



# COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL INDOOR AND BUILT SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY

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## PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is Coventry's Indoor and Built Facilities Strategy for the period 2024-2031. It builds upon the conclusions identified in the Indoor and Built Facilities Needs Assessment Report which was initially researched and produced in Spring 2024 to reflect the findings of Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM) assessments in respect of swimming pools, sports halls and indoor bowls.

Building on the Needs Assessment and Facilities Planning Model (FPM) findings, the Strategy provides CCC with a comprehensive assessment of the current level of facilities available and future supply and demand needs for facility provision linked to key housing growth sites listed in the Councils Local Plan. It delivers a clear evidence base and recommendations to inform future development and/or consolidation of facilities, partnership development opportunity and funding applications.

CCC is committed to providing sufficient provision for the changing economic and demographic profile in the Authority. This is evidenced by the significant investment into public leisure centres within the last decade. Based on the updated needs assessment, 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.

### 1.1 Coventry City Council Local Plan

CCC is currently reviewing its local plan and consulted with its residents on 'issues and options' in September 2023. Its revised plan will run to 2041, which will be co-terminus with the built facility strategy and FPM study. Its existing Local Plan (2011-31) is delivering a significant amount of housing growth in the City including two sizeable developments at Keresley (3,100 dwellings) and Eastern Green (2,250 dwellings). These are shown in figure 1.1 below and effectively create an urban extension with a linked population increase of c.13,000 (based on a household occupation rate of 2.4 per dwelling) Figure 1.1 also shows current and future community available swimming pool and sports hall provision within a one-mile (20 minute walk-based radial catchment) of each growth area.

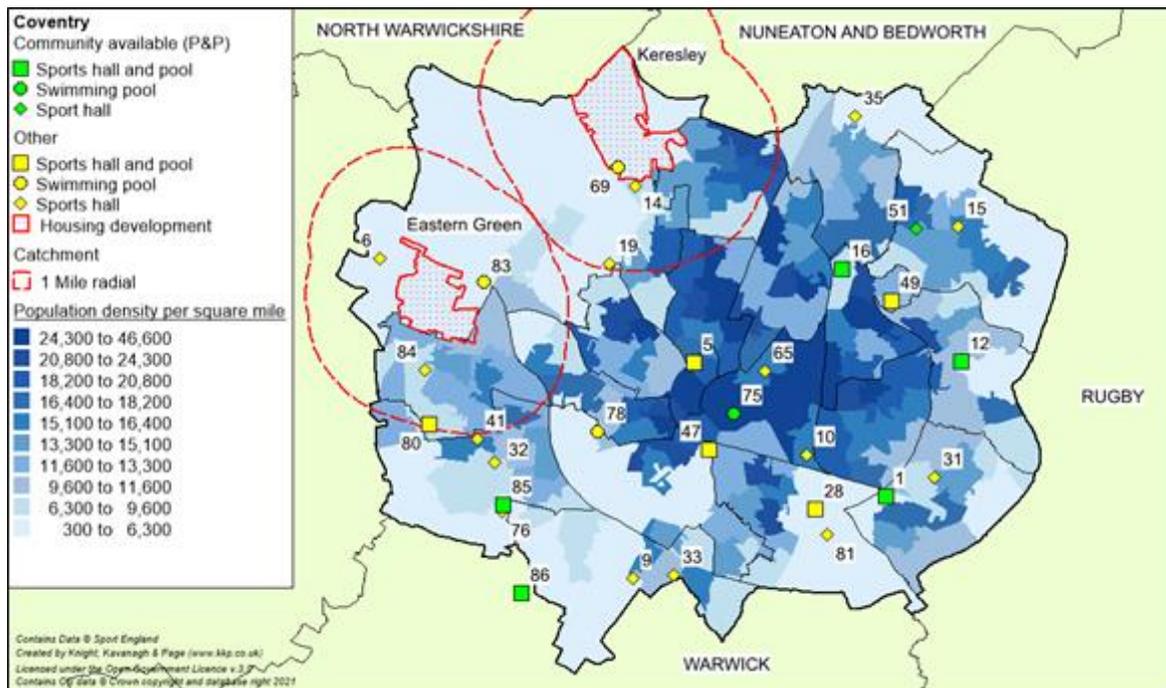
To accommodate population growth, several secondary academy schools are either being redeveloped or expanded over the period up to 2025, including Cardinal Newman Academy (Site ID 14), and Lyng Hall (Site ID 49) Coundon Court (site ID19).

Table 1.2: Coventry school improvement programme

Site name	Facilities following investment	Completion date
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	Replacement 4 court sports hall along with changing provision.	2025
Lyng Hall School Sports Centre	Provision of new 2 court hall to complement existing 2-court hall.	2025
West Coventry Academy	Replacement 4 court sports hall and swimming pool (20m x 4 lanes).	2024
Coundon Court	Replacement 4 court sports hall	Summer 2025

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Figure 1.1: Housing growth areas, current and future community available swimming and sports hall provision – showing 20-minute walk time radial.



## 1.2 Current and future facility requirements

In order to fully determine its future facility requirements, CCC commissioned FPM (Facilities Planning Model) reports for swimming pools, sports halls and indoor bowls, factoring in anticipated population growth over the period to 2041 in line with the Local Plan review period. It tested changes in provision, including increasing the number of community available school sports halls. Headline findings from the combined FPM and KKP audit analysis are as follows:

### Sports Halls

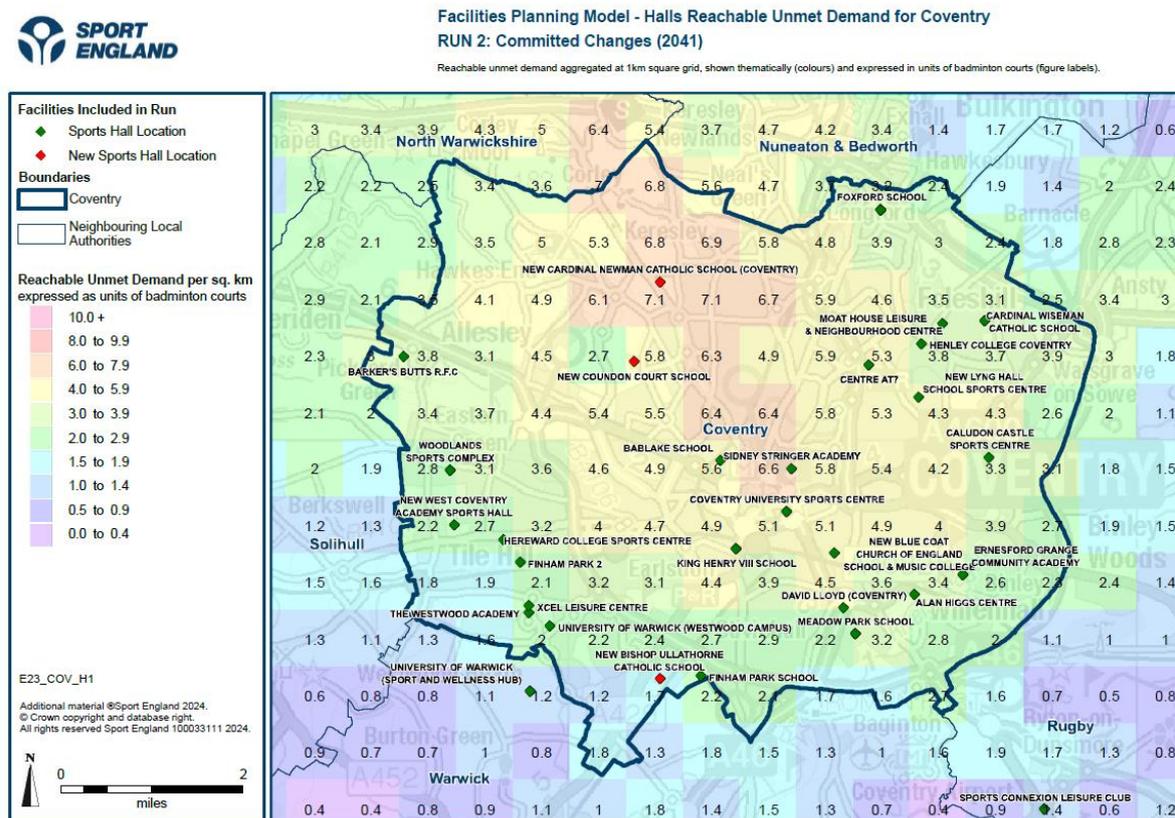
Both the needs assessment (which is based on consultation with schools, clubs and NGBs combined with analysis of site booking data) and modelled FPM findings confirm that, whilst there is a good distribution of sports halls in Coventry, which leads to high levels of satisfied demand, they are operating at high levels of used capacity.

Needs assessment and FPM findings also confirm the potential to alleviate current capacity related constraints by negotiating increased peak time community access at certain school sites. It is also recommended that those school-based halls planned as part of the City's school refurbishment / replacement programme should be made fully available for community use.

In terms of future facility requirement, the FPM and future population forecasting based on anticipated housing growth suggests that anticipated levels of unmet demand in 2041 (see Figure 1.3 overleaf) will be sufficient to merit providing an additional sports hall in North / central areas of the City (in the range of 5-7 courts). When taking into account other provision in that part of the City with that any new sports hall will need to be part of a combined facility offer (i.e. supported by health and fitness and / or other revenue generating element), to ensure it is sustainable.

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Figure 1.2: Sports Hall reachable unmet demand (2041 incorporating facility changes)

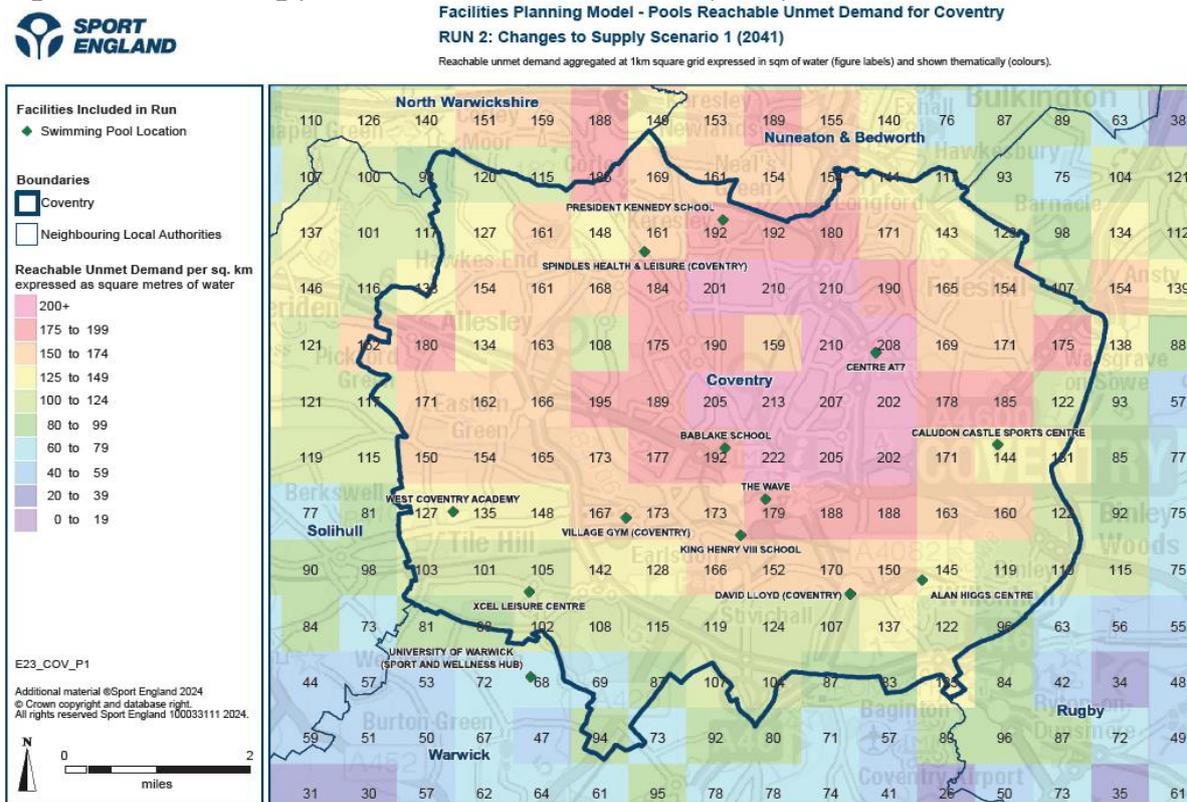


## Swimming Pools

Needs Assessment findings, which incorporate analysis of CV Life operating data and facility visits, suggest that there are good levels of utilisation across the City’s pools. There is nevertheless some currently available capacity, for example within the City’s learn to swim programme. There is also potential to grow the proportion of use via health referrals.

The FPM estimates that levels of modelled current and future demand are very high, and that whilst the vast majority of demand can be accommodated in the City currently, by 2041 there is a case to consider new provision taking into account anticipated population growth and levels of unmet demand. Figure 1.2 overleaf (Swimming pool reachable unmet demand, 2041) illustrates higher areas of unmet demand (i.e. the darker pink and red shaded areas) in North central areas of the Authority. In terms of required water space, the FPM estimates that levels of unmet demand are equivalent to a 25m x 4 lane pool in these areas of the City.

Figure 1.3: Swimming pool reachable unmet demand (2041)

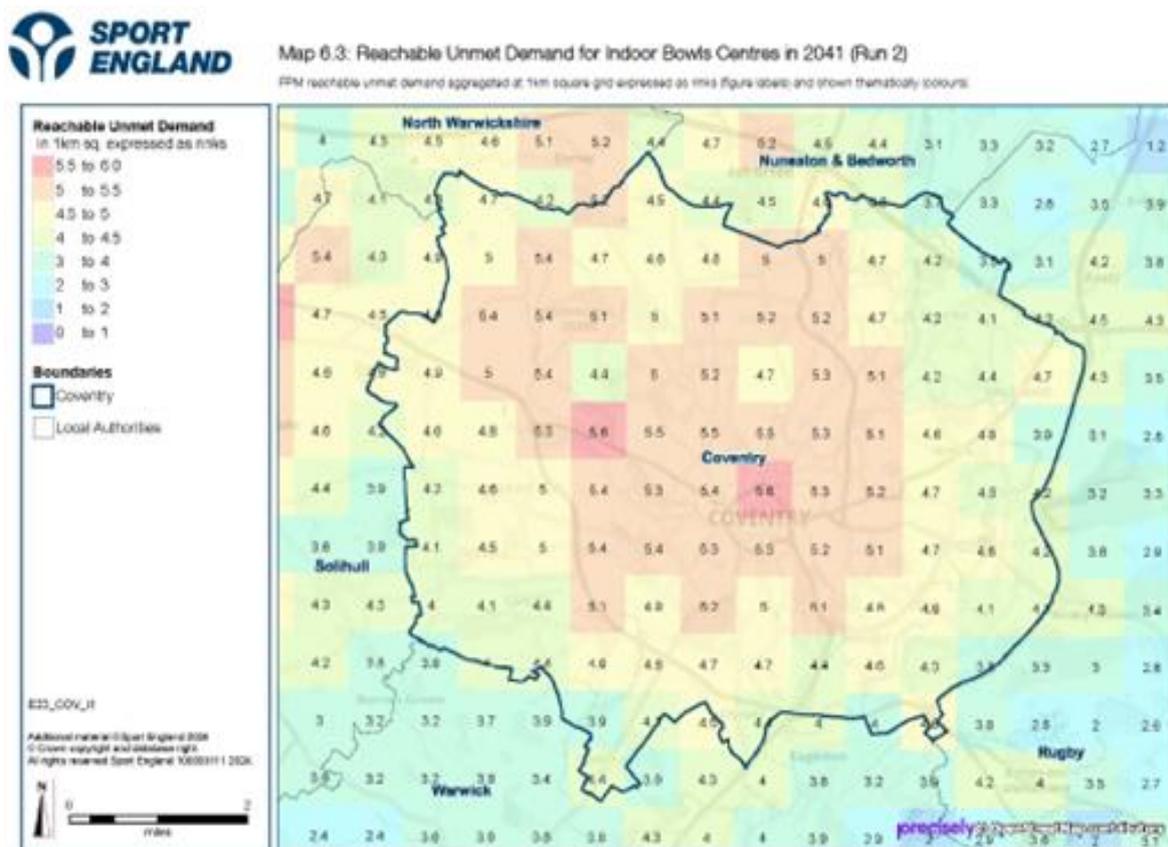


## Indoor bowls

Consultation with the English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) confirmed that demand for the sport in the City has dissipated, since the closure of facilities at Coventry Sport and Leisure Centre.

FPM modelled findings (see figure 1.4 overleaf) suggest that the level of current and projected (2041) unmet demand in the Authority is in the region of 5 rinks by 2041. Whilst a portion (c20%) of this unmet demand could be met by increasing access to existing accessible centres located in neighbouring authorities, sections of the population in central areas of the City reside outside a 30-minute drive time of a dedicated facility in neighbouring Local Authorities. There is therefore a need to consider how alternative 'non rink' bowls options for residents such as short mat bowls within smaller community venues can be better promoted and developed in partnership with appropriate community / voluntary sector venues.

Figure 1.4 Indoor Bowls reachable unmet demand (2041)



## Health and fitness

Needs assessment findings confirm that there is extensive health and fitness provision in the City, including large (200 station) gym at the Alan Higgs centre. There is however anticipated to be a future shortfall of provision based on population growth.

Needs assessment findings also highlighted the clear potential for CV life to accommodate additional demand (derived from residents currently inactive and / or experiencing long term health conditions) via a reinstatement of its health referral programme which will require dialogue / financial support from partners in the health sector/system.

## Gymnastics

Regarding gymnastics facilities, consultation with clubs and British Gymnastics identified several ongoing facility issues in relation to dedicated club sites in the City. Specifically, there is a need to find suitable alternative provision for Flyte and Central Galaxy Gymnastics Clubs.

## Squash

Regarding squash, Coventry has a theoretical undersupply of provision according to England Squash demand modelling. This compares with a needs assessment finding that capacity exists within the existing stock of provision to accommodate further growth in usage, including two of the three pay and play sites. There is therefore no current requirement for additional provision, however in the medium / long term and in line with further population growth,

squash should be considered as part of any future large scale leisure centre provision in the City.

### **Community Halls**

The assessment found that community halls make a valuable contribution to the overall indoor sport and physical activity offer in the City, particularly in respect of providing informal opportunities to take part by residents who may be currently inactive or at risk of developing long term health conditions.

## PART TWO: VISION AND STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed headline vision is, thus that Coventry City Council will:

*“Create and maintain high quality, sustainable sport, physical activity and leisure facilities which meet community need, help increase participation and tackle inequality issues providing accessible, inclusive activities for Coventry’s residents as part of an active lifestyle”*

### 2.1 Strategic recommendations

#### **Address medium / long term facility needs highlighted via the needs assessment and FPM modelling.**

Needs assessment findings, coupled with FPM analysis highlight that Coventry has, in general, a good level of current supply in terms of quality indoor sports facilities supporting the local community. It has a good degree of flexibility within its provision, with the two larger hub facilities at the Alan Higgs Centre and the University of Warwick complementing the network of neighbourhood based high-quality leisure centres serving their respective communities and the city centre.

When factoring in anticipated population growth to 2041, there is an estimated requirement for an additional 4- 6 court sports hall and a (minimum) 20 m x 4 lane pool in the North / North West of the City linked to larger areas of housing growth. CCCs key task over the coming period is therefore to plan for how it can deliver on this future need via further investigation of the business case, and detailed feasibility for a new wet / dry facility.

It is recommended that CCC:

- ◀ In the short term in order to ensure that existing demand for CV Life facilities is being fully met, CCC should support that programming, pricing and marketing of public leisure facilities are calibrated to best serve the needs of their respective communities. This should make full use of benchmarking data such as Sport England’s Moving Communities tool.
- ◀ In the medium term (i.e. over the next 12-24 months) and given projected future shortfalls in respect of swimming pools, health and fitness and sports halls, CCC should form a project board with the objective of delivering feasibility on the identified future facility needs for the City strategy. It should consider the likely capital, revenue, design and operational requirements of meeting the future sports facility needs of residents, alongside FPM findings to arrive at a desired facility solution.
- ◀ Linked to the above, it is recommended that CCC commissions a feasibility study to investigate optimum location/site/facility mix for a new leisure centre. The study should not only look at sports hall/swimming pools, it should also consider fitness and possibly a gymnastics hub with an anchor tenant (due to the significant demand for the sport in the Authority) and possibly outdoor provision linked to the outcomes in the PPOSS. The study also needs to consider appropriate measures to ensure that any new facility will be financially viable.

#### **Increase community use of sport and physical activity facilities on education sites.**

Needs assessment findings and FPM analysis highlighted that there is potential to increase the amount of hours that facilities located on education sites are available in the ‘peak period’.

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This includes the significant range of facilities at the University of Warwick, which offer potential to be used to a greater extent by Coventry residents, King Henry VIII School and Caludon Castle School operated by Parkwood Leisure. Increasing access here will help alleviate capacity issues that are being experienced more widely across the City.

Four secondary schools in the City are to receive capital investment over the period to 2027. All will, as a consequence, have new and improved sports provision. Whilst consultation indicates that they will open for community use, it is important that the Council works effectively across its internal teams and externally with academy trusts to ensure that they sign binding and effective community use agreements supporting this.

Available resources such as the Creating Active Schools toolkit and potential capital support via the DFE's Opening Schools Facilities Fund should be considered to incentivise for schools to engage in the process of opening up their facilities.

It is recommended that CCC:

- ◀ Liaise with the University of Warwick and Parkwood Leisure (RE: Caludon Castle) to ensure that the marketing, pricing and programming of the facilities it manages remain attractive and attuned to the needs of the local community use of their facilities by all Coventry residents is maximised.
- ◀ Works cross departmentally and with respective academy trusts to ensure that new school sport facilities are community available following completion of planned works (including the securing of Community Use Agreements (CUAs)).
- ◀ In respect of the six education facilities (Eden Girls, Barrs Hill, President Kennedy<sup>1</sup>, Stoke Park School & Community College, Cardinal Newman Catholic and Coundon Court School) in the City which currently do not open their facilities to the public, CCC should work with academy trusts and Think Active (the Active Partnership for Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire) to help facilitate community access at these sites.

### **Embed better connections with health partners within Coventry's leisure offer.**

A key aim of CCC's 'On the Move' physical activity framework (2019-24) along with the City's key objective of being a Marmot City, is to address levels of inequality that apply in access to physical activity amongst women and girls, people with disabilities and those with long term health conditions. Levels of inactivity in Coventry (at around 32% according to the Sport England Active Lives Survey 2021-22) are above regional and national levels. Coventry also experiences high levels of health deprivation with nearly 40% of its population falling within the three most deprived IMD cohorts.

An effective health referral programme is one key tool with which CCC, working with CV Life and health partners can use to reduce levels of physical inactivity. It is also desirable that other NHS primary care services, such as cardiac rehabilitation are delivered within the leisure estate; thereby delivering joint outcomes.

This will need to involve improved cross-departmental work and effective partnership with health partners to identify funding and to consider how referral into physical activity can be best embedded alongside re-organised neighbourhood primary care structures including social prescribing teams.

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It is recommended that CCC:

- ◀ Works cross departmentally to consider better integration with health and well-being services including reinstating a health referral programme for residents within the Authority at CV life facilities.
- ◀ Liaises with the University of Warwick to determine whether a re-established health referral offer could be extended to enable delivery at and via the University site.
- ◀ Explore, with Parkwood, the opportunity to extend a re-established health referral offer to the Caludon site.

## **Ensure that CV life continues to provide a strong and responsive physical activity offer for older people, including within the design of new facilities.**

CCCs On the Move framework recognises the need for a whole life course approach to tackling inactivity in the City. This recognises the City's growing older population and a need to 'support communities to lead on the use of their spaces and to be active in ways that work for them'

In this sense CCC recognises that the loss of its indoor bowls centre, which catered for an older demographic has left a gap in provision for the sport, demonstrated within the FPM analysis. Consultation with EIBA however confirmed the lack of a viable business case for a new facility, based on the fact that the majority of existing members have migrated to neighbouring facilities and the lack of a critical 'membership mass' of c400 members needed to ensure the viability of a new facility.

It is therefore important that CV life's programmed offer continues to include a varied and responsive menu of activities for older people including activities such as carpet / short mat bowls. CCC also has the opportunity when delivering its medium / long term facility proposals to ensure that the needs of older people are factored in by (for example) considering dementia friendly design principles such as those advocated by the [Alzheimer's society and Sport England](#).

## **2.2: Sport Specific recommendations**

### **Deliver a long-term plan to resolve Gymnastics facility issues in the City**

Resolution of the facility related issues affecting Flyte and Central Galaxy clubs will require a concerted effort on behalf of the Council working in collaboration with British Gymnastics. It is recommended that CCC provides appropriate support to enable these two clubs to transition to bespoke facilities. Council engagement with British Gymnastics and the clubs will help to ensure that the correct support is in place in respect of facilities fit out, negotiation of lease agreements and purchase of equipment.

### **Protect the current stock of dedicated squash provision and consider providing additional facilities as part of any future large scale leisure investment proposals**

Regarding squash, Coventry has a theoretical undersupply of provision according to England Squash demand modelling. This compares with a needs assessment finding that capacity exists within the existing stock of provision to accommodate further growth in usage, including two of the three pay and play sites. There is therefore no current requirement for additional provision, however the current stock of courts should be protected from disposal and, in the medium / long term in line with further population growth, squash should be considered as part

of any future large scale leisure centre provision in the City should levels of actual demand support it.

### 2.3 Action plans

The following action plan contains three sections:

- ◀ Overarching recommendations.
- ◀ Sport Specific recommendations.
- ◀ Site 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 CCC and are assigned across a number of agencies including CCC, CV Life, University of Warwick, schools and Academy trusts, Think 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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Strategic objective – to:	Recommended actions – to:	Timescale	Responsibility
<p>Increase community use of sport and physical activity facilities on education sites.</p> <p><b>Enhance / Provide</b></p>	<p>CCC should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Liaise with the University of Warwick and Parkwood Leisure (RE: Caludon Castle) to ensure that the marketing, pricing and programming of the facilities it manages remain attractive and attuned to the needs of the local community use of their facilities by all Coventry residents is maximised.</li> <li>◀ Work cross departmentally and with respective academy trusts to ensure that new school sport facilities are community available following completion of planned works (including the securing of Community Use Agreements (CUAs). This is particularly important for Cardinal Newman and Coundon Court Schools.</li> <li>◀ In respect of the six education facilities (Eden Girls, Barrs Hill, President Kennedy, Stoke Park School &amp; Community College, Cardinal Newman Catholic and Coundon Court School)) in the City which currently do not open their facilities to the public, CCC should work with academy trusts and Think Active (the Active Partnership for Coventry, Solihull &amp; Warwickshire) to help facilitate community access at these sites. using resources such as the Creating Active Schools toolkit and the UK Governments Opening Schools funding.</li> </ul>	<p>Short term (2024-6)</p>	<p>CCC, Warwick University, Parkwood Leisure, Think Active, Academy Trusts.</p>
<p>Reduce health inequalities through the reintroduction of schemes, such as the health referral programme.</p> <p><b>Enhance</b></p>	<p>CCC should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Work cross departmentally and with public health partners to consider better integration with health and well-being services including Identify required funding reinstating a health referral programme for residents within the Authority at CV life facilities.</li> <li>◀ Investigate with health partners the potential to broaden the range of primary care services to be delivered at/via CV Life centres, including future planned provision.</li> </ul>	<p>Short / medium term (2024-9)</p>	<p>CCC CV Life Public Health partners</p>
<p>Ensure that CV life continues to provide a strong and responsive physical activity offer for older people, including within the design of new facilities.</p> <p><b>Enhance / Provide</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ CCC to work with CV life to ensure that its programmed offer continues to include a varied and responsive menu of activities for older people including activities such as carpet / short mat bowls.</li> <li>◀ In considering medium / long term facility proposals, CCC to ensure that the needs of older people are factored in by (for example) considering dementia friendly design principles such as those advocated by the Alzheimer's society and Sport England.</li> </ul>	<p>Short / Medium Term (2024-9)</p>	<p>CCC, CV life</p>

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### 2.2.2: Sport specific recommendations

Considering the issues and challenges identified in the Needs Assessment, the following table identifies those sports which should be prioritised in requiring attention.

Sport	Overview and challenges	Action	Timescale	Lead agency
Squash	Coventry has a theoretical undersupply of provision according to England Squash demand modelling. This compares with a needs assessment finding that available capacity exists within existing stock to accommodate further growth in usage. There is therefore no current requirement for additional provision, however in the medium / long term and in line with further population growth, squash should be considered as part of any future large scale leisure centre provision in the City.	CCC , CV Life and partners to work with England Squash to consider appropriate interventions to grow usage at existing provision , including by underrepresented groups such as those trialled in <a href="#">Birmingham</a> .	Medium	
Gymnastics	Consultation with clubs and British Gymnastics identified several ongoing facility issues in relation to dedicated club sites in the City. Specifically, there is a need to find suitable alternative provision for Flyte and Central Galaxy Gymnastics Clubs.	Deliver a long-term plan to resolve Gymnastics facility issues in the City CCC should: Work with British Gymnastics, Flyte Gymnastics Club, Central Galaxy Gymnastics Club to identify sites and funding to develop bespoke facilities.	Medium	CCC British Gymnastics Identified clubs

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### 2.2.3: Facility specific actions

Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Timescale (S/M/L)	Lead agency
Alan Higgs Centre	CV Life	Strategic venue to the south east of the City Centre. It comprises a 50m pool (above average quality), a 4-court sports hall (below average), and a large 200 station fitness centre (good). An indoor football centre is attached to the site. It is heavily used, and supports a number of key organisations, including City of Coventry Swimming Club and Coventry College.. The sports hall operates at capacity, gym use is high but there is reported spare pool capacity.	Regular review of programming to ensure maximum participation from people in all age and health groups and ensure equitable access to people from targeted priority groups. Medium to long term maintenance of this site is required, including upgrading the below average rated sports hall, to ensure that it continues to make a high quality offer. CCC needs to ringfence funding to support this.	Medium term (2025-28)	CCC/CV Life
Bablake School	Bablake School	Independent school with a 4-court sports hall and a 5 lane x 20m swimming pool - both rated above average quality. A registered membership is required to access these facilities.	Work with the School to ensure its pricing and membership offer is inclusive and reflects the area it serves, which is relatively deprived. Also investigate whether additional community use hours can be negotiated.	Medium term (2025-28)	Bablake School CCC Think Active
Barker's Butts R.F.C	Barker's Butts R.F.C	This has a 3-court sports hall (poor quality) in need of significant investment in respect of the sports hall floor and ancillary facilities. It is used by the rugby club for training along with additional community bookings, such as dog training sessions.	Significant housing growth is planned in and around the rugby club site. CCC should use future developer contributions to assist the rugby club upgrade the quality of its hall - to help cater for the areas expanding population.	Medium term (2025-8)	CCC Barker's Butts RFC
Barr's Hill School	The Futures Trust	Below average quality 4-court hall currently not community available. School states operational costs currently prevent it from opening up the facility for public access.	Work with the School to explore required support to persuade/enable it to make its sports hall community available.	Medium term (2025-28)	The Futures Trust CCC Think Active
Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School	Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Trust	Recently opened new four court hall which is available for community access. Utilisation data unknown	Support the School to build up community lettings, ensuring its well-used by local clubs and organisations. This is linked to an existing community use agreement.	Short term	Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Trust CCC

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Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Timescale (S/M/L)	Lead agency
Blue Coat C of E School & Music College*	Inspire Education Trust	This has a below average 4-court sports hall. Site is currently community accessible.	Work with the School to ensure the appropriate quality improvements are made and subsequent pricing/times of access are attractive to the local community.	Medium term (2025-28)	Inspire Education Trust/CCC
Caludon Castle Sports Centre	Parkwood Leisure	School with a leisure centre attached which has an above average quality 4-court sports hall, 6-lane x 25m swimming pool and 55 station fitness facility. The fitness provision and pool are available daytimes and evenings, with the hall only available during the evenings/weekends. The pool is also used for wider school swimming lessons during certain afternoons of the week.	Maintain facility quality. Work with the School and Parkwood Leisure to ensure participation from all age and health groups and that it supports equitable access to people from targeted priority groups.	Medium term (2025-28)	Parkwood Leisure Trust/CCC
Cardinal Newman Catholic School*	Romero Catholic Academy Trust	It has a 4-court sports hall that is currently not fit for lettings (rated poor). The significant planned investment at the site includes a new sports hall. Site works should be completed by 2025. It is important this site is community available as it could absorb a significant level of future demand from the key housing growth areas.	Work with the School to ensure that works are completed on time, and that the new facility is available for community access - supported by a CUA. Once open, CCC needs to work with the School/Trust to ensure that the pricing and programming is attractive. The site has also been identified as having potential to host a community available 3G pitch within the CCC PPS	Medium term (2025-28)	CCC Romero Catholic Academy Trust Think Active
Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School	Romero Catholic Academy Trust	Located in the east of the Authority, it has a below average 4-court sports hall. This operates at 60% capacity and supports basketball, dance, indoor skating.	Work with the School/Trust to explore the potential to increase the number of available community hours.	Medium term (2025-28)	Romero Catholic Academy Trust CCC Think Active
Centre AT7	CV Life	Centrally located strategic sports centre with 4-court sports hall, 6-lane x 25m swimming pool, studio and a 65 station fitness suite - all rated either good or above average quality. It supports badminton, volleyball, football and accommodates Sky Blues in the Community.	Maintain facility quality. Review programme to ensure maximum participation from all age and health groups and ensure equitable access to people from targeted priority groups.	Medium term (2025-28)	CCC CV Life Think Active

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Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Timescale (S/M/L)	Lead agency
Coundon Court School	Coundon Court School Academy Trust	It has a 4-court hall (rated above average). The majority of the school is currently undergoing a full rebuild. This site will be available for community use once the site is re-opened. It is important this site is community available, as this will absorb a significant level of future demand from the key housing growth areas.	Work with the School to ensure that works are completed on time, and that the new facility is available for community access. This should be supported by a CUA. Once open, CCC needs to work with the School/Trust to ensure that the pricing and programming is attractive.	Short term (2023-5)	Coundon Court School Academy Trust/CCC
Coventry University Sports Centre	Coventry University Sports Centre	This has good quality rated 4-court and 2-court sports halls and an 86 station fitness facility. Site is not commercially available, with access solely for students.	Private facility solely available for students of the University. It is unlikely to become publicly accessible..	n/a	n/a
Eden Girls School	Star Academies	City centre site with a 4-court sports hall (rated good). It is not community available and has no plans to allow community access. The sport centre is separate to the school and (physically) would lend itself to public use.	Explore whether the School can be made available for community use to enhance the leisure offer in the city centre.	Short Term (2023-5)	Star Academies CCC Think Active
Ernesford Grange Community Academy	Sidney Stringer Academy MAT	Located in the southeast of the Authority, the School has an above average 4-court sports hall. Which is currently operating at 60% of capacity. It offers indoor football and dance.	Work with the School/Trust to explore the potential to increase the number of users at the site.	Short term (2023-5)	Sidney Stringer Academy MAT CCC Think Active
Finham Park 2	Finham Park Multi Academy Trust	New facility with a good quality 4-court hall). Site supports football, martial arts, cricket and badminton and is managed by Community Lettings with a reported 50% utilisation rate.	Work with the School/Trust to explore the potential to increase the number of users at the site.	Short term (2023-5)	Finham Park Multi Academy Trust CCC Think Active
Finham Park School	Finham Park MAT	Located in the south of the Authority, it has a below average 4-court hall. This is at capacity supporting basketball, indoor football, fitness and badminton.	Work with the School and partners to seek the required capital funding to upgrade its sports facilities as and when required.	Medium/long term (2025-28)	Finham Park MAT CCC Think Active

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Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Timescale (S/M/L)	Lead agency
Foxford School	Castle Phoenix Trust	It has an above average 4-court sports hall. Consultation indicates that there is limited demand to hire its facilities.	Maintain facility quality at the site. Work with the School/Trust to review pricing/access policy at site, with the aim of increasing utilisation.	Short Term (2023-5)	Castle Phoenix Trust CCC Think Active
Hereward College Sports Centre	Hereward College	It has an above average 4-court sports hall, which is has high utilisation and supports table tennis and badminton.	Maintain main sports hall quality and levels of community use.	Medium (2025-28)	Hereward College CCC
King Henry VIII School	King Henry VIII School	Independent school with a 4-court sports and a 6-lane x 25m pool - both rated above average. Site is popular and operates at capacity. Access is via registered membership.	Maintain facility quality at the site. Work with the School/Trust to review pricing/access policy at site, with the aim of increasing utilisation on site.	Medium (2025-28)	King Henry VIII CCC Think Active
Moat House Leisure & Neighbourhood Centre	CV Life	Key community facility operated by CVLife. It has a 4-court sports hall (above average). It also has a 70-station fitness provision, rated good.	Key site located within a deprived community. Maintain facility quality and review pricing/membership offer to ensure equitable access continues.	Medium (2025-28)	CCC CV Life
President Kennedy School	Kennedy Trust	It has a 4-court sports hall (above average) plus a small studio. Nether is available to hire. It did have a swimming pool but this will not reopen and it is intended that this is repurposed as an additional teaching space. It does not offer community access due to staffing costs and energy bills at the time of the audit.	CCC to engage with the school to review Community Use Agreement.	Short term (2023-5)	Kennedy Trust CCC/ Think Active
Sidney Stringer Academy	Sidney Stringer Academy MAT	Located in the heart of the City Centre, the School is relatively new (opened 2021) and has a 4-court sports hall rated above average. It is currently operating at 60% capacity and supports football teams and local dance schools.	Maintain facility quality at the site. Work with the School/Trust to review pricing/access policy with the aim of increasing utilisation on site.	Short term (2023-5)	Sidney Stringer Academy MAT CCC
Stoke Park School/Comm. College	u/a	4-court sports hall. Un-assessed during audit so no quality rating derived.	CCC to engage with the school to review Community Use Agreement.	Short Term (2023-5)	CCC Stoke Park School/Comm. College

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Facility	Management	Overview	Action	Timescale (S/M/L)	Lead agency
The Westwood Academy	u/a	4-court sports hall. Un-assessed during audit so no quality rating derived.	Ensure CUA is in place with Xcel leisure Centre and is effective.		
St Augustine Sport Centre	St Augustine Sport Centre	This site has a dedicated gymnastics facility, 3 squash courts, 2 studios and a 26 station fitness facility.	Maintain facility quality at the site.	Short term (2023-5)	CCC St Augustine Sport Centre British Gymnastics
West Coventry Academy	The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership	Recently redeveloped community available facility which includes a new 4 court hall along with a 4lane x 20 m pool. .	Support School to build up lettings, ensuring the site is well used by the community.	Short term (2023-5)	The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership CCC
Meadow Park School	Finham Park MAT	It has a 4-court and a 2-court sports hall both above average and reportedly full. It supports archery, cricket, church groups.	Maintain facility quality at the site.	Medium/long term (2028-2033)	Finham Park MAT CCC
University of Warwick	Internal	<p>Recently opened sports facility, located just outside the Authority border of the Authority. Due to its proximity, it is included within the study.</p> <p>It has a 12-lane x 25m swimming pool, 12-court sports hall, a climbing centre, 230 station fitness, 6 glass-backed squash courts and a dedicated taekwondo dojo. All elements are rated good.</p> <p>It does offer community use, however, priority is given to students and student competitions.</p> <p>It is important that the University balances support for the local population and its student base.</p>	Work with the University to ensure there are regular slots for the public and that, in respect of fitness, pricing is reflective of the local fitness market.	Short term (2023-5)-ongoing	University of Warwick CCC

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Woodlands Sports Complex	CV Life	This is attached to a currently disused school. The school is to be re-opened by Coventry City Council. It has an above average sports hall/ gymnastics facility plus two large dance halls which are used by Gemini Cheerleading.	Work with the MAT/Council to maintain the quality of the large sports hall/gymnastics centre and to support users – especially the gymnastics club.	Short term (2023-5)  Short term (2023-5)	Sidney Stringer Academy MAT CCC CVLife  CCC/Associated dance groups.
Xcel Leisure Centre	CV Life	Strategic facility, which comprises a 4-court hall (above average), a 6-lane x 25m pool (above average), a 50-station fitness suite (rated good) and a studio (above average). The sports hall operates at capacity catering for badminton, volleyball, football and work undertaken by Sky Blues in the Community. No swimming clubs currently use the pool; it is only used for lessons and public swimming.	Maintain facility quality at the site.	Short term (2023-5)	CV Life University of Warwick CCC
The Wave	CV Life	City centre sports centre with a fun water park, 5-lane x 25m swimming pool, 120-station fitness provision and two glass-backed squash courts. All elements are rated good.	Maintain facility quality. Review programme to ensure maximum participation from people of all ages and health groups. Ensure equitable access to/for people from targeted priority groups.	Medium term (2025-28)	CCC CV Life
Nile Wilson Gymnastics Academy	Nile Wilson Gymnastics Academy	Private gymnastics facility, run by the Nile Wilson Gymnastics Academy. Club is affiliated to British Gymnastics.	Support organisation as and when required.	Long term (2028-2033)	British Gymnastics CCC

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## Appendix A: All community available sports halls and swimming pools in Coventry

Map ID	Active Places site name	Sports hall and pool	Pool	Sports hall
1	Alan Higgs Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Bablake School	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Barker's Butts R.F.C			Yes
9	Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School			Yes
10	Blue Coat C Of E School & Music College			Yes
12	Caludon Castle Sports Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	Cardinal Newman Catholic School			Yes
15	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School			Yes
16	Centre At7	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	Coundon Court School			Yes
28	David Lloyd	Yes	Yes	Yes
31	Ernesford Grange Community Academy			Yes
32	Finham Park 2			Yes
33	Finham Park School			Yes
35	Foxford School			Yes
41	Hereward College Sports Centre			Yes
47	King Henry VIII School	Yes	Yes	Yes
49	Lyng Hall School Sports Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
51	Moat House Leisure & Neighbourhood Centre			Yes
65	Sidney Stringer Academy			Yes
69	Spindles Health & Leisure		Yes	
75	The Wave		Yes	
76	The Westwood Academy			Yes
78	Village Gym		Yes	
80	West Coventry Academy	Yes	Yes*	Yes
81	Meadow Park School			Yes
83	Windmill Village Hotel & Golf Club		Yes	
84	Woodlands Sports Complex			Yes
85	Xcel Leisure Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
86	University of Warwick	Yes	Yes	Yes