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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Basildon Borough Council (BBC) Indoor and Built Facilities Strategy for the period 2024-2042. It builds upon the conclusions identified in the Basildon Indoor and Built Facilities Needs Assessment Report (IBF) which was researched and produced between September 2023 and January 2024. Both documents were prepared by specialist sport and leisure consultancy, Knight Kavanagh and Page (KKP).

The IBF and this strategy are part of a wider series of inter-related documents for sport and recreation that include a playing pitch strategy (PPS). The inter-relationship between them must be noted as some of the sports covered by the PPS also access indoor facilities for matches/training or use such areas on an informal basis. Similarly, there are indoor sports venues at/alongside which playing pitches and/or other outdoor facilities are located.

The IBF and the strategy were both prepared in accordance with Sport England's ANOG (Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance - for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities) and in consultation with BBC, Sport England, national governing bodies of sport (NGBs), Active Essex, local sports clubs and key stakeholders.

1.1: Purpose

The strategy process provides BBC with a comprehensive assessment of the current level of facilities available and future supply and demand needs for facility provision over the next 18 years. It delivers a clear evidence base and recommendations to inform future development and/or consolidation of facilities, partnership development opportunity and funding applications.

BBC is committed to catering effectively for the changing economic and demographic (i.e., rise in the number and proportion of older population) profile of the area. Based on the IBF, it can make informed decisions to ensure that facilities are located in the right places to enable the maximum number of local people to take part in regular, meaningful physical activity and sport.

The focus is, thus, to provide clear direction for all partners so that they can collectively plan and develop a more modern, efficient, and sustainable range of community-based leisure, physical activity and sport facilities – to meet the requirements of Basildon residents.

Built on a comprehensive, up-to-date evidence base in line with the Local Plan, it sets out a strategic, action plan-based approach to the enhancement of existing, and creation of new, sporting provision – designed to ensure that residents can be physically active, healthier and, where appropriate, achieve their physical, sporting, health, and wellbeing ambitions in the local community.

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PART 2: NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

2.1: General findings

The IBF confirms that the Authority's sports halls, swimming pools and health and fitness suites are mainly in good condition and are generally well positioned (in the Borough's three main towns – Basildon, Wickford and Billericay) to meet the needs of its resident population.

Basildon and Wickford are supported by Basildon Sporting Village, Eversley Leisure Centre and Wickford Swim & Fitness Centre. These three facilities are managed by Everyone Active and are all well presented with all facility elements either rated good or above average. All three have recently received investment to either add or upgrade certain elements. This includes a newly opened swimming pool (November 2023) and gymnastics hall at Eversley Leisure Centre and improvements to fitness provision at Basildon Sporting Village and Wickford Swim & Fitness Centre.

Billericay Swimming Pool is a publicly accessible, standalone swimming facility, which is leased and operated by First Strokes swimming schools. First Strokes has full responsibility for the maintenance of the facility. The Council is in the process of issuing a new lease to the operator. Under the terms and conditions of the new lease agreement, the operator will assume full responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the facility. Priority areas for improvement include new plant equipment, a new air handling system and a new pool cover. Improving the general condition and quality of the pool environment (i.e. tiling and surrounds) and changing areas also remain a priority at the site.

Most schools in Basildon are available, via community lettings, to sports clubs and individuals. Two are currently closed because of structural issues (RAAC concrete), however, it is reported these will reopen once works have been completed. Across the stock, community usage of school halls is strong, with four reporting this to be above 80%. Two schools (Mayflower High School and The Bromfords School) have reported low levels of community usage.

The Bromfords School is likely to be re-developed as part of the Dfe Rebuilding Schools Programme however, planning permission has yet to be obtained. The new school plans to have a 4-court sports hall, a small fitness gym (15 stations) and two studios.

Basildon Local Plan

BBC is currently in the process of producing a new Local Plan which is likely to cover a 15-year period (2027 to 2042). BBC consulted residents at the 'issues and options' stage in September 2023, In respect of the theme of 'Healthy and Sustainable Communities' consultation highlighted support for promoting active and sustainable transport, creating high quality public places and providing greenspaces and sports facilities.

Whilst neither specific housing allocations or a long term target have been determined at this stage, potential growth areas have been identified through the Councils Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) which discusses a figure of c19,000 dwellings that could be delivered over the 15 year period and contribute towards the meeting housing need in the Borough.

The proposed headline vision is thus, that BBC will:

'Maintain and further improve the Authority's sport and leisure facilities to meet community need, with a primary focus on increasing levels of participation amongst inactive groups,

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addressing health inequalities and providing accessible, inclusive activities for residents as part of an active lifestyle’.

2.2 Key overarching strategic recommendations

Ensure Basildon’s leisure facility offer contributes to reducing health inequalities, including levels of obesity and poor mental health and in the Borough

With the new pool at Eversley now in full operation, complementing the extensive offer at Basildon Sporting Village, the Council is now in a strong position to ensure it is contributing to its key Corporate Plan objective around improving health outcomes via reducing levels of physical inactivity in the Borough.

In order that the Council can progress towards achieving these outcomes, it is recommended that BBC works alongside Everyone Active to:

- ◀ Utilise Sport England’s Moving Communities tool, including its survey capability to develop an understanding of its current user base and to understand current local barriers to participation.
- ◀ Use this insight to make necessary adaptations to the range of programmed activities to ensure their accessibility and attractiveness to underrepresented groups.
- ◀ Review the current scope and impact of its health referral offer in consultation with colleagues from public health and with the support where necessary of system partners such as Active Essex.

Continue to ensure that Basildon offers a balanced, good quality swimming offer for its residents.

Over the short / medium term, BBC and Everyone Active should monitor the impact of new pool provision at Eversley and, allied to using insight gained from Moving Communities and its own, make necessary adjustments to pool programming and marketing to ensure that the varied needs of all user groups are met.

It should ensure that facility quality is maintained across the Borough both at the Councils directly contracted sites, and at Billericay Swimming Pool where it should work alongside First Strokes swimming school to investigate and then address required building improvements

It is recommended that:

- ◀ The Council should work alongside Everyone Active to ensure that across its contracted sites, a balanced swimming programme is in place to support the varied needs of lane swimming, learn to swim and the Boroughs swimming clubs.
- ◀ The Council works alongside First Strokes Swimming School to ensure that necessary improvements are made to improve the quality and user experience at Billericay Pool. A condition survey should be commissioned to identify detailed requirements over the short , medium and long term with particular focus in respect of the pool hall, tank and surrounds.

Ensure that the strategy anticipates future BBC Local Plan housing requirements.

Whilst BBCs emerging Local Plan is yet to determine its housing allocation, or the distribution of anticipated housing growth across the authority, there is nevertheless likely to be new housing led

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population growth over the period to 2042 that will translate into additional demand for physical activity and sport from Basildon's residents.

Whilst needs assessment findings confirmed that current levels of health and fitness provision are sufficient now and when factoring in population growth, and a similar position regarding swimming provision, the report also found that the majority of current sports halls are operating at high levels of used capacity.

It is recommended that, once the Local Plan process has determined its agreed site allocations, that BBC commissions Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM) assessments for sports halls and swimming pools in order to understand the likely impact of anticipated housing led growth in the Authority on demand for these facilities at the spatial level. This will help to determine, for example whether CIL / S106 developer contributions towards the improvement of existing, or addition of new facilities in these areas.

Continue to promote and sustain the role of small community hall facilities in contributing to an increase in activity levels, particularly amongst older people

Community sport and activity halls (1 – 2 badminton court size) offer a variety of physical activity and sport opportunities across the Authority whilst also offering the ability to host a range of linked services e.g. NHS health screening and physical activity referral. In Basildon there are a total of 48 such halls, ten of which are managed and owned by the Local Authority with the remainder owned and operated by a range of organisations including parish councils, voluntary and community organisations.

Many are located within relatively easy access to groups facing barriers to participation, including older residents living further away from larger leisure facilities who may be experiencing long term health conditions. Given the projected population increase in the number of residents aged over 65 in the Borough, BBC should continue to support both its own sites, and those within the community and voluntary sector in sustaining and developing their activity offer, which may involve identifying where small-scale capital improvements are required. BBC should also liaise with Active Essex and local primary care networks to identify whether these venues can play a greater role in supporting social prescribing / health referral routes into physical activity.

It is recommended that BBC:

- ◀ Ensures that its own small community facilities are well maintained and price attractive and identifies required facility improvements e.g. badminton court line marking.
- ◀ Supports local partner organisations (parish councils, community and voluntary sector) to ensure that their facilities continue to support their respective communities. This could include identifying local capital grants to support the acquisition of sports equipment / minor improvements.
- ◀ Liaises with Active Essex and local primary care networks to consider whether community hall facilities can play a greater role in supporting social prescribing / health referral routes into physical activity.

Maintain/increase community use of sports facilities on school sites.

Schools play a key role in supporting the physical activity offer in the Authority, particularly sites which offer both sports hall and swimming pool access. Key sites include James Hornsby, Billericay School and Basildon Upper and Lower Academy. Certain sites have facilities rated of below average or poor quality and which, thus, require significant investment.

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There is an opportunity for the Council to work alongside Active Essex, to consider how making physical improvements to school facilities, alongside negotiating secure community use agreements (CUAs) can facilitate greater community usage of these, and other school sites as part of the wider programme of engagement delivered by the Active Partnership.

Two school sports halls (in Wickford) are also rated as poor (The Bromfords School and Beauchamps High School). Beauchamps is currently closed (due to structural issues) and The Bromfords School is rated as poor and is likely to be replaced with a new facility. Currently town of Wickford has only access to below average and poor quality provision.

It is recommended that BBC:

- ◀ Works with Active Essex and secondary schools identified within the action plan to improve the standard of the below average community available sports halls/swimming pools, making use of available external funding opportunities such as the governments opening school facilities fund¹ and the potential for developer contributions.
- ◀ Works with Active Essex to ensure that as many as possible schools sports facilities remain community available, identifying required support such as in relation to the marketing and promotion of facilities. It should also aim to secure community use agreement's (CUAs) for current sites without an agreement.
- ◀ Work with the two schools in Wickford to ensure the quality of the facilities are improved. Beauchamps High School requires a new sports hall roof, whereas The Bromfords School is proposed to be demolished and rebuilt as part of the DFE School Rebuilding Project. There is a need for a community use agreement for the new facilities at The Bromfords School.

1.3 Sport Specific Objectives

Explore the option to develop an indoor bowls facility

Within the consultation, EIBA expressed interest in exploring the option to develop an indoor bowls facility in Basildon. There is currently no provision within the Authority and , given its rising proportion of older residents, they expressed a view that there may be sufficient current / future demand for a new facility.

It is recommended that BBC:

- ◀ Reviews the bowls sites identified within the current BBC Playing Pitch Strategy, to ascertain whether there is an existing site that could be considered for facility development, potentially as part of a new housing development.

other options include:

- ◀ Consider compliant indoor bowls green in a leisure centre with at least 4 rinks.
- ◀ Indoor bowls added to an existing outdoor sports club which has full ancillary services (catering, bar, toilets, changing rooms) and has the land to build on;
- ◀ Indoor bowls within a building that could accommodate the sport – with appropriate lease (e.g. Swindon Manor IBC and City of Birmingham IBC joined up with a rugby club with S106 and Sport England monies.

¹ <https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/school/opening-schools-facilities/>

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In the event that a viable site is found, BBC should enter discussion with the EIBA and key clubs to ascertain likely levels of current and future demand for a new facility.

In the event that a viable site and suitable demand is identified, consider options in respect of possible ownership/management, develop an outline business plan and identify potential sources of capital funding in order to deliver such a facility.

Work with Celebrate Gymnastics Club to expand its provision

Consultation identified that Celebrate Gymnastics club are listed as a British Gymnastics priority in respect of a need to expand its provision. The club is located at Barleylands in a dedicated facility and has ambitions to expand into the adjacent premises on site. It is recommended that BBC encourage the Club to work with British Gymnastics and the current landlord to discuss whether the club is able to implement its plans within the terms of its current lease. It will also need support in respect of design and cost development, and identification of required funding to deliver the expansion.

2.3 Action plans

The following action plan contains three sections:

- ◀ Overarching recommendations.
- ◀ Site specific recommendations.
- ◀ Sport specific recommendations.

As above, in respect of timescales, short term refers to 1-2 years; medium is 3-5 years and long-term equates to 5-10 years. Action plan priorities are categorised either as protect, enhance or provide in line with Sport England objectives. The Sport England definitions for these 'headings' are as follows:

- ◀ **Protect**- to protect the right opportunities in the right places.
- ◀ **Enhance** - to enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision.
- ◀ **Provide**- to provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations.

NB: Responsibility for actions set out in the plan are not solely the responsibility of BBC and are assigned across a number of agencies including BBC, schools, the Essex Active Partnership, NGBs and sports clubs. This reflects that, whilst the strategy has been commissioned by the Local Authority, it will require a partnership approach to deliver its recommendations over the life of the strategy.

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SECTION 2: INDOOR AND BUILT FACILITIES STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

Proposed actions in respect of BBC key facilities are identified below.

2.3.1: Overarching

Strategic objective	Recommended actions – BBC to	Timescale	Responsibility
<p>Ensure Basildon’s leisure facility offer is contributing to reducing health inequalities, including levels of obesity and poor mental health and in the Borough</p> <p>Enhance</p>	<p>Utilise Sport England’s Moving Communities tool, including its survey capability to develop an understanding of its current user base and to understand current local barriers to participation.</p>	Short	BBC/Everyone Active
	<p>Use this insight to make necessary adaptations to the range of programmed activities to ensure their accessibility and attractiveness to underrepresented groups.</p>	Short	BBC/Everyone Active
	<p>Review the current scope and impact of its health referral offer in consultation with colleagues within primary care networks and with the support where necessary of system partners such as Active Essex.</p>	Short / medium	BBC, Everyone Active, Active Essex, PCNs.
<p>Continue to ensure that Basildon offers a balanced, good quality swimming offer for Basildon’s residents.</p> <p>Protect/ Enhance /Provide</p>	<p>The Council should work alongside Everyone Active to ensure that across its contracted sites, a balanced swimming programme is in place to support the varied needs of lane swimming, learn to swim and the Boroughs swimming clubs.</p>	Short / Medium	BBC/First Strokes/Everyone Active
	<p>In respect of Billericay swimming pool, the Council should maintain a watching brief in respect of ensuring that necessary improvements are made to improve the quality and user experience at the site. A condition survey should be commissioned to identify detailed requirements over the short, medium and long term with particular focus in respect of the pool hall, tank and surrounds.</p>	Short / Medium	BBC/First Strokes
<p>Ensure that the strategy anticipates future BBC Local Plan housing requirements.</p> <p>Protect/Enhance/Provide</p>	<p>BBC should commission Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM) assessments for sports halls and swimming pools in order to understand the likely impact of anticipated housing led growth in the Authority on demand for these facilities at the spatial level.</p>	Short / Medium	BBC, Sport England
	<p>Once the FPM reports have been produced, these should be used alongside the facilities needs assessment and strategy to determine any additional need in the Borough in the period to 2042</p>	Short / Medium	

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Strategic objective	Recommended actions – BBC to	Timescale	Responsibility
<p>Continue to promote and sustain the role of small community hall facilities in contributing to an increase in activity levels, particularly amongst older people</p> <p>Enhance</p>	<p>Ensure that its own small community facilities are well maintained, price attractive and identify required facility improvements e.g. badminton court line marking.</p> <p>Support local partner organisations (parish councils, community and voluntary sector) to ensure that facilities continue to support their respective communities. This could include identifying local capital grants to support the acquisition of sports equipment / minor improvements.</p> <p>Liaise with Active Essex and local primary care networks to consider whether community hall facilities can play a greater role in supporting social prescribing / health referral routes into physical activity.</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short / medium term</p>	<p>BBC</p> <p>BBC/Parish Councils / Voluntary and community sector</p> <p>BBC, Active Essex. PCNs</p>
<p>Maintain/increase community use of school sports facilities.</p> <p>Protect / Enhance</p>	<p>Work with Active Essex and secondary schools identified within the action plan to improve the standard of the below average community available sports halls/swimming pools (such as the sports hall at Beauchamps High School), making use of available external funding opportunities such as the governments opening school facilities fund² and the potential for developer contributions.</p> <p>Work with Active Essex to ensure that as many as possible schools sports facilities remain community available, identifying required support such as in relation to the marketing and promotion of facilities.</p> <p>Secure community use agreement's (CUAs) for current school sites without an agreement.</p> <p>Support the two schools which have poor quality rated sports halls redevelop their facilities to ensure these halls support the town of Wickford (and beyond).</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Short / medium term</p> <p>Short</p>	<p>BBC / Active Essex / School or academy providers</p> <p>BBC/ Active Essex / School or academy providers</p> <p>BBC / Active Essex / School or academy providers</p> <p>Short/BBC</p>

² <https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/school/opening-schools-facilities/>

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2.3.2: Sport specific recommendations

Strategic objective	Recommended actions – BBC to	Timescale	Responsibility
Explore the option to develop an indoor bowls facility. Provide	<p>Reviews the bowls sites identified within the current BBC Playing Pitch Strategy, to ascertain whether there is an existing site that could be considered for facility development, potentially as part of a new housing development.</p> <p>In the event that a viable site is found, BBC should enter discussion with the EIBA and key clubs to ascertain likely levels of current and future demand for a new facility.</p> <p>In the event that a viable site and suitable demand is identified, consider options in respect of possible ownership/management, develop an outline business plan and identify potential sources of capital funding in order to deliver such a facility.</p>	<p>Short / Medium term</p> <p>Medium Term</p> <p>Medium Term</p>	<p>BBC/EIBA</p> <p>BBC/EIBA</p> <p>BBC/EIBA</p>
Support Celebrate Gymnastics Club with facility expansion. Enhance	Work with Celebrate Gymnastics Club and British Gymnastics to progress the expansion of the Club's facility.	Medium term	BBC/BG/Celebrate Gymnastics Club

2.3.3: Facility specific actions

Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Lead agency	Timescale
Basildon Sporting Village	Everyone Active	<p>Built in 2011, this is a key and well-used Authority flagship strategic facility. It has an 8-court sports hall, a 50m x 8-lane swimming pool, a 100-station gym and three studios (all rated above average or good). It also hosts South Essex Gymnastics Club which has a large, dedicated indoor facility Generally.</p> <p>The wider site houses several strategic outdoor facilities, including an athletics track, netball courts and a sand dressed hockey pitch. (As referenced in the 2024 PPS).</p>	Everyone Active and BBC should continue to invest in maintaining the facility to retain its high-quality – to support the community and the clubs which use it (including the gymnastics club).	BBC, Everyone Active	On-going

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Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Lead agency	Timescale
Billericay School	School	Its below average 5-court sports hall (opened in 1973 and refurbished in 2008) is currently closed due to problems with RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete). It is due to reopen in summer 2024. The community available 4-lane x 22m swimming pool (opened in 1964) is also rated below average. It is unaffected by RAAC and caters for general swimming as well as hosting several commercial swim schools.	Undertake the necessary works required to re-open the sports hall for school and community use. In the medium term, refurbish both the sports hall and the swimming pool to enable the School to ensure the sports hall and swimming pool can continue to be available and attractive to community hirers.	Billericay School, Billericay School, Active Essex	Short Medium-long
Beauchamps High School	School	It has a poor quality 4-court sports hall (opened in 1965) which is currently closed to the public due to a leaking roof. There are plans to address this during 2024. Once repaired, it will be available for community use.	Repair the roof to ensure it can re-open for community use at the earliest opportunity. In the longer term, deliver broader refurbishment including replacing/upgrading the sports hall floor and improving the changing rooms.	Beauchamps High School Active Essex	Short Medium
De La Salle School	Diocese	Opened in 1961 and refurbished in 2021, it has a good quality 4-court sports hall which was refurbished in 2021 getting a new floor and painted walls. The sports hall operates at 80% capacity and is a key facility for basketball, dance, table tennis, and badminton clubs. It is available for 27.5 hours per week - this could be expanded should demand be evidenced, resources available and opening for more hours be viable.	Continue to maintain the sports hall to a high standard. Assess demand and, if this is the case, explore whether it is feasible/viable to make the sports hall available for an increased number of hours.	De La Salle School Active Essex	Short
David Lloyd	Commercial	Multi sports commercial facility, which comprises a 4-court hall, three studios, a 6-lane x 25m pool and one squash court. All are rated good. It is not available to the community and access requires a relatively high-cost membership.	Commercial site with limited opportunity to become community accessible.	n/a	n/a

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Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Lead agency	Timescale
James Hornsby School	School	It has a (below average) 4-court sports hall and a 4-lane x 19m swimming pool. Opened in 2000, the sports hall offers badminton, basketball, indoor football, fitness classes, martial arts. It is reportedly full and also attracts users from outside the Authority. The (below average) swimming pool opened in 1985 and was refurbished in 2000. it is available for block bookings and is mainly used buy private swim schools.	Seek the necessary funding required to maintain and improve the quality of the sports hall and swimming pool. Maintain the good levels of community availability of the sports facilities.	James Hornsby School/Active Essex	Medium
Mayflower High School	School	This (below average) 4-court sports hall operates at less than 60% capacity catering for badminton, dance and gymnastics. The 4-lane x 17m swimming pool on the site is also available for community use.	Work with the School to explore options to increase the volume of regular community bookings on site and to secure funding to address current maintenance issues.	Mayflower High School/Active Essex	Medium
St Johns School	School	Opened in 2009 and refurbished in 2012, the sports hall is rated above average. There are further plans to upgrade the floor with new court markings. It is not available to hire due to planning restrictions, but the School expressed a willingness to accommodate community access should restrictions be lifted. This would increase capacity in Billericay and alleviate some of pressure on other sports halls in the locality.	Work with the Council to explore whether the existing planning restrictions could be revised/removed.	St Johns School/BBC	Short
The Basildon Lower Academy (desk-based review only)	School	It has a 4-court sports hall, one studio and a 4-lane x 20m swimming pool. Community use level is not known The sports hall opened in 1965 and was refurbished in 2003. The swimming pool was built in 2009 (and there are no details about a refurbishment). Based on this information it is assumed the quality is below average.	Explore options to secure the necessary funding to improve the quality of the sports hall and swimming pool – link this to a more open and proactive community use policy and offer..	The Basildon Lower Academy	Medium
The Basildon Upper Academy (desk-based review only)	School	It has a 4-court sports hall (opened in 1965 and refurbished in 2003), a 2-court sports hall and a studio. Based on its age, it is likely that the sports hall is of below average quality and in need of refurbishment.	Explore options to secure the necessary funding to improve the quality of the sports hall and swimming pool – link this to a more open and proactive community use policy and offer..	The Basildon Upper Academy	Medium

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Woodlands School	School	This 4-court sports hall (rated above average) was redeveloped via BSF investment in 2014. The upgrade included installing new LED lighting and a sprung floor. It caters for badminton, indoor football, and martial arts clubs and is reportedly at capacity for lettings.	Continue to invest and maintain facility quality.	Woodlands School	Medium
Laindon Community Centre	Laindon Trading Company	This venue, which offers daytime use, has a below average 3-court hall and a 30 station fitness facility which has been installed as part of a recent redevelopment and is rated good. It is available on a pay and play basis. No investment is planned to upgrade the hall., which opened in 1975 and has received no funding since. It accommodates indoor football, badminton, short mat bowls, dance, Zumba and martial arts.	Seek funding opportunities to upgrade the sports hall.	Laindon Trading Company	Medium
Billericay Swimming Pool	First Strokes	Opened in 1964 this (poor quality rated) 4-lane x 25m stand-alone swimming pool is commercially operated via a lease agreement with BBC . First Strokes has responsibility for facility maintenance and repair. It faces significant structural issues; these include a need to repair the leaking roof, upgrade plant equipment. and refurbish the changing rooms.	The Council should maintain a watching brief in respect of ensuring that necessary improvements are made By First Strokes under the terms of its lease to improve the quality and user experience at the site. A condition survey should be commissioned to identify detailed requirements over the short, medium and long term with particular focus in respect of the pool hall, tank and surrounds.	BBC, First Strokes	Short / Medium
Eversley Leisure Centre	Everyone Active	It has recently received significant investment to install a new 4 lane x 25m swimming pool and develop the sports hall as a dedicated gymnastics facility, leased to South Essex Gymnastics Club - funded by BBC, Sport England and Swim England. The site also has a 65-station fitness suite and a studio. All facilities are either rated good or above average.	Continue to invest and maintain facility quality ensuring it continues to meet community needs. Review programme with a view to increase casual usage of the facilities to ensure maximum participation from all age and health groups and ensure equitable access to people from targeted priority groups.	Everyone Active/BBC/South Essex Gymnastics Club	Medium

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Wickford Swim & Fitness Centre	Everyone Active	Strategic leisure provision serving residents in Wickford. It contains a 4 lane x 25m pool, 65 station gym and two studios - all rated either good or above average. The swimming pool tank dates back to 1975 and will need to be replaced in the near future.	Determine the long-term future of the pool tank as it is currently operating beyond life expectancy. Review facility programme to ensure maximum participation from all age and health groups and ensure equitable access to people from targeted priority groups.	Everyone Active/BBC	Medium
The Bromford School	Compass Educational Trust	Located in Wickford, the School has a 5 court hall which is rated as poor quality. The hall has limited use, which reflected through the quality of the hall. The school itself has RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) issues, with a number of classrooms closed. Consequently, there are plans to rebuild the school through the DFE Rebuilding Schools programme. This will result in a new sports hall (4 courts) fitness gym (15 stations and two studios).	With both sports halls in Wickford rated poor, it is important that planning is approved for the redevelopment of The Bromford School. This will result in a good quality facility for the town. Once developed, it is important that the school has a community use agreement in place.	BBC	Short
The Wickford Trampoline Centre	The Wickford Trampoline Centre	Located in an industrial unit in Wickford the facility has six trampolines. It hosts the Ultima Trampoline Club which has three years remaining on a 10-year lease.	Support the Club to obtain long term security of tenure at the facility via a new lease. Maintain the facility to ensure it meets user needs.	The Wickford Trampoline Centre, British Gymnastics/ BBC	Medium
Carousel Gymnastics Club	Carousel Gymnastics Club	Gymnastics club operating out of dedicated units in both Basildon and Rochford. It has five years remaining on a 10-year lease at the site in Basildon.	Support the Club to obtain long term security of tenure of the facility via a new lease. Maintain the facility to ensure it meets user needs.	Carousel Gymnastics Club / British Gymnastics/ BBC	Medium
Celebrate Gymnastics	Celebrate Gymnastics	Due to its membership growth, the Club has outgrown its current facility and requires a larger venue to meet demand. This is also an identified priority for British Gymnastics.	Encourage the Club and BG to work with the current site landlord to develop terms of lease regarding the new unit, allowing the Club to expand on site. Once successful, BG and the Club to explore funding options to support equipping the facility.	Celebrate Gymnastics/ /British Gymnastics / BBC	Short / Medium