

## **Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board**

Report prepared by Matt Evans for consideration on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### **Strategies relating to Sport**

1. The Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board (EHWB) has been supporting the development of Active Exeter as a group of relevant local partner organisations which each have a remit in the development of participation in physical activity and/or sport.
2. At the last EHWB meeting a progress update was provided including Active Exeter's work on the development of an action plan framework under which it will align its contribution to the City's physical activity priorities. The EHWB also endorsed Active Exeter's approach to the preparation of a bid to Sport England for Lottery funding to enhance EHWB's investment and impact. It was explained that that creating the framework in parallel with preparing the bid was both complementary and mutually beneficial.
3. Alongside its support and involvement in Active Exeter, the City Council is also in the process of completing a Leisure Facilities Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy. Notwithstanding the importance of facilities and green spaces as places for people to participate in activity, Active Exeter's focus has largely been towards people and activities.
4. It is generally positive for the City that initiatives are moving forward on a number of fronts which both seek to promote and to recognise the strategic value of participation in physical activity and sport. The development of different strands of strategy represents both a potential risk and a potential opportunity.
5. The outcome of discussions between City Council and Active Devon Officers is a proposal that an overarching strategy document is agreed which articulates the key priorities from the various strands in a single high level document. It is proposed that the EHWB promotes a working stakeholder conference, to take place in February/March 2015, aimed at informing the strategy and securing wider ownership with key partners.
6. **It is recommended that:**
  - a. **The Board notes the contents of this report**
  - b. **The Board gives its support and endorsement to the proposed stakeholder conference as a means to informing an overarching sport strategy for the City**
  - c. **The Board tasks ECC and Active Devon to progress the appropriate arrangements**