

Submission of Evidence Form National Development Framework	
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Title of Evidence	Alignment with 'Facilities for Future Generations – a blueprint for sport & active recreation in Wales'
Summary of evidence	<a href="http://sport.wales/media/1701808/1165_sports_wales_facilities_for_future_generations_report_v8.pdf">http://sport.wales/media/1701808/1165_sports_wales_facilities_for_future_generations_report_v8.pdf</a>
Summary of key issues / conclusions	<p>To address the challenges faced in terms of ageing buildings, declining budgets, and the demand for modern facilities - and in recognition of the need for high quality accessible facilities for increasing physical activity through sport - Sport Wales led the development of a long term vision for sport facilities which sets out why they are so important to physical activity and health. In consultation with the sector, including the WLGA, Local Authority Chief Leisure Officers, CEO's of Welsh National Governing Bodies of Sport; Welsh Audit Office; Higher and Further Education; the Framework was born out of evidence of changing times and experience of changing needs, and the demand for more efficient and effective solutions. Commissioned by Welsh Government, the Facilities for Future Generations report provides national guidance to help inform local decision making.</p> <p>Using sports participation data and facility evidence, the future direction was informed by trends identified in the Sport Wales' Advisory Group's report 'Acting Today for an Active Tomorrow'<sup>1</sup>, and forms part of the sector's response to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act. This is particularly pertinent to decisions in respect of future facilities, as the Act requires a transformational change to the way future decisions are made and demands consideration of the longer term impact of decisions given their lasting legacy.</p> <p><b>KEY MESSAGES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>THE IMPORTANCE OF FACILITIES</b> Being more efficient, effective and sustainable</li> <li>▪ <b>DESIGNS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS</b> Facilities</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>[http://sport.wales/media/1584189/sport\\_wales\\_-\\_email\\_\\_eng\\_\\_final.pdf](http://sport.wales/media/1584189/sport_wales_-_email__eng__final.pdf)

	<p>that are appropriate and relevant to how we live our lives now – not based on traditional delivery of the past</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>25 YEAR PLANS</b> to ensure development is fit for the future</li> <li>▪ <b>INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL FACILITIES</b> providing stimulating activity spaces and better supported use of after school facilities.</li> <li>▪ <b>INTEGRATED FACILITIES STRATEGIES</b> which are integrated with local and regional infrastructure plans and with wider estates strategies</li> <li>▪ <b>A CHANGING UNIQUE ROLE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b> - taking account of the many changes and a growth in other providers in recent years.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do we hope to achieve?</b></p> <p>The Facilities for Future Generations is designed to provide a clear rationale for an integrated leisure infrastructure that is fit for purpose and ‘appropriate’, designed to satisfy the demands of different customers and capable of reflecting future community needs. Through working collectively and collaboratively, we aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Influence and inform future decisions about facilities – creating a proactive sector response to the long-term planning processes of our facilities.</li> <li>▪ Provide the brief for actions to support more appropriate future facilities i.e. a review of future aquatic facility needs; planning policy; the education approach to the future design and use of school facilities.</li> <li>▪ A stock of “modern, fit for purpose, inclusive and sustainable facilities which are appropriate to the needs of communities and support Wales becoming more physically active”.</li> </ul> <p>We have examples where these principles have worked effectively</p> <p>Collaboration between Hockey Wales, Welsh Football Trust and Welsh Rugby Union in effective all weather pitch developments aligned to a national strategic picture.</p> <p>Influencing developments funded through 21<sup>st</sup> century</p>
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	schools aligned to the blueprints recommendations.
Why have you submitted this evidence	Whilst not about one specific facility, it is vital that national planning of future facilities is considered in a more strategic context to ensure it is joined up.
How should this evidence inform the development of the NDF	Signposting to the document to help inform future decisions about sport & leisure facilities going forwards. This approach has been adopted in the guidance notes around 21 <sup>st</sup> century school development which incorporate development of PE / sport facilities.
How does this evidence and any actions it recommends help achieve the 7 well-being goals	<p>Links to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A healthier Wales</li> <li>• A Wales of cohesive communities</li> <li>• A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language</li> <li>• A more equal Wales</li> </ul> <p>It aligns to the ways of working encouraging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term thinking – this is embedded within the principles of the document</li> <li>• Integration of working</li> <li>• Involvement with communities in determining the right needs</li> <li>• Collaboration in delivery – as exemplified in the collaboration work between three NGB's with support from Sport Wales</li> <li>• Prevention – impacting on the health of the nation through relevant, well used facilities promoting and encouraging a healthier lifestyle for long term health benefits</li> </ul>
Why is the evidence of national significance	Unless action is taken to endorse the principles of the Facilities for Future Generations at a national level we won't have the impact to influence regional and local decisions around integrated facility planning going forwards.
Do you agree for your evidence to be made public	Yes