REPORT TO FULL TOWN COUNCIL

All Weather Cricket Pitch

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Meeting Date	**04th Sept 2025**
Agenda Item	**70**
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1. Background

The all-weather Cricket Pitch has fallen into disrepair and is no longer fit for purpose. The Council receive weekly phone calls requesting a cricket pitch, to which there is no availability.

Match bookings for an all-weather cricket pitch could be between £60 - £80 per game. The Council could achieve three bookings a week.

The dimensions of the area are as follows: Length - 27.3 metres (89 feet 7 inches) and width 2.7 metres (8 feet 10 inches).

The English Cricket approves several Non-Turf Pitch Systems (NTP); below are three recommended quotes.

Quote 1

Assuming that the pitch is aggregate-based and not glued down and measures no greater than 29.00m x 2.50m, then the guide cost is as follows:

Lift and remove existing surface from site - **£500 + VAT.**

Supply and install new surface - **£6,500 + VAT.**

Quote 2

The USP of this unique pitch is that it incorporates an additional component, compared to standard offerings, that prevents weather conditions from drastically altering ball bounce performance. This additional specialist layer adds a little more to the cost, but it makes the System the most consistent pitch option, and so is great for building confidence and coaching, and/or for minimal preparation 'turn up and play' use. See the cross-section diagram to view the three layers, namely: Performance Pad, Shock Pad & Top Surface.

The top carpet layer is called NG Ultra, which was designed for intense high-traffic use. It offers an excellent lifespan due to its monofilament fibre and the high density of the same (this heavy-duty cricket carpet is 2395 grams per m^2 in weight).

Assuming that the old wicket, to be removed, is of the usual fine aggregate base type, **£9,735 + VAT.**

Quote 3

Preparation Work: Take up the existing surface and shock pad and cart to the registered waste transfer station.
Non-Turf Pitch Re-level and consolidate existing aggregate foundation, top up aggregate to remove any low spots where required.

Supply and fit a new DS Shock pad to the full length and width of the pitch, assumed at 28m x 2.74m, tension accordingly.
Supply and fit a new DS Grass specialist cricket surface, tension accordingly and fix securely. *We have assumed that the existing pitch is not fitted to a timber perimeter edging. Should this be the case and require replacement, there would be an additional charge of £500 + VAT, which is NOT included in the total cost below.

£6,450.00 + VAT