

7. MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Council Executive considered a joint report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services and Head of Area Services advising of the council's approach to the management and development of the Multi Use Games Area assets and to seek approval for the standards as detailed in the report.

The report advised that a Multi Use Games Area was defined as an enclosed games area, finished with non-natural grass surface and which accommodated principally small-sided games. Many of these areas in West Lothian were also enclosed with a fenced structure and finished with a variety of surfaces. Most such facilities were normally situated adjoining schools, community centres, within open spaces such as parks or within housing estates.

Provision of such assets had, historically, lacked a strategic approach and had resulted in some of the sites being below an acceptable standard in some instances. Therefore a Strategic Outline Business Case has been produced as part of the Open Space Asset Capital Programme investment allocation and this had resulted in a condition survey being undertaken.

The report continued to advise that all the MUGA sites had been reviewed in terms of addressing any health and safety issues and that any further works required would be programmed within available resources.

Additionally the outcome of the surveys would be analysed as appropriate in order to inform decision making on the future management of the MUGA Assets.

In answer to a question officers confirmed that floodlighting for such facilities would also be reviewed as part of the overall survey.

It was recommended that the Council Executive noted and approved the contents of the MUGA Asset Management Plan including accessibility standards for provision as detailed in the plan, attached to the report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.