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Active Places Strategy



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Purpose



- ◀ To set the context by providing an overview of the Active Place Strategy work.
- ◀ Provide an opportunity to discuss linking: Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Plan; Thurrock's Active Place Strategy; and Sport England's National Strategy
- ◀ Provide an opportunity to discuss how investment can be achieved.

Contribution to Health objectives



A. Opportunity For All	B. Healthier Environments	C. Better Emotional Health And Wellbeing	D. Quality Care Centred Around The Person	E. Healthier For Longer
A1. All children in Thurrock making good educational progress	B1. Create places that make it easy to exercise and to be active	C1. Give parents the support they need	D1. Create four integrated healthy living centres	E1. Reduce obesity
A2. More Thurrock residents in employment, education or training.	B2. Develop homes that keep people well and independent	C2. Improve children's emotional health and wellbeing	D2. When services are required, they are organised around the individual	E2. Reduce the proportion of people who smoke.
A3. Fewer teenage pregnancies in Thurrock.	B3. Building strong, well-connected communities	C3. Reduce social isolation and loneliness	D3. Put people in control of their own care	E3. Significantly improve the identification and management of long term conditions
A4. Fewer children and adults in poverty	B4. Improve air quality in Thurrock.	C4. Improve the identification and treatment of mental ill-health, particularly in high risk groups.	D4. Provide high quality GP and hospital care to Thurrock	E4. Prevent and treat cancer better

Overview



Engagement



Research



- ◀ Consultation with key stakeholders and partners
- ◀ Open space public consultation survey
- ◀ 80% to 100% of pitch sports teams consulted
- ◀ Primary and secondary school surveys
- ◀ Sports club face to face and workshop consultation
- ◀ 'Friends of' consultation
- ◀ All pitch sites quality assessed in line with NGB criteria
- ◀ All open space sites quality assessed
- ◀ All indoor sites quality assessed

- ◀ Assessment of supply and demand

Evidence base



- ◀ Supporting documents for the Local Plan and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- ◀ Provides an evidence base to identify planning gain requirements from developers.
- ◀ Provides an evidence base to support funding applications (e.g. LFFP and Sport England investment)
- ◀ Evidence base for Sport England and NGBs to comment on planning applications...especially related to playing pitches.
- ◀ Supports the protection and need to mitigate the loss of amenities as a result of major development (e.g. LTC)
- ◀ Supports the opportunity for walking and cycling improvements, especially given the impact of LTC.

Open space



Strategic Purpose:

Ensure that Thurrock has appropriate and accessible open spaces

Key Findings:

- ◀ 304 open spaces within the Borough falling into 7 open space typology categories; 1,387 hectares of open space;
- ◀ 56% score above the quality threshold; but 91% score above the value threshold

Key Recommendations:

- ◀ Five key policy recommendations suggested to manage/maintain the Borough's open space.
- ◀ Consider enhancement of low-quality sites (or development where also low value)
- ◀ Protect all high quality/high value sites
- ◀ Protect and enhance sites in low provision areas
- ◀ Be flexible with use of open space typology in surplus areas
- ◀ Allotment and cemetery provision be demand-led

Active travel



Strategic Purpose:

To create a high quality, accessible and sustainable network which positively contributes to the economy and quality of environment, enabling the inactive to become active and more people to realise their potential by participating in walking and cycling activity, thus improving their long-term health and well-being.

Key Findings:

- ◀ Route analysis identified that Thurrock has 156km of public footpaths and 17km of bridleway, as well as 293km of cycle ways (categorised as advisory (158km), bridleway (11km), cycle lanes (11km), official (26km) and traffic-free (87km)).
- ◀ Several areas of the Borough exceeding expected levels of pollutants.
- ◀ Residential and economic growth over Local Plan period will require active travel intervention for sustainable movement patterns and to tackle congestion and falling health standards.

Key Recommendations:

- ◀ *Physical* - Improvement and connection of routes 7 Routes
- ◀ *Addressing Mental Barriers* - Promote - Educate - Incentivise participation and awareness.

Sports facilities and playing pitches



Overarching Strategic Purpose:

To create a network of high quality, accessible and sustainable sport and leisure facilities, which offer inclusive services for all; enabling the inactive to become active and more residents to fulfil their potential by participating in sport and physical activity, thus improving their long-term health and wellbeing.'

- ◀ Key link to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- ◀ Recognises the role these facilities can play in addressing wider social outcomes
- ◀ Physical activity, not just sport.
- ◀ Physical and mental health and wellbeing
- ◀ Potential to link with other services



Playing pitches



Key Findings:

- ◀ Overplay and varied maintenance quality.
- ◀ Some deficiencies most notably artificial pitches.
- ◀ Poor condition of some changing facilities.

Key Recommendations:

- ◀ Improvements to grounds maintenance to increase capacity.
- ◀ Changing pavilion Improvements.
- ◀ New floodlight artificial pitches.
- ◀ Work with education establishments on quality and accessibility.
- ◀ Set up working group with National Governing Bodies of Sport.

Sports facilities



Key Findings:

- ◀ Thurrock is in need of new swimming pool provision to replace the existing stock.
- ◀ Swimming is popular and at full capacity at peak periods - requiring increased provision.
- ◀ All Sports Halls are in education facilities and unavailable to the public during the day.
- ◀ Investment is required to upgrade at least 50% of sport halls
- ◀ Limited number of specialist sports facilities
- ◀ Popularity and participation of gymnastics suggests the need for a permanent facility.

Key Recommendations:

- ◀ Consider how new sport and physical activity provision links with Thurrock's integrated medical centres.
- ◀ Consider developing sports and physical activity facilities alongside appropriate new schools.
- ◀ Development provision aligned to open spaces with facilities for active recreation and play

Examples



Between 2014-18 Chorley pooled over £3.3m from Section 106 for improvements to and creation of new open space and playing pitches – the majority (£2.7m) invested in pitch provision.



Since the PPS and IBF were adopted in 2018 the Council has secured £0.5m through Section 106 agreements, with more in the pipeline.... small authority with relatively low housing growth target and Peak Park restrictions.



Integrity, Innovation, Inspiration



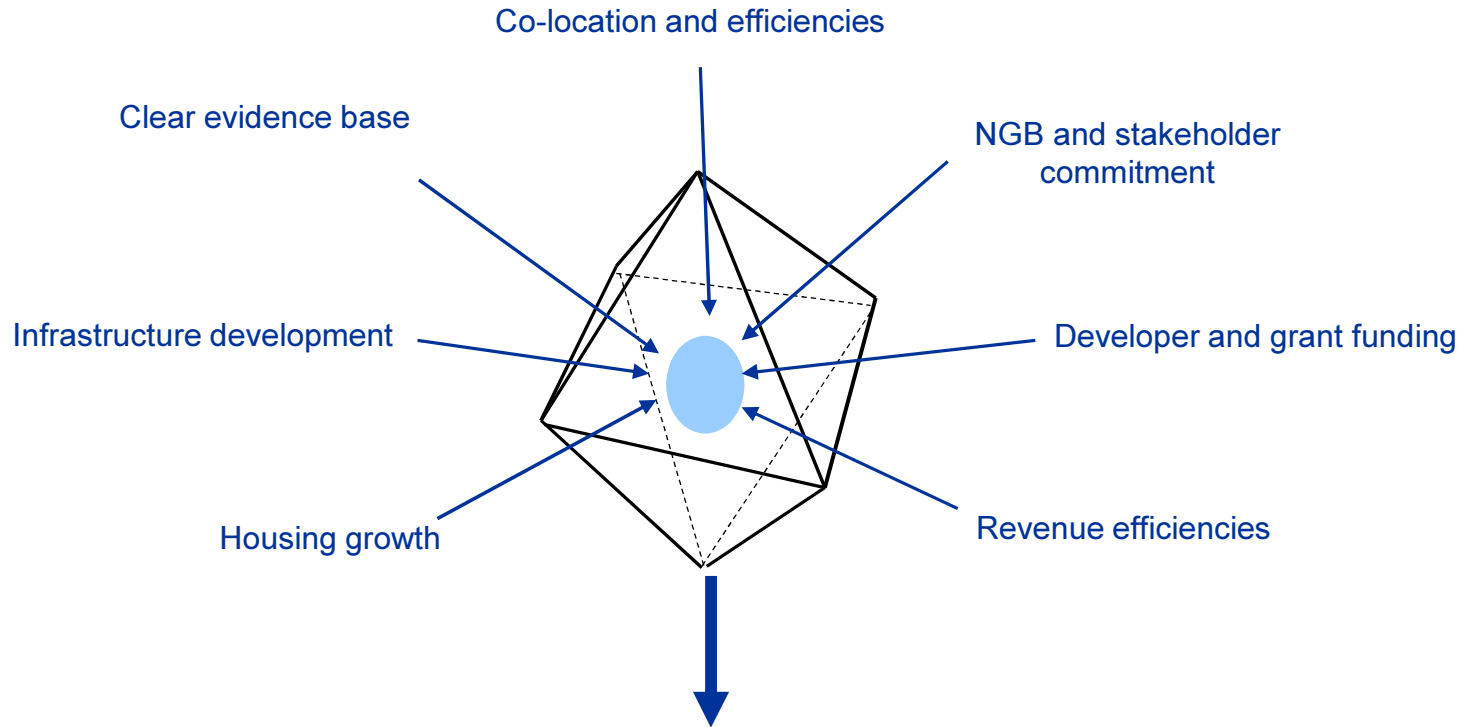
Examples



St Helens Council - Ruskin Drive - £0.9 million of Section 106 funding, used to match fund significant investment in the multi sport site. Investment from Football Foundation, Sport England and Council alongside planning gain.



Opportunities



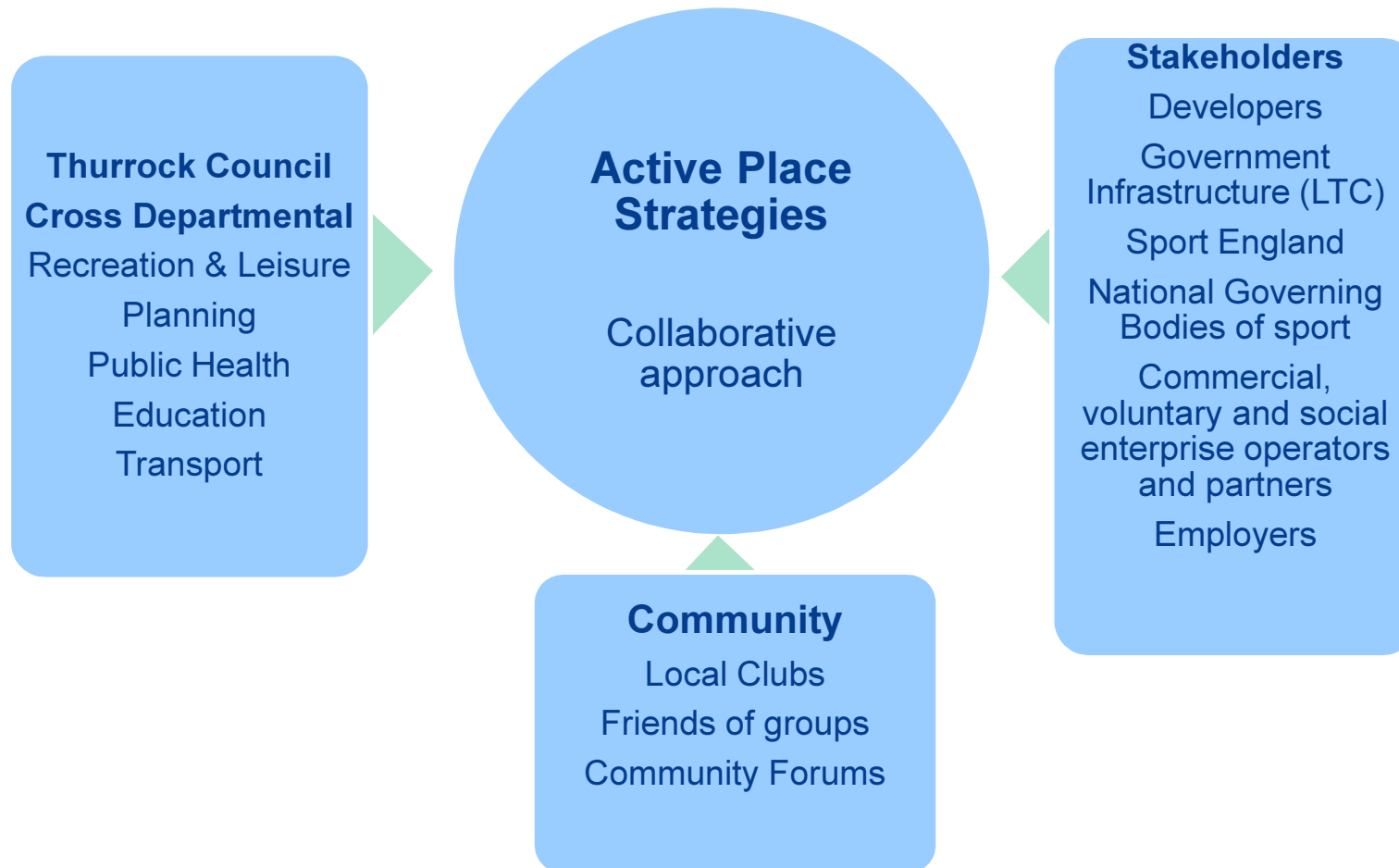
Improved health and wellbeing outcomes

Place making.....service integration.....place making.....quality environment

Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance – Next Steps

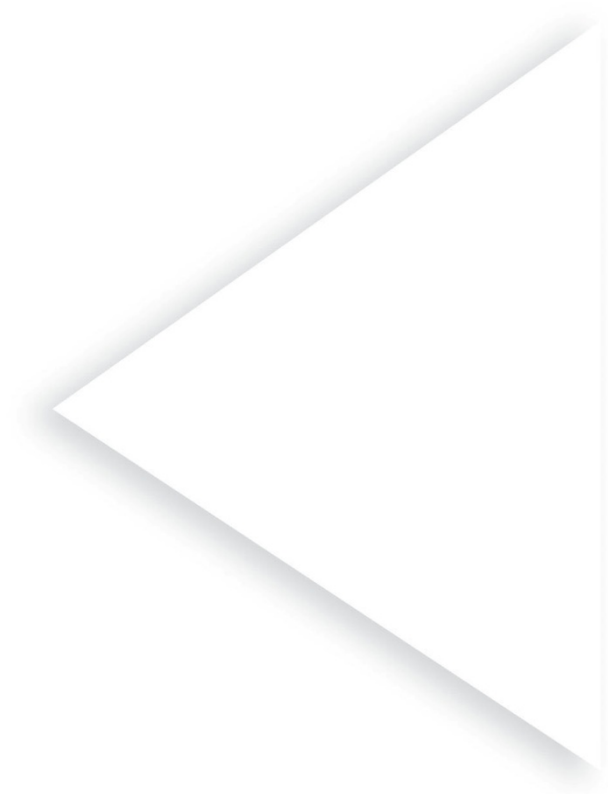


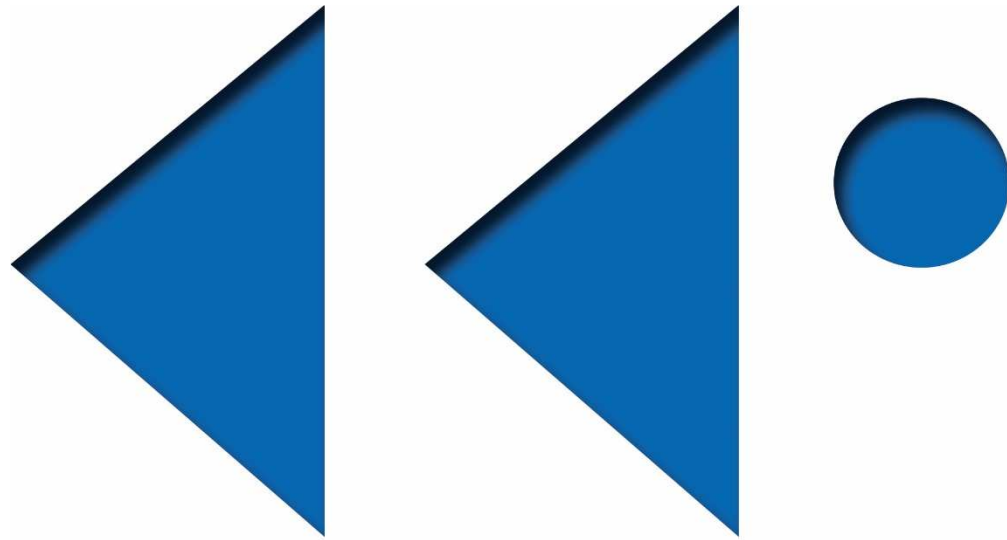
Leadership and delivery





Questions?





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