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# [Insert Local Authority] Local Sports Plan Survey

#### Introduction

[Insert Local Authority] is leading on the development of a Local Sports Plan for the County. This Plan reflects our commitment Under Action 8 of National Sports Policy 2018- 2027. The following survey provides an opportunity for all people across the County, regardless of age, gender, ethnic background, ability or location to help us to develop a Plan which reflects your aspirations and requirements for sports and physical activity.

By sport we mean all forms of physical activity which, through casual or organised participation, aims at expressing or improving physical fitness and mental wellbeing, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competition at all levels. This means our plan will consider all forms of recognised sport physical activity (recreational and competitive) from exercise and fitness, playing sports, walking, dancing and cycling to structured participation in schools and clubs.

In order to find better ways for us to work together, both internally and with our partners, we are asking stakeholders across [insert County] to contribute to this consultation process.

**Participating in the survey**

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. If you decide to answer the questions you can still change your mind. You can stop at any time.

**What we do with the information you provide**

Information is gathered via this survey for the purposes of informing the development of the [insert County] Local Sports Plan only, information will not be used in conjunction with any other purpose. The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete, but it's ok if it takes longer. If you feel there are other questions or information that would help us please add at the end of the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We greatly appreciate your input.

**Page 1: About your organisation**

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| Question | Response Type | Response Options | Logic | Notes |
| What is the name of your organisation? | Text box | Open ended | None | n/a |
| Which of the following best describes your organisation type? | Multiple choice | * Community and voluntary organisation i.e. youth group, community centre, family resource centre. * Statutory body * School * Educational Authority * Sports Club * Business Organisation * Local Authority * Political Representative * National Governing Body of Sport * Private Sector | None | n/a |
| In which areas does your organisation provide services? | Drop Down | * Insert electoral areas relevant to local authority * Across all of County [insert county] * We are a national organisation | None | n/a |
| Do you provide any of the following sport and physical activities? | Check Boxes | * American Football * Archery * Athletics * Badminton * Basketball * Bowling * Boxing * Camogie * Canoeing * Cricket * Cycling * Dance * Fencing * Fitness classes * Football (Soccer) * Gaelic Games (Gaelic football, hurling, handball) * Golf * Gymnastics * Handball * Hockey * Horse Sport * Ice Skating * Jogging * Judo * Kayaking * Martial Arts * Mountaineering * Pilates * Racquetball * Rowing * Rugby * Running * Sailing * Squash * Surfing * Swimming * Tennis * Trampolining * Volleyball * Walking * Waterpolo * Weightlifting * Wrestling * Yoga * None of the above * Other | None | Present response options over 3 columns |
| In what context does your organisation provide sport or physical activity usually? | Check boxes | * Organised training/coaching/lesson * Organised competition * Casual participation opportunity * Other (please specify) | None | n/a |
| Please select the places where your organisation normally delivers sport and physical activity: Please select all that apply. | Check boxes | * At organisation owned premises * In a gym * In a community centre * In a sports hall * In a swimming pool * Greenways * Blueways * On a sports pitch * At an athletics track * On open water * On the road/footpath/cycle paths * School sport and physical activity facilities * Other (please specify) | None | n/a |
| Who are the main beneficiaries of the activities / services provided by your organisation? (Please tick all that apply) | Check boxes | * Children and young people (aged 0-18) * Young adults (aged 19-24) * Adults (aged 25-64) * Older people (aged 65+) * People with disabilities * Minority ethnic communities * LGBTQ+ individuals * None of the above | None | n/a |

**Page 2: Barriers**

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| Question | Response Type | Response Options | Logic | Notes |
| Overall, how would you rate opportunities to participate in sport, physical activity and recreation in [insert local authority]? On a scale of 1-10, where l=very poor and l0=excellent | Ranking/Slider Scale | * 0 * 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5 * 6 * 7 * 8 * 9 * 10 | None | n/a |
| What are the main reasons that prevent people in [insert County] from participating in sports or physical activity? (select the main 3) | Check Boxes | * Injury, illness or disability * Too expensive * Personal Safety * Lack of facilities * Lack of time due to work * Lack of transport * Lack of time due to family commitments * Age * Lack of motivation * Other (please specify) | None | n/a |

**Page 3. Facilities**

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| Question | | Response Type | | Response Options | | Logic | | Notes |
| To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about sports and physical activity facilities in [Insert local authority] | | Matrix/Rating Scale | | * Strongly Disagree * Disagree * Neither Agree or Disagree * Agree * Strongly agree | | None | | n/a |
| **List of views**   * Sport and physical activity facilities in [insert County] are accessible * The facilities cater for the type of sport or physical activity our organisation wants to take part in * The facilities cater for the level of sport or physical activity our organisations want to take part in * The facilities are affordable * The facilities feel safe and welcoming * Schools that are local to my organisation make sport and physical activity facilities accessible to the local community after school hours and on weekends | | | | | | | | |
| What could be done to make sport and physical activity facilities more accessible to your organisation in [insert local authority]? (select the top 3) | Check Boxes | | * Expand hours of delivery * Provide a larger variety of facility types * Better advertising of what is available * Improve the quality of facilities * Improve transport to facilities * Improve accessibility for people with disabilities * Cater for different levels of participation * Reduce cost * Other (please specify) | | None | | n/a | |

**Page 4. Priorities**

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| Question | Response Type | Response Options | Logic | Notes |
| Over the next 5 years, what three things could be done locally to improve participation in sport and physical activity? | Multiple Text Boxes | Open ended | None | n/a |

**Conclusion**

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