

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES and HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

28 May 2019

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 TONBRIDGE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Summary

This report presents the 2018/19 Annual Report of the Tonbridge Sports Association.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council share a very positive and productive community partnership with the Tonbridge Sports Association. Members of the Association have been represented on Council Committees/Boards for many years and are currently represented on this Board by its Chairman, Alan Nicholl. In 2020 the Association will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

1.1.2 The Association represents over 5000 individual members, covering 20 different sports and over 50 local clubs. The benefits of sport are wide-reaching including improved physical and mental wellbeing, supporting a reduction in crime and increased community safety and strengthening social networks and community identity. The work undertaken by the Association, in partnership with the Borough Council, ensures development of, and access to, a varied range of sporting activities in Tonbridge.

1.1.3 The Council maintains a close working relationship with Tonbridge Sports Association, including six-weekly liaison meetings between Officers and the Chairman.

1.2 Annual Report 2018/19

1.2.1 Attached at **[Annex 1]** is a full copy of the Tonbridge Sports Association's 2018/19 Annual Report.

1.2.2 For the benefit of new Members to the Council the Report this year offers additional details on the establishment and history of the Tonbridge Sports Association and the relationship it has successfully maintained with the Council for almost 100 years.

1.2.3 The Report also references developments undertaken this year in the areas of baseball, rugby, cricket, athletics and football through facility improvements and highlights the breadth of clubs and sporting activities that the Association represents. Most notable facility development includes the new baseball facility on Deaconsfield and the refurbishment of the athletics track and floodlighting at Tonbridge School.

1.2.4 The Tonbridge Sports Association's Chairman, Alan Nicholl, will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions Members may have on the report.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 None.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 The Council makes a small annual Honoria payment of £1,100 to the Sports Association.

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 None.

1.6 Policy Considerations

1.6.1 Community, Healthy Lifestyles, Young People.

Background papers:

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Nil

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