2005. Work includes working with the pupil referral unit, 'pupils under pressure' and residentials by Torbay primary schools.

Water sports

- The waters of Tor Bay itself also offers major potential for recreation. There are two marinas and four sailing clubs as well as other marine activities such as canoeing, windsurfing, water-skiing and fishing.
- An important and growing area for recreation is the sea. The coastline and beaches are the most popular focus for casual recreation. Traditional sea based sports in Torbay include sailing, water-skiing, diving and boating. These activities in themselves may not require planning permission, but it is important to ensure that the land based implications of such development do not create unacceptable amenity and environmental impacts. The Torbay Coastal Initiative (2000) is a project aimed at creating a Coastal Zone Management Framework for Torbay. Incorporating the needs of nature conservation and users of our coastal environment, it also looks into the potential for the eco-tourism market. This framework forms a useful reference tool for the implementation of Local Plan policies and proposals, particularly the Coastal Protection Zone in the environmental Protection Chapter (Policy EP12).

There is visibly an increase in 'extreme' water / beach sports such as kite surfing and kite buggying as well as water sports. The Council will consider these sports and cater for them in the future where possible.

There are over 100 sports clubs in Torbay ranging from Aikido, Croquet, Roller Hockey, Sailing through to walking groups.

There are a wide range of facilities available within Torbay including

Examples of facilities provided by Torbay Council	Examples of facilities run by sports clubs (some of which are leased from Torbay Council)
3 community leisure centres	Cary Park Tennis Club & Torquay Lawn Tennis Club
21 senior football pitches	Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club & South Devon Gymnastics Club
5 junior pitches	Royal Torbay Yacht Club and Brixham Yacht Club
4 mini pitches	Torquay Squash Club
4 rugby pitches	Churston and Torquay Golf Clubs
47 tennis courts	Brixham, Torquay & Paignton Rugby Clubs
4 youth centres	Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club
3 public swimming pools	Swim Torquay and Brixham Swimming Pool
3 Astro turf pitches	Paignton Rowing Club
11 bowling greens	Torquay United Football Club
5 cricket pitches	Brixham, Barton, Torquay and Paignton Cricket Clubs

Paignton Community & Sports College runs a very exciting out of hours programme. Over the summer months 19 sports activities are offered ranging from skiing, surfing, and horse riding to golf. The table below shows how the numbers of young people taking part have grown from strength to strength over the past 3 years. The 2006 summer program has extended to Torquay Community College, Brixham Community College and Oldway Primary School. They now also offer wrap around child care in partnership with the YMCA South Devon.

Year	2003	2004	2005
Number of young people taking part	183	494	2183

The Torbay Youth Service also offers summer sports activities for 11 – 14 year olds. These activities include Red Cross First aid courses, BAZ Camp (walking, canoeing and camping), soccer, and basketball. Computer sessions, boogie shoes dancing, trampolining, climbing and abseiling.

Individual community sports clubs' also run activities for young people throughout the summer for example Brixham Rugby Club and Cary Park Tennis Club

What action has been taken since Torbay Sports Strategy in 2003?

Policy no.	Proposal	Initiative	Lead Organisation	Partners	Action taken
D1	Opportunities for all				
D1.1	Introduce initiatives to provide opportunities for all, to participate in sport in Torbay	To develop, introduce and market a leisure card that will provide benefits to all participants	Torbay Council	Torbay Council, Sports' Clubs, Leisure Centres,	Leisure card introduced in Nov 2005.
D1.2	Encourage Healthy Lifestyles	GP Referral schemes, Healthy School Initiatives, Healthy Living Centres	Torbay Care Trust	Torbay Council, Leisure Centres, Health Centres and Local Education Authority	<p>Torbay's GP Referral scheme 'Fitbay' was launched in Feb 2005.</p> <p>10 GP Referral trained gym instructors working in the bay.</p> <p>5 GP Referral centres on board</p> <p>Torbay Care Trust appointed 5 a day coordinator</p> <p>3 coaches received British Cycling qualification to deliver Cycle referral scheme in Aug 2005</p> <p>Plans for healthy living centres have been put on hold due to planning issues</p>
D1.3	Health Improvement Programme	Develop joint initiatives to address health issues	<p>Torbay Care Trust</p> <p>Paignton Community & Sports College</p>	<p>Torbay Council, clubs, leisure centres</p> <p>Torbay Care Trust</p>	<p>Joint initiatives have included the GP Referral Scheme and the proposed Fit Camp for young people. Further initiatives are being looked at between Torbay Council, Torbay Care Trust and various clubs with priority being given to childhood obesity.</p> <p>Body Management courses available for males and females in secondary schools</p> <p>Bayriders is a scheme to encourage older people to cycle</p>

D2	Links to infrastructure improvements				
D2.1	Develop programmes to enable the opportunities created by improvements in infrastructure to be fully realised	<p>Tennis – Torbay Tennis Development Plan</p> <p>Swimming – Swim 21 accreditation</p> <p>Athletics – Devon Athletics Development Plan</p>	Torbay Council, Active Sports	Schools and Colleges, Sport England, Sports Coach UK, Governing Bodies and Sports Clubs	<p>Mini tennis is now being developed through both Cary Park and Torquay Lawn Tennis Clubs. Cary Park Tennis Club has received both capital and revenue funding through Groundwork from the Barclays Spaces for Sport Program and Torquay LTC has received funding from LTA for covered tennis courts. South Devon College has a Tennis Academy linked to the Lawn Tennis Association and Torquay Lawn Tennis Club.</p> <p>Oddicombe, Torquay Leander and Brixham Swimming Clubs are all now working towards Swim 21 accreditation.</p> <p>Meetings have taken place but the plan has been put on hold until the Sports' Strategy has been re-drafted.</p>
D3	Schools				
D3.1	Extend the range of out of school activities	Study Support Programme, Community TOPs, Active Communities Development Programme	Schools/Local Education Authority	DfES, Local Education Authority, New Opportunities Fund, Schools, Youth Sport Trust	<p>No developments from the Youth Sports Trust are available regarding Community TOPs. Paignton Community & Sports College now run an out of hours programme during the school holidays offered to all young people across the bay.</p> <p>Mountain bike rides, cycle coaching and residential camps with British Cycling Talent identification programme are also run out of hours. Young people from Torbay have been selected for British Cycling Talent and Olympic Development programmes.</p>
D3.2	Co-ordinate activities through the appointment of the school sports' coordinator programme	Schools Sports' Coordinator partnership coordinated through Partnership Development Manager at Paignton Community & Sports College	LEA, Torbay Council	DfES, Sport England, New Opportunities fund, schools, Youth Sport Trust, Clubs, BAALPE UK	All LEA schools in the Torbay are now registered with the school sports' coordinator programme. This includes 8 secondary, 33 primary and 3 special schools. The partnership development manager is based at Paignton Community & Sports Collage.

D3.3	Provide a quality sports' and PE programme to all children in Torbay	TOPs programme, TOP skill, Nike Girls in Sport, TOP Link	Local Education Authority, Torbay Council	Schools, Sport England, Sports Coach UK, Governing Bodies, Youth Sport Trust, Clubs	This is now being delivered by Paignton Community & Sports Collage.
D3.4	Organise training/coaching courses for teachers	Coaching for teacher's TOPs courses	Paignton Community & Sports College and Local Education Authority	Schools, Sports Coach UK, Governing Bodies, Sport England	This is now being delivered by Paignton Community & Sports Collage. Torbay are proud to host our own Coach Education as well as feeding into the Devon Coach Education Programme
D3.5	Promote school / club links	Awards for All Scheme, Community TOPs	Torbay Council	Schools, Sports Clubs, Sport England, Sports Coach UK, Governing Bodies, Youth Sports Trust	This is ongoing with the responsibility of the School Sports Coordinator Partnership. Torbay Council's Sports Development Service for the community has now been passed to Paignton Community & Sports Collage so as to have a more coordinated approach. PESSCL cycling programmes run in association with the British Cycling Talent identification programme run in association with the British Cycling After School Clubs'
D3.6	Encourage schools to have effective policies for promoting physical education and sport and that achievement of sporting quality is recognised	Sportsmark and Active Mark	Paignton Community & Sports College and Local Education Authority	Schools, Sport England, Local Education Authority	This is now being developed by Paignton Community & Sports Collage and the School Sports Coordinator Partnership.
D3.7	Increase enthusiasm for participation in sport through role models	Sporting Champion Scheme	Torbay Council	Schools, Sport England, Local Education Authority, Sports Clubs	Unfortunately this is no longer available to local authorities but local sports personalities were used for Torbay Sports' Personality Awards.
D3.8	Support academic achievement	Playing for Success	Local Education Authority	Torbay Council, DfES, sponsors	Paignton Community & Sports College achieved Specialist Sports College Status and are working with the School

	through sport				Sports Coordinator Partnership towards new strategies.
D3.9	More involvement with school and community	Paignton Community College obtained Sports College Status and money from the New Opportunity Funding to build a new sports hall and fitness suite in 2003	Local Education Authority	Sport England, DfES, Youth Sport Trust, NOF PE and Sport	New Opportunity Funding for Paignton Community & Sports' College, Torquay Community College, Brixham Community College and White Rock Primary schools.
D4	Active Communities Programme				
D4.1	Develop training and Coaching Courses	Torbay Coach Education Programme	Torbay Council	Schools, Sports Clubs, Sport England, Sports Coach UK, Governing Bodies, Youth Sport Trust, CCPR, Community Education	This is now being developed by Paignton Community & Sports College for both students and the community. South Devon College are a vocational training college and offer governing body courses to both students and the community.
D4.2	Promotion of small grants available to clubs and organisations	Awards for All, Torbay Council's Sports Grants, Sports Aid SW	Torbay Council	Schools, Sports Clubs, Torbay Sports Council, Sport England	Funding guide completed and distributed to clubs. Cultural Services Community Projects Officer in place to advise clubs.
D4.3	Support the development of junior club sections	Community TOPs programme	Torbay Council	Sports Clubs, Schools, Sport England, Youth Sports Trust, Torbay Sports Council	No developments from the Youth Sports Trust are available regarding Community TOPs. But from the Devon Youth Games 2 new junior netball clubs, 1 new junior hockey club and girls football teams have evolved.
D4.4	Support a variety of sports within the community	Club Development Schemes	Torbay Council	Schools, Sports Clubs, Sport England, Sports Coach UK, Governing Bodies, Youth Sports Trust	Devon Active Sports now hold an annual Coaching Conference which is advertised to all clubs. Community Sports Development Service now delivered by Paignton Community & Sports College
D4.5	Recognition for young sports'	Torbay Sports' Personality of the Year	Torbay Council	Schools, Local Education Authority,	In 2004 the Devon Sports Awards were hosted by Torbay. Annual Sports' Awards are run in Torbay. The responsibility

	people	Awards		Clubs, Sponsors	was passed over to Paignton Community & Sports College after the 2005 awards.
D4.6	Recognition of local Coaches	Devon Coach of the Year Awards	Devon District Councils	Schools, Clubs, NEF, SAF, Governing Bodies, Local Education Authority's	The 2004 Devon Sports' Awards were hosted by Torbay. Torbay had two successful candidates in the 2005 awards.
D4.7	Promotion of existing sports' facilities	Torbay Sports' Directory	Torbay Council	Clubs, schools, Community groups.	A biennial sports directory is distributed to all clubs, schools, libraries and leisure centres. Community Database available on line in partnership with Torbay Library Service A Community Portal was launched in 2006 for all community voluntary groups to access and have training of its use.
D5	Active Sports Programme				
D5.1	Give young people the opportunity to achieve sporting success and to achieve personal goals, and to promote their success	Active Sports Partnership, Area Youth Games, Regional / National Youth Games, Development of performance coaching, Active Sports Talent Camp, Sports Aid South West	Active Sports Partnership	Torbay Council, Devon County and District Councils, Local Education Authority's and Governing Bodies	Torbay is part of the Devon Active Sports' Partnership. Torbay annually enters teams in the Devon Youth Games. Torbay Council annually support Sports Aid South West and run a limited individual grant scheme for talented resident athletes. Junior Sports Leadership and Community Sports Leadership schemes are held across Torbay. Torbay Council has an individual grant aid scheme for athletes who require financial help and have achieved county standard or above.
D6	Information and advice				
D6.6	Provide information and advice concerning	Sports Directory, Newsletters, Website, local media	Torbay Council	Torbay Council, Schools, Clubs, Sport England	An biennial Sports' Directory is published. Torbay has produced a Funding guide for clubs.

	funding and provision of sport in Torbay				Torbay's web site is continually up dated.
D6.7	Promotion of existing sports' opportunities	Sports Directory	Torbay Council	Clubs, Schools, Community groups	Biennial sports directory produced.
D6.8	Sports' pitch improvement	Support parks section in achieving external funding.	Torbay Council	Football Foundation, Local Education Authority	Torbay Council achieved funding. September 2002 Playing Pitch Strategy was produced. Churston Grammar School has received football foundation funding.
D6.9	Community sports' coaching in deprived areas	Active Communities Development Fund for a full-time Active Communities Development Officer. Get the Buzz Scheme	Torbay Council	Sport England, Acorn Centre, Burton Hall, South Devon College Schools Community Education	Unsuccessful in November 2001 and the funding has now come to an end. Part – time Cycling Community Sports Coach employed at Paignton Community & Sports College in partnership with British Cycling and Active Devon Sports Partnership. Groundwork received funding to deliver football coaching sessions in Victoria Park, Paignton, Upton Park and Barton in Torquay.

Figure F - Action Plan for Infrastructure

Policy no.	Proposal	Initiative	Lead Organisation	Partners	Action taken
F1.1	Provide support to the club's making applications for external funding	on going	Clubs	Sport England, Lottery Funds, Torbay Sports" Council, TVS	Cultural Services now has a Community Projects Officer to provide support to groups applying for funding.
F1.2	Support proposals for the development of the new facilities and the enhancement of existing facilities	ongoing	All Partners	Torbay Council, Torbay Sports Council, Sport England, Clubs	Torbay Council worked in partnership with Torquay Grammar Schools for Girls, Torquay Boys Grammar School, Paignton Ladies Hockey Clubs and Torbay Men's Hockey Club to develop the dual use Artificial Turf Pitch based on the school grounds. Paignton Community & Sports College received fast track

	*subject to a viable business plan				NOF funding for a new sports hall and dual use gym. Torquay Community College also received NOF funding for a new dual use sports hall and gym.
F1.3	Encourage the development and management of integrated facilities	ongoing	Torbay Council	Schools, Clubs, Torbay Sports Council	Three bids from Torbay were submitted to Sport England's Integrated Facilities fund with the Acorn Centre being successful.
F1.4	Develop a Funding Strategy	March 2002	Torbay Council	Sport England, Sports Clubs, Developers South Devon College	Special Projects Officer now in place in Cultural Services to work with all voluntary clubs in Torbay.
F1.5	Review Torbay Councils role in the direct management of facilities	Best Value Review Process	Torbay Council	Sports Clubs, Sport England, Private Sector	Torbay Council has been working with many sports clubs to develop leasing arrangements on key club operated sites this has enabled re-investment in pay and play facilities for subsequent saving.
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F2	Priority Sport Tennis				
F2.1	Torquay Lawn Tennis Club – new Clubhouse, and covered courts	Underway	Torquay Lawn Tennis Club	Sports Council, Torbay Council, Lawn Tennis Association	Torquay LTC has received funding from LTA and plans are going forward for covered tennis courts. New facilities opened in 2006
F2.2	Subject to demand, viability and funding - Improvements to public tennis courts at sites such as: Abbey Park Furzeham Upton Park Victoria Park	Develop three year programme	Torbay Council	Torbay Council Sport England LTA South Devon College	Development of Oldway Tennis courts completed. Upton Park and Victoria Park have been resurfaced and turned in to free use facilities. Development of courts at South Devon College in line with Tennis Academy

F2.3	Develop mini tennis in the Bay		Torbay Council, Cary Park Tennis Club and Torquay Lawn tennis Club		Cary Park Tennis Club and Torquay Lawn Tennis Club now provide mini tennis.
F2.4	Assist Cary Park Junior Tennis Club with getting facilities		Torbay Council and Cary Park Tennis Club		Two courts have been resurfaced in 2006 and a new club house built. Funding has also be secured for community sports development.
F3	Priority Sport Swimming				
F3.1	Support the provision of appropriate quality public swimming pools in Torbay	Ongoing	Torbay Council	Torbay Council Clubs Torbay Sports Council	Swim Torquay has been accepted to receive funding from central government to maintain the facilities and improve disabled facilities. They have also received 106 money from local developers. Brixham Swimming Pool has now secured some funding and has a high class business plan in place for the future.
F3.2	Renewal of roof at Brixham Pool, attend to corrosion of structure, disabled changing & shower facilities	On going	Brixham Amateur Swimming & Lifesaving Society	Brixham Amateur Swimming & Lifesaving Society, Torbay Council	A bid has been submitted to Sport England for funding. Temporary work has already been carried out to allow the pool to re open after closure due to a structural survey.
F3.3	Renewal of facilities at Swim Torquay, Plainmoor	Work top begin by March 31 st 2006.	Swim Torquay	Swim Torquay, Torbay Council, Swimming Clubs, ASA, Schools Swimming Association.	Swim Torquay has been accepted to receive funding from central government to maintain the facilities and improve disabled facilities. They have also received 106 money from local developers.
F3.4	Renew Roof to pool - Oldway Primary School	2004	School Governors	Local Education Authority, Torbay Council, School	Completed 2005
F4	Priority Sport Athletics				
F4.1	Support the development of an Athletics track with associated car parking & changing facilities		Torbay Council	Galmpton Utd, South Devon, Torbay, Newton Abbot & Dartmouth Athletic Clubs	Bid submitted to Sport England but refused due to not enough funding available. Due to new builds opportunity at Torquay Grammar School for Girls, Torquay Boys Grammar School and Torquay

	subject to a the completion of a detailed feasibility study and site investigation that demonstrates the viability of the proposals				Community Collage are now not suitable locations Feasibility study required.
F5	Playing Field Provision				
F5.1	Carry out a strategic review of sports pitches	Completion 2002	Torbay Council	Local Education Authority	Playing Pitch Strategy completed 2004.
F5.2	All weather floodlit hockey/football pitch, changing rooms & car parking Torquay Girls Grammar School	Open 2002	Torquay Girls Grammar School	Torquay Girls Grammar School, Torquay Boys Grammar School, Torbay Council	Completed 2002.
F5.3	New Playing Fields & changing facilities – Barton subject to viability tests	On going	Torbay Council	Sports Clubs, Community Groups at Barton, Torbay Sports Council, Sport England	Proposals are moving forward It is currently under a working progress discussion document.
F5.4	Community use offered by Churston Grammar School New playing fields Bridge Road and changing facilities 2 – 5 pitches	Open 2004	Torbay Council	Torbay Council, Sport England, Clubs, Schools	Bid to the Football Foundation has been submitted and approved.
F6	Playing Field Improvements				
F6.1	Sports Pitch Levelling	Three year programme	Torbay Council	Schools Sports Clubs Devon FA DfES, Football	Whiterock playing fields completed.

				Foundation	
F6.2	Sports Pitch Drainage - Clennon Valley	2003	Torbay Council	Schools Sports Clubs Devon FA DfES, Football Foundation	No further progress
F6.3	Sports Pitch Drainage Churston Grammar School	2003	Torbay Council	Schools Sports Clubs Devon FA DfES, Football Foundation	Bid to the Football Foundation has been successful 2006.
F6.4	Transfer Junior Football to school sites	On going	Torbay Council, Paignton Community & Sports' Collage and Schools	Schools Sports Clubs Devon FA	A community use of schools facilities is now available including all secondary schools. Plans to include primary schools are moving forward.
F6.5	Rationalisation of small sites as major new facilities are completed	2004	Torbay Council	Local Education Authority, Schools Sports Clubs Devon FA	
F7	Access & Ancillary Facilities				
F7.1	Facilitate the increased use of sports' facilities by all sections of the community through improvements to the access to facilities and improvements to changing rooms	Three year programme	Torbay Council	Torbay council Schools Sport clubs Devon FA Sport England, Football Foundation	
F7.2	New changing facilities White Rock Primary School	2003	Torbay council	White Rock Primary School, DfES, NOF PE and Sport	Completed 2006

F7.3	NOF, work together to improve facilities based at Community Colleges in Torbay	Programme for PE and Sport	Torbay Council, Local Education Authority	Local Education Authority, DfES, NOF PE and Sport	NOF funding for Paignton Community & Sports College and Torquay Community College
F8	Sports Halls				
F8.1	Support improvements to existing sport's halls to raise standards	Three Year Programme	Torbay council	Community organisations, sport's clubs Schools, Torbay Council, NOF PE and Sport	NOF funding has allowed both Paignton Community & Sports College and Torquay Community College to have new sports halls. Brixham Leisure Centre has received funding for an up grade of the fitness suite with new equipment. Now looking to open more hours and employing more staff.
F8.2	Torquay Community College, Sport's Hall	Ongoing	Torquay Community College	South Devon College, Torbay Council, NOF PE and Sport	Completed 2006
F9	Support for Club Improvements				
F9.1	Support clubs wishing to improve facilities	ongoing	Clubs	Torbay Council, Sport England, Clubs	Torbay Council is working with many clubs in Torbay to improve facilities. This includes two gymnastics clubs, Paignton Rifle and Pistol Club, Torquay Lawn Tennis Club, Cary Park Tennis Club, Swim Torquay and Brixham Swimming Pool.
F9.2	Support the improvement of sailing clubs including shore facilities, boat storage launching and competition facilities	ongoing	Clubs	Torbay Council, Sport England	Plans for Marine Centre of Excellence supported by Torbay Sports Council and the Cultural Partnership.
F10	Other Initiatives				

F10.1	SRB5 New Deal for Torbay covering 3 wards in Torquay i.e. Torwood, Tormohun and Ellacombe. Elements of programme to develop a more physical activity focus	5 year programme	Various projects in Torbay	Safer Communities Action Programme, Foyer Scheme, Healthy Living Project, Community Capacity Building Scheme, Waterfront Regeneration Scheme and personal Effectiveness Project.	
F10.2	Objective 2 Covering 7 wards in Torbay i.e. Torwood, Tormohun, Cockington with Chelston, St Peter's with St Mary's, Furzeham with Churston, Blatchcombe, and St Michael's with Goodrington. Programme designed to promote neighbourhood renewal and skill development.	2000 – 2006 programme	Various	As above	

Action Plan for the future – What next?

Policy no.	Proposal	Initiative	Lead organisations	Partners
	Facility development			
G.1	Childhood Obesity Fitness Centre	Super Surgery at Clennon Valley for the purpose of GP Referrals of at risk obese children	Torbay Council / Torbay Care Trust	GP Surgery's, School Nurses, Sports Clubs
G.1.2	Gymnastics' Development	New regional sized gymnastics facility incorporating a Super Surgery at Clennon Valley.	Torbay Council	TCT, GP Surgery's, British Gymnastics'.
G.1.3	Athletics Development	Development of Athletics' track possibly at Torre Valley North site	Torbay Council	UK Athletics, local athletics' clubs
G.1.4	Tennis Development	Development of Torquay Lawn Tennis Club indoor courts and develop tennis across the bay Continue to develop mini tennis in Torbay and support clubs and schools in development of mini tennis facilities	Torquay Lawn Tennis Club and the LTA LTA, Paignton Community & Sports College, Torbay Council	Torbay Council
G.1.5	Swimming Development	Continue to support both community run swimming pools	Torbay Council	Swim Torquay, Brixham Pool, ASA
G.1.6	Multi Sports Hub Site	Barton Landfill site development to include multi sports such as football, cricket plus at least two other sports.	Torbay Council	Football Foundation, South Devon College, Paignton Community & Sports College, Groundwork Trust.
G.1.7	Water Sports Development	Maritime Centre of Excellence	Cultural Partnership	Torbay Sports Council, Torbay Council, TDA, local clubs, RYA
G.1.8	Elite Performance Athletes	Support facilities that are to cater for elite athletes from Torbay to provide access to students and the community.	Paignton & Sports College	
G.1.9	Develop programmes to	Paignton (Torbay) Rifle & Pistol Club – relocation of premises to include access and facilities for the disabled and a centre of	Paignton (Torbay) Rifle & Pistol	Torbay Council

	enable the opportunities created by improvements in infrastructure to be fully realised	excellence. Outdoor Education – support development of an on site abseil/climbing area. Support plans to re-new roof to ensure smooth operation.	Club Grenville House Grenville House	Torbay Council Torbay Council
G.1.10	Active Places network	Support Sport England’s Active Places network by up dating information regarding Torbay.		
	Sports Development			
G.2	Community Sport’s Coaches	Develop further Community Sport’s Coaches through the County Sports Partnership in priority sports	National Governing Bodies of Sports, Paignton Community & Sports College, County Sports Partnership,	RYA, Torbay Council, clubs
G.2.1	Cycling Development	Increase participation within Cycling in Torbay amongst all age groups/genders/ethnics groups. Safe cycling facility within Torbay. Access funding through NGB British Cycling/Sport England	British Cycling British Cycling and Paignton Community & Sports College,	Paignton Community & Sports College, clubs Sport England and Torbay Council,
G.2.3	Reduce childhood obesity and improve the amount of daily physical activity	Looking at childhood obesity and employing a Children’s Fitness Coordinator. More varied activities to be offered. More staff to be trained.	Community Fitness Coordinators, PCT, Torbay Council	Schools
G.2.4	Reduce anti social behaviour and crime figures in deprived wards across the bay	Develop sporting opportunities within the youth inclusion programme		Safer Communities and the Youth Offending Teams
G.2.5	Local Area Agreements	Work alongside Devon County Council to ensure sport and physical activity is recognised in the Local Area Agreements and		

		delivery is coordinated with partners		
G.2.6	Olympic and Para Olympics 2012	Work within the South West Regional Olympic structures, to ensure Devon has access legacy funding and programmes associated with London 2012.		
G.2.7	Ensure equality and inclusion in sport	<p>Ensure that sport in Torbay reflects best practice in relation to equality and inclusion.</p> <p>Increase opportunities for disabled people to participate in physical activity and/or sport</p> <p>Implementation of a number of specific delivery programmes aimed at increasing opportunities for people from disadvantaged and/or under represented groups such as girls and women, older people and people from black and ethnic minority groups, to participate in physical activity and/or sport</p>		
G.2.8	Maximise developer contributions	Work in partnership with Torbay Council departments to maximise 106 developer contributions for sport and physical activity.		
G.2.9	Maximise marketing and communications	<p>Production of an annual newsletter in partnership with Torbay Sports Council.</p> <p>Communicate with partners through text messaging</p>		
G.2.10	Community Sports Network	To evolve Torbay Sports Forum to become Torbay's Community Sport Network in line with the County Sports Partnership	County Sports Partnership	Partners from across sport, health , all of education and early years providers, community safety, regeneration and the local voluntary and community sector
G.2.11	Raising standards of sports clubs	Promote the raising standards within clubs in line with the NGB and/or Sport England accreditation schemes.		
G.2.12	Increase volunteering in sport	Coordinate, promote and support training and development of sports coaches, officials and volunteers including the promotion of the Active Devon Coaching Conference		

		Develop the lead in Torbay's Portal regarding sport in Torbay		
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School / Further Education / Club links

Policy no.	Proposal	Initiative	Lead Organisation	Partners
G.3	Open doors for the community to educational establishments out of school hours	Encourage primary schools to open facilities for community use out of school hours.	Paignton Community & Sports College	Torbay Council
G.3.1	Improvement of school playing pitches	Drainage and relocation as a result of ATP positioning. Increase external storage. (Waterleat Rd)	Paignton Community & Sports College	Torbay Council, FA
G.3.2	Girl's and Women's Football Development	Ladies Football Centre of Excellence linked to Plymouth Argyle and Devon Football Association. Girls Football Development Post possibly also a Disability Development Officer (posts could be linked)	South Devon College	Plymouth Argyle, Devon FA, Torbay Council
G.3.4	Football Development	Football Centre of Excellence (Boys) – Applying for National FA Charter Standard College Status in September 2006 New 3G all weather floodlight facility to replace existing grass pitch with storage facility for school and community use. Maintenance machinery to maintain facility on site. (Waterleat Rd)	South Devon College Paignton Community & Sports College	Devon FA
G.3.5	Golf Academy	links to the PGA scholarship / establish link with local golf club	South Devon College	Local clubs, PGA
G.3.6	Hockey Academy	Establish links with local clubs	South Devon College	England Hockey, local clubs
G.3.7	Netball Academy	Establish link with local club	South Devon College	AENA, local clubs

		Improve local facilities to allow for expanding adult league and junior league	Torbay Council	AENA, local leagues and clubs
G.3.8	Water sports – Sailing Academy	To provide opportunities for qualifications and recreational learning.	South Devon College	RYA, local clubs
G.3.9	Basketball Development	Further links with local basketball club at YMCA	South Devon College	YMCA, local schools
G.3.10	Increase sporting further and higher education opportunities	New Foundation Degrees (Exercise and Fitness) GP Referral Programme through Plymouth University providing 3 rd year top up to BSc (Hons) in Health and Fitness	South Devon College	PCT, Torbay Council, Plymouth University
G.3.11	Up grading of changing facilities	Particularly the need for changing facilities. Equipment and storage Replace old changing rooms and up grade facilities Improve drainage, level grass area to maximise space. Improve storage on site for outside use and Outdoor Education. (Borough Rd) New changing rooms, male and female. Improve lighting and upgrade the sports hall – increase height to allow greater range of sports to use this area. (Waterleat Rd)	South Devon College Brixham College Paignton Community & Sports College Paignton Community & Sports College	Torbay Council, FA Torbay Council, FA Torbay Council
G.3.12	Half Size All weather surface 3 rd Generation	To provide a more durable surface and increased playing hours for community football usage linked to excellent changing facilities to enable community usage outside curriculum hours.	South Devon College	
G.3.13	Tennis Development	Clay outdoor courts for tennis to further improve the centre of excellence in the Torbay. 3 new tennis courts to be completed in 2006 Resurface and create storage. Cover up to 4 tennis courts. (Waterleat Rd)	South Devon College Brixham Community College Paignton Community & Sports College	LTA, local clubs LTA LTA.

G.3.14	Multi Sports	Development of multi sports area Replace existing Mobile Classrooms and create multi sports area with changing facilities (Borough Rd) Increased opportunities for Daily Physical Activity e.g. basketball hoops, concrete table tennis tables etc.	Brixham Community College Paignton Community & Sports' College Paignton Community & Sports' College	
G.3.15	Cricket Development	New external cricket wicket and new indoor cricket nets Borough Rd Sports Hall – Improved lighting for cricket community use. Provide a Cricket Community Sport Coach to deliver across Torbay.	Brixham Community College Paignton Community & Sports' College Paignton Community & Sports' College	ECCB ECCB Torbay Council, Devon Active Sports Partnership, ECCB
G.3.16	Short Matt bowls	A short matt bowls unit which would double space for table tennis.	Brixham Community College	
G.3.17	Dance Development	Upgrade of building- external to enhance current sprung floor mirrored facility to allow community use (Borough Rd)	Paignton Community & Sports' College	Torbay Council Dance reps Theatre
G.3.18	Swimming Development	Cover outdoor pool to increase use throughout the year. (Borough Rd) Cover pool and extend use for the community	Paignton Community & Sports' College Preston Primary School	Torbay Council, External funder's
G.3.19	Coach Education	Borough Road Sports Hall - Creation of a Coach Education Gallery with the installation of additional screening. Coach Education Centre to support Academy Developments and coach training	Paignton Community & Sports' College South Devon College	Sports Governing Bodies
G.3.20	Dual use elite sports performance, education and clinic centre for gifted and	Creation of a dual use facility to allow public and student use. To include reception, community social area, gallery, analysis rooms and individual fitness rooms. (Waterleat Rd) New flooring/ upgrade of facility to include equipment and changing rooms.(Waterleat Rd)	Paignton Community & Sports' College Paignton Community & Sports' College	Torbay Council Winners 2000 Ltd.

	talented athletes.			
G.3.21	Table Tennis Development	Creation of storage for Table Tennis equipment. (Waterleat Rd)	Paignton Community & Sports' College	
G.3.22	Increase awareness of physical activity	Upgrade local primary school playgrounds to promote positive playtimes and encourage Daily Physical Activity.	Paignton Community & Sports' College	Primary Schools
G.3.23	Physical Education, Daily Activity and School Sport (PEDPASS)	Support Education partners to increase participation in PEDPASS in Torbay schools	Paignton Community & Sports' College	Schools
G.3.24	Extended Schools	Work with extended services/schools managers and key local partners to ensure that a daily physical activity and sport is key component of extended schools programme	Paignton Community & Sports' College	Schools
G.3.25	Increase volunteering in sport	Through the Step into Sport scheme, introduce young people to physical activity and sport leadership, through formal training and quality volunteering placements Promote utilisation of South Devon Colleges students through volunteering and leadership programmes	Devon Active Sports Partnership	South Devon College, Paignton Community & Sports' College

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TORBAY SPORTS COUNCIL

Torbay Sports Council is a forum, which was formed to further the interests of sport in Torbay, and to represent its member clubs in negotiation with Torbay Council and local, or national, sports funding bodies.

It's executive committee is formed from elected representatives of it's member clubs (one per sport). The committee meets at five intervals and has two general meetings each year, one of which is it's annual general meeting. The executive committee meetings are also attended by up to four Torbay Councillors, Council Officers and the Sports Development Team.

Business discussed may include the provision and maintenance of sports facilities, sports charges, grant aid and any other matters affecting the well being of sport within Torbay.

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Appendix 1

Torbay Local Plan Policies concerning sport and recreation

R1 Major indoor leisure and recreation developments *Proposals for major indoor leisure developments will be permitted, provided that the following criteria can be met:-*

- (1) developments should be located within town centres or if suitable sites are unavailable, on the edge of town centres – developments elsewhere will only be permitted where more central sites are unavailable and where they do not conflict with countryside, landscape and nature conservation policies;
- (2) the proposal will not cause significant harm to residential or other amenities or conflict with other nearby uses; and
- (3) the development must be acceptable in terms of access and highway safety.

It is unlikely that Torbay Council's funds will be available to build any more purpose built, multi-use sports centres in Torbay. However, new provision could take the form of multi-purpose facilities within community centres and dual use/joint provision based on schools and other buildings. Any major new development likely to attract large numbers of users should be accessible, well related to its catchment area, and should not conflict with local amenities or nearby land uses.

The refurbishment or replacement of Swim Torquay and Brixham Indoor Swimming Pools are currently taking place. These facilities serve important community needs. Torquay Tennis Club is going ahead with plans for indoor tennis courts and ancillary accommodation.

R2 Outdoor recreation developments

Proposals for outdoor recreation developments, including playing pitches, golf courses, motor sports, war games and other outdoor recreational and leisure facilities will be permitted, provided that the following criteria can be met:-

- (1) *the proposal will not cause significant harm to residential or other amenities or conflict with other nearby uses;*
- (2) *the development must be acceptable in terms of transportation, access and highway safety; and*
- (3) *the development will not have a significantly harmful effect upon nature conservation, landscape protection or preservation of the best and most versatile agricultural land; in particular, schemes should not conflict with landscape and nature conservation policies.*

Whilst recreation development is welcomed in principle, such development should not harm the landscape or nature conservation value of rural areas or result in the loss of the best agricultural land. In addition, proposals will need to ensure that any ancillary amenity problems which could result (such as noise and traffic impacts) have been considered and ameliorated. If demand arises for sports such as war games, clay pigeon shooting or motor sports (scrambling, trail riding and stock car racing); such activities can cause significant environmental damage as well as noise and safety problems. An initial survey has not yielded any sites which are obviously suitable for any of the above. This is perhaps not surprising in view of the wildlife and landscape importance of much of Torbay's countryside. In the event of a suitable site being found, the Council would require that it is operated in a safe and environmentally acceptable way, as a condition of granting planning permission.

R3 New playing fields

New playing fields and related facilities are proposed in the following locations:-

- (1) *Barton Valley South, Torquay*
- (2) *Collaton St Mary, Paignton*
- (3) *Bridge Road, Churston*
- (4) *Centry Road, Brixham*

A survey of playing pitch provision in 1995 highlighted the shortage of playing pitches in Torbay, both in relation to established criteria and based on the experience and comments of local sporting organisations. In addition to an overall shortage of playing pitches, existing provision is sometimes sub-standard, due to drainage problems, poor levels and inadequate changing facilities.

- The proposals for new playing fields at Barton Valley South will serve the new community at Scotts Bridge/Barton in addition to alleviating the shortage in northern Torquay. It is envisaged that the complex, situated on the former tipped area, will support four pitches, changing facilities and a car park.

- The new playing fields proposed at Collaton St Mary are situated alongside the site of the replacement primary school for the village and will provide new facilities for the school.
- The proposal for playing fields at Bridge Road, Churston, will include changing facilities and a car park. It is envisaged that they will serve Brixham, Churston, Galmpton and Paignton and overflow games from Torquay.
- Implementation is not expected in the early part of the Plan period, unless private funding or grant aid is forthcoming. Careful consideration of curl bunting habitat will be required at this location. The proposal at Centry Road, Brixham comprises a new playing field and related changing facilities for Brixham College. Where practicable, the pitch and facilities may also be available to serve the local community on a dual use basis.
- In view of the physical characteristics of some pitches (including high fencing, floodlighting and associated development such as changing and parking facilities) careful consideration of sighting and hours of operation will be required.

R4 New cricket grounds

New cricket grounds are proposed at the following locations subject to considerations of amenity and traffic:-

- (1) Barton Valley, Torquay*
- (2) Churston Court, Churston*
- (3) North Boundary Road, Brixham*

- To serve the increased demand, a new cricket square will be provided as part of the new community and recreation facilities at Barton Valley, Torquay. The existing cricket grounds at Greenway Road, Churston and at Northfields Lane, Brixham, are occupied by clubs wishing to relocate. In the case of Brixham Cricket Club, the existing facilities are no longer suitable by virtue of their small size and close proximity to residential development. At Galmpton Cricket Club, the football club shares the use of their ground. The proposed new sites are larger, are within easy reach of the existing grounds, and are conducive to the playing of good standard cricket. The proposal at North Boundary Road is covered by several landscape designations. In view of the sensitivity of the site, careful consideration should be given to the size and location of any associated development, for example, clubhouse and parking facilities.

R5 Protection of public open spaces and playing fields Changes of use or development involving the loss of public open space, playing fields and sports pitches will only be permitted if:-

- (1) an alternative provision in the vicinity of the public open space, playing fields or sports pitches is made available to serve the existing demand and, where possible, alternative provision should be available for use before the existing facility is removed from use;*
- (2) it can be demonstrated that the existing provision is redundant and no longer required for school or community use and has no visual amenity, landscape importance or informal amenity value; or*
- (3) it is ancillary development which is necessary to enhance the existing sports and recreation facilities or meet other community needs.*

- A playing pitch strategy highlighted a shortfall of sports pitches in Torbay. Such facilities therefore need to be safeguarded. Open spaces can also have importance for wildlife and contribute to visual amenity, an asset which is not easily replaced and likely to be a permanent loss. The long term impact of the loss of such space in a locality and whether it will be replaced will therefore be a material consideration in the determination of development proposals.
- School and college playing fields also form an integral part of Torbay's playing field provision and these sites are therefore also subject to this policy.

R7 Areas of amenity open space

Proposals for the maintenance and improvement of existing areas of amenity open space will be permitted where they result in an improved level and standard of provision.

New areas of amenity open space are proposed at the following locations:-

- (1) Land north of Beechfield Link, Scotts Bridge/Barton Phase 2, Torquay*
- (2) Barton Valley North, Torquay*
- (3) Barton Valley South, Torquay*
- (4) Wetlands between roundabouts 2 and 3, Browns Bridge Road, Scotts Bridge/Barton, Torquay*
- (5) Land adjacent to Ellacombe Plantation, Scotts Bridge/Barton, Torquay*
- (6) Great Parks, Paignton*

- The proposed amenity open space around Scotts Bridge/Barton and in the Barton Valley are to meet the needs of the future residents of the proposed residential development in this location. The detailed aspects of open space provision will be determined through Section 106 Agreements. Similarly, the proposal for Great Parks is designed to meet the needs of the new community and is closely related to the proposed health centre and primary school.
- Survey work shows that there are significant deficiencies in all three towns in the amount of playing areas, in the quality of provision and in the extent of residential area lying outside a 1,000 metre radius from public playing fields and pitches.
- In addition to identifying specific sites for the development of playing fields and other forms of open space, the Local Plan has been prepared on the basis that local authorities are primarily enablers and do not have the resources to be major providers. To ensure that sufficient land comes on stream to meet future needs, new development may be required to provide such infrastructure. It is therefore important to secure an equitable system which links the provision of new public open space to new housing completions and conversions. This may be based on a system which allows for the provision of facilities either directly through making land available, or indirectly through commuted payments.

