# PARKLIFE FOOTBALL HUBS PROGRAMME







#### HOUSEKEEPING & AGENDA

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#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL FACILITIES STRATEGY

- Joint Strategy between The FA, Premier League and Sport England
- Projects worth **<u>£1.3b</u>** have been developed to date.



### POTENTIAL INVESTMENT PRIORITIES ARISING FROM STRATEGY...

- Improve 10,000 Natural Turf pitches
- Deliver 1,000 3G 'equivalents' (mix of full size and small sided provision, inc MUGAs - small sided facilities are likely to have a key role in smaller / rural communities and encouraging multi-sport offers)
- Deliver 1,000 changing pavilions / clubhouses, linked to multi-pitch or hub sites
- Support access to flexible indoor spaces, including equipment and court markings, to support growth in futsal, walking football and to support the education and skills outcomes
- Refurbish existing stock to maintain current provision
- Support technology and innovation
- Hub model





# WHAT IS PARKLIFE?

CHRIS SMITH - FA PARKLIFE PROJECTS MANAGER





#### ORIGINS/ PURPOSE

- Originally an FA-led response to a rapidly deteriorating public sector owned/managed infrastructure - Since 2010 Local Authority budgets have reduced by 50%+ (especially major towns and cities)
- Hard truth is that public sector not able to continue to subsidise football to the same level leading to poorer quality stock and higher prices
- One part of strategic objective to rapidly increase number of AGPs- alongside current PLFA Facilities fund delivered by Football Foundation



#### AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

Hubs will be;

- Financially sustainable across the portfolio
- Designed collaboratively between all stakeholders
- Encourage people to play more regularly and achieve wider social outcomes
- Be affordable football facilities
- Flexible facilities catering for football, other sports and agendas
- Offer a high quality consistent customer experience
- Provide a new management and operational approach to grassroots football facilities



#### WHAT IS A HUB SITE?

- Dedicated location for delivery of affiliated & recreational football
- Ideally 3x AGP's, natural grass pitches & ideally standard building design
- Coach Education space & FA programmes delivered on site- bottom up approach to protecting slots and setting pricing locally
- Programmed use to cater for club use for training and club/ league use for matches as a priority and then operator can deliver recreational programmes
- Links to pro-club (community programmes)
- Some sites may have a commercial offer
- Opportunity for excellent data capture







#### PARKLIFE SUMMARY

- New money for Grassroots Facilities £130m from football partners for an initial 5 year • programme (FA £10m, PL £8m, SE £8m)
- Based on supply and demand modelling to produce a city/LA wide Football investment plan
- New charitable trust established to hold property and sinking funds
- Significantly more AGP's, but revenues to be used to improve grass pitch maintenance locally – football paying for football
- Medium term key grass pitch sites to also come under Trust control ۲
- Leagues and clubs are key partners to help deliver the 50% mini and 9v9 target of matches being played on AGP's DURHAM COUNTY Football . Sunderland Department for Culture Media & Sport DELIVERY Š PARTNER

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#### SUNDERLAND PARKLIFE

- 3 sites identified from modelling exercise and programme partners;
  - 1. Northern Area Playing Fields
  - 2. Community North Sports Complex
  - 3. Ford Quarry
- Sunderland Football Trust
  - Football Association
  - Sunderland City Council
  - Durham Football Association
  - Sunderland FC Foundation of Light
  - Independent(s) (TBC)



#### ABBEY LANE JFC VIDEO





#### USAGE GRID - EXAMPLE



## Next Steps

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August EOI and Usage grid available on <u>www.activesunderland.org.uk/Parklife</u> (these will be emailed to all club contacts as well)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August last date for all EOIs and Usage forms to be returned
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August Sunderland Project Board take place to review returns
- Early September All Clubs updated by email
- Monthly Updates will be available on above webpage

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### QUESTIONS?

