

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy (STSS) Working Group
Held on 4th December 2024 at the Town Council Offices

Meeting Commenced: 18:00

Meeting Concluded: 19:05

In attendance:

Sevenoaks Town Council	CLlr Gareth Willis (Chair)
Sevenoaks Town Council	CLlr Dr Peter Dixon (Vice Chair)
Sevenoaks Town Council	CLlr Victoria Granville
Sevenoaks Town Council	CLlr Canet (Present for Part of Meeting)
Sevenoaks Town Council	Georgina Jackson – Responsible Finance Officer
Sevenoaks Town Council	Nicholas Cave – Open Spaces Manager
Sevenoaks Town Council	Anna Rosińska – Open Spaces & Leisure Committee Clerk
Sevenoaks Football Club	Paul Lansdale
Sevenoaks Sports Council	Edward Oatley
Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls	Alan Hogg
Sevenoaks Hockey Club	Susan Acott
Sevenoaks Indoor Bowls	Richard Pursell
Sevenoaks Suns Basketball Club	Richard Surrey
Member of Public	Alica Árvay

The quorum of 3 elected members was met.

237. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from CLlr Catherine Daniell.

238. Requests for Dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

239. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

240. Minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy Working Group held on 30th September 2024

It was agreed to receive and accept the minutes as a true record.

241. Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy Review & Recommendations

The Working Group received and noted the Sevenoaks Sports Strategy Review & Recommendations report.

242. Sports Club Representatives - Updates

Updates from sports club representatives were noted by the Working Group, these included:

Sevenoaks Athletics Club – The club reported the relaunch process of the Sevenoaks 7 run in 2025 with the hopes of increasing entrance numbers.

Thackaray Williams Solicitors – It was noted that a free HR check was available for sports clubs and organizations undertaken by Thackaray's.

Sevenoaks Football Club – A value engineer exercise has been completed for the new pavilion. The club also noted an increased demand for more female coaches and referees.

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A request was made by a member of the public to install more outdoor Table Tennis tables in Sevenoaks. The working group noted the benefits of the sport and noted the planning process.

243. Sevenoaks District Council Sports Strategy

The Working Group received the SDC Sports Facilities Strategy & Action Plan – Final Report and noted further reports and assessments on the SDC website.

244. Dates of Future Meetings

The future Working Group meeting dates were noted:

Wednesday 12th February 2025

Wednesday 16th April 2025 (if needed)

245. Press Release: None