



3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **Resources Committee** will be held on  
**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024** in the **Council Chamber, Shotton Hall,**  
**Peterlee, SR8 2PH at 6.30pm**

Mr I Hall  
Town Clerk

Members of the public are very welcome to attend our meetings. We have a limited number of designated public seating in our Council Chamber and so any members of the public wishing to attend to observe the meeting are advised to contact the Council in advance so that we can reserve a seat for you: [council@peterlee.gov.uk](mailto:council@peterlee.gov.uk) or (0191) 5862491.

## AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. To receive declarations of interest**  
Members are reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Please seek advice from the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk **prior to the meeting** if in doubt. Members are reminded that they can check their published declaration of interests here: <https://bit.ly/2wVyeLA>
- 3. Funding for grass pitches at Lowhills Road**  
Report of Sport & Wellbeing Manager
- 4. Eden Lane Practice Pitch**  
Report of Town Clerk

**Report to:** Peterlee Town Council, Resources Committee

**Date:** 09<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Report Title:** Funding for grass pitches at Lowhills Road

**Report of:** Sharon Pounder, Sport & Wellbeing Manager

**Report Purpose:** To inform members of a funding opportunity for the grass pitches at Lowhills Road.

**Background:** The Sport & Wellbeing Manager is applying to the Football Foundation's Pitch Improvement fund to help PTC improve the quality of the grass pitches at Lowhills Road. This is funded by Sport England using National Lottery funding, and delivered by the Football Foundation. The main aim of the fund is to provide financial support for major pitch capital and renovation work.

The Pitch improvement fund aims to improve the quality of pitches for people and communities that need it most, creating new and better opportunities to play and grow the game.

Representatives from Durham FA have completed a site visit and completed an assessment on the standard of the football pitches and provided recommendations on how to improve the quality and maintenance of these pitches.

The funding available is to cover the cost of additional work to be carried out by external contractors to supplement the maintenance carried out in-house.

This funding is claimed over a six-year period and a contribution from PTC is required in year three to six.

A successful application has already been made for the pitches at Helford Road with no financial contribution required from PTC.

**Recommendation:** Members are asked to note the content of this report and to note the financial contribution required to access the funding.



**Report to:** Peterlee Town Council Resources Committee

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Report of:** Ian Hall, Chief Officer & Town Clerk

**Subject:** **Eden Lane Practice Pitch**

**Purpose:** To consider the use of the Practice Pitch.

**Background:** Council, at its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 requested that an item be included on the next Resources Committee to discuss the use of the Practice Pitch at Eden Lane. (Minute No. C.53/24 refers).

**Current position:** The Practice pitch is used on an informal basis, including use by the Rugby Club for training. There is no booking facility for use of the pitch.

The area is also used for the Summer Fun event and the Circus.

Arrangements are being made for a fence to be erected around the pitch to alleviate issues of anti-social behaviour, motorbikes, quads and horses which is causing damage to the pitch. There is also an issue with health and safety as there is regularly dog waste on the pitch which must be removed by users before using the facility. The cost of the fence is to be met by s106 funding.

**Recommended:** That consider future use of the Practice Pitch.

## Appendix 1: Implications

**Finance** - no direct implications

**Staffing** - no direct implications

**Risk** - no direct implications

**Equality and Diversity, Cohesion and Integration** – no direct implications

**Crime and Disorder** – no direct implications

**Consultation & Communication** – None at this stage.

**Procurement** – no direct implications

**Legal** - no direct implications