

Sport and Leisure Facilities Strategy FAQs

North Somerset Council is producing a Leisure Strategy which will set out the council's aspirations to ensure high quality sport and leisure facilities and playing pitches are available to local residents to access and will identify the future facility needs. We want your views to help inform what customer priorities are and what you value and use most.

The information and feedback will help us to develop a strategy which prioritises the services that are the most important to local residents. Feedback on how the consultation is informing the strategy will be provided in early summer 2020 and will also be reflected in formal decision documents which will be published on the council website.

On the following pages you'll find answers to commonly-asked questions about the sports and leisure centres that may arise as you go through the consultation questions.



Where are the councils leisure centres?

Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, Weston-super-Mare

Strode Leisure Centre, Clevedon

Parish Wharf Leisure Centre, Portishead

Scotch Horn Leisure Centre, Nailsea

Backwell Leisure Centre

Churchill Sports Centre

Further information can be found on our webpage.

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/leisure/sport/leisure-centres/leisurecentres/>

The page also shows local sports and leisure centres run by trusts.

Who manages the leisure centres?

All of the leisure centres are managed by leisure contractors on the council's behalf:

- Hutton Moor, Scotch Horn and Backwell leisure centres are all managed by Legacy Leisure.
- Strode and Parish Wharf leisure centres are both managed by Places Leisure.
- Churchill sports centre is managed by Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL).

How old are the council leisure centres?

The leisure centres are all over 20 years old and have a significant amount of use every year (over 1.5 million visits in total) which is why some of the centres are in need of some investment and repair. We are aware of these issues and are working with limited resources and with our contractors to make the required improvements.

Does the council have to provide leisure facilities?

The provision of leisure facilities is not a statutory requirement for the council. However most councils recognise the value of these facilities to local people and their health and wellbeing.

Why are you developing a leisure strategy?

The Leisure Strategy will set out the council's aspirations to ensure high quality built sport and leisure facilities and playing pitches are available to local residents to access and will identify the future facility needs. Sports and leisure facilities require significant amounts of investment to make them suitable for the future, many millions of pounds and this sort of investment in services that are not statutory may not be possible for the council to deliver alone. The strategy will set out the future facility needs and outline different ways that this might be delivered. It is essential for us to understand what local people use and value as part of this work in order to inform the strategy.