

# Shropshire Council

## Leisure Facilities Strategy

- Period: 14 September 2020 - 27 October 2020
- Status: **Future**
- Audiences: Everyone
- Topics: Leisure and culture
- Type: Public

In 2018 we developed [an Indoor Leisure Facility Strategy 2018-2023](#), the focus of which was to set out a hierarchy of leisure facility provision across our leisure facilities.

We've delivered on a number of actions identified within the strategy but there is now a need to update it in light of changing needs, and in conjunction with the development of a new Rural and Community Strategy, Corporate Plan and a place-based approach to service delivery.

This updated strategy will support the delivery of the broader remit of sport and physical activity, will be an ever-evolving document, and will be the basis on which we will take forward our sport and physical activity and leisure services with partners and stakeholders. The strategy is about the facilities needed to facilitate engagement in physical activity which also contribute to place-making and the identity of a locality, whilst informing the local plan.

The new strategy seeks to remove the tier system of investment in facilities, ie the tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3 system which would potentially have resulted in the closure of a number of facilities, and replaces it with a strategy based on community needs, aspirations, partnership, sustainability and resilience, whilst enabling a more commercial approach to service delivery.

The strategy also focuses on partnership working alongside shared services and investment based on community priorities. It will ensure that our services provide value for money to the local community taxpayers by working to reduce the overall subsidy across the whole of the leisure facilities portfolio through the provision of a mixed economy of provision and activity.

In some instances, a commercial approach will be appropriate to service delivery. Other areas of Shropshire will require a more community-based health and wellbeing service-based approach, focusing on increasing activity and interaction, whilst other areas will require a mixed economy of provision. This approach should secure a more sustainable offer across the whole of Shropshire.

Take a look at the attached strategy summary and then click on the 'How to get involved' tab to comment on what we're proposing.