



# Culture and Leisure Sub Committee

**North Tyneside Council**

Monday, 20 January 2020

**Tuesday, 28 January 2020** Room 0.01, Ground Floor, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, NE27 0BY commencing at 6.00 pm.

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## **Members of the Culture and Leisure Sub Committee**

Councillor Jim Allan  
Councillor Karen Clark  
Councillor Cath Davis  
Councillor Karen Lee  
Councillor Pam McIntyre  
Councillor Pat Oliver

Councillor Linda Bell  
Councillor Julie Cruddas  
Councillor Joe Kirwin  
Councillor Maureen Madden  
Councillor Andy Newman  
Councillor Steven Phillips

## Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

1 October 2019

Present: Councillor C Davis (Chair)  
Councillors J Allan, L Bell, K Clark, J Cruddas,  
P McIntyre, A Newman and S Phillips

Also Present: Councillor Sarah Day, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure

### **CL08/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor J Kirwin, M Madden and P Oliver.

### **CL09/19 Substitute Members**

Pursuant to the Council's Constitution, the appointment of the following substitute member was reported:-

Councillor J O'Shea for Councillor J Kirwin.

### **CL10/19 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Councillor K Clark declared a non-registerable personal interest in item (5) Active North Tyneside Annual Report 2018-19 (CL1219), as she was a Director of and employed by Justice Prince (Community Interest Company).

Councillor J Cruddas declared a non-registerable personal interest in item (5) Active North Tyneside Annual Report 2018-19 (CL1219), as she was a Director of and employed by Justice Prince (Community Interest Company).

### **CL11/19 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 July 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **CL12/19 Active North Tyneside Annual Report 2018-19**

The Sub-Committee received a report which introduced the Active North Tyneside Annual Report 2018-19 presented by officers from the Sport and Leisure service.

The purpose of Active North Tyneside was to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and reduce health inequalities across the borough. To do this, there were four key objectives:

- i. To increase levels of physical activity;
- ii. To increase healthy weight in adults and children across the borough;
- iii. To strengthen communities and support residents to support each other; and
- iv. To support people to improve their mental health.

Active north Tyneside aimed to tackle the health inequalities by specifically encouraging uptake in the 20% most deprived areas in the borough and also by directly targeting vulnerable groups, for example, young men and women who were not in education, employment or training, looked after children and troubled families.

Active North Tyneside was made up of a wide variety of different programmes, about 30 or so projects, some focussing on physical activity for all, some on targeted weight management intervention and some on recruiting volunteers to support and advise their own peers and communities to make healthier lifestyle choices. All the programmes were FREE. The programmes were funded by Public Health and delivered by the sport and leisure service, North Tyneside Council.

Since its inception in 2015 Active North Tyneside had delivered numerous community based programmes and had worked with many external groups and organisations, all of which had supported the Authority in developing the Active North Tyneside programme.

The Annual report focused on the delivery of initiatives in the last year that had encouraged residents at risk of poor health to become more active, and highlighted areas of achievement as well some learning from those initiatives that had not been so successful. The Culture and Leisure service continued to work with Public Health colleagues alongside other groups and organisations to promote and develop the programme.

During the last 12 months the team had delivered a number of interventions to increase physical activity and maintain healthy weight. The sport and leisure team had healthy conversations on a daily basis covering lifestyle habits such as smoking, alcohol and getting more activity. The team was skilled in assessing customers' readiness for change and giving them the right advice to support this. There was also input from clinical staff, including public health nurses and a Dietitian. This brought a breadth of knowledge and experience to the team, and experience and ensured that all the interventions were evidence-based.

One of the objectives of Active North Tyneside was to reduce health inequalities and target those most in need. The service also provided a number of offers to target groups including Looked After Children, Troubled Families, Young Carers and Foster Carers. These offers were generally for free or greatly reduced cost activities across the sport and leisure service. There was also a programme of activities specifically for disabled customers included swimming, trampolining and archery. Although not directly funded through the programme, these offers fitted perfectly with the Active North Tyneside agenda and offer another element of support. They had also fostered excellent relationships with colleagues and partners.

The key recommendations and conclusions to the report were:

- Staying focussed marketing through tools such as social media;
- Ensuring the right imagery and language was used to resonate with customers;
- Keeping strong relationships with partners; and
- Most importantly – listening and engaging with existing and potential customers to ensure that whatever was done by the Authority could make a difference.

Making change at times had taken longer than anticipated and the evidence collected demonstrated how difficult it was to initially get people on board. However, once engaged, the programmes were really impactful and the teams were confident they were attracting a good proportion of target customers, as illustrated through the Mosaic profiling system.

The teams were delivering on the vision of Our North Tyneside Plan to help residents stay healthy and independent. They wanted to continue to listen to and understand their residents' needs, to ensure they service them in the best way possible.

In conclusion, wellbeing remained central to Active North Tyneside. All programmes had this at their heart and teams across the board were skilled in having healthy conversations. The Active North Tyneside teams were looking forward to working with the Public Health team and wider colleagues to further develop their role on delivering public health priorities and the prevention agenda.

Members of the sub-committee asked a series of questions of officers. During questioning members examined areas including:-

- a) The opportunities available for school breakfast club use of IT software in the form of Tablets.
- b) Identifying those younger and older people with loneliness and isolation issues via clinicians in addition to those attending organised activities and weight management programmes.
- c) The feasibility of gathering statistics by ward in respect of health inequalities in relation to the uptake in the most deprived areas in the borough to facilitate the next steps in identifying specific needs.
- d) The work of Community Champions as peer mentors via family gateways.
- e) Options available for promoting vegetarian type meals in relation to carbon management in consultation with health colleagues.

The Chair thanked officers for their presentation.

It was **agreed** that the Active North Tyneside Annual Report 2018-19 be noted.

### **CL13/19 Bookstart Partnership Agreement 2019-22**

The Sub-Committee received a report introducing the Bookstart Partnership Agreement 2019-22 and the delivery of the programme in North Tyneside presented by officers from Cultural services.

Members received an overview of the programme and an assessment of the likely impact upon and benefits for North Tyneside.

'Bookstart was the world's first national book gifting programme, established in 1992. It was run by BookTrust, the largest reading charity in the UK. Bookstart gifts free books to every child at two key stages; 0-12 months and 3-4 years of age. It also gave additional support to targeted families, multilingual children and those with additional needs. Every year over 2.2 million books were gifted nationally.

Bookstart aimed to promote and encourage families to share books, stories and rhymes at the earliest possible age. It was based on the premise that children who had an early introduction to books, and were read to every day, benefit educationally, culturally, socially and emotionally.

As a partnership between libraries, health and early year's practitioners Bookstart would:

- Ensure that every eligible child receives a Bookstart Baby pack by the age of 12 months and a Treasure gift by the time they are 4 years old;

- Ensure that parents/carers receive a friendly and effective message which conveys the benefits and joys of sharing books, stories and rhymes daily;
- Encourage families to join the library;
- Encourage families to access and engage with local services;
- Signpost and support parents and carers around their own literacy/numeracy and IT needs.

In 2019, BookTrust introduced a three-year Partnership Agreement to give more security for the programme and support long term planning. The Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure had signed off this agreement. Bookstart Quality Standards, a framework that offered a benchmark for best practice, defined the objectives of the programme and how the measures of success would be met.

In North Tyneside the baby packs were 'gifted' by health visitors at the 6-8 week contact. The pack included two board books, a rhyme sheet and a booklet of tips and ideas for sharing books with children from a very young age. North Tyneside Libraries organise the delivery of the packs to the four health visitor bases and promote an awareness of the packs at the weekly Bookstart Rhymetime sessions held in libraries.

The Treasure envelope was gifted from Early Years or Childminder settings when a child was 3–4 years old. The packs were delivered in November each year, over a three week period. An additional resource was the newborn envelope, this was given out by health visitors and by staff registering births. It contained a booklet of black and white shapes to share with a new born baby and a congratulations card, giving information about the Bookstart packs.

Bookstart Corner was a targeted programme to support families that were either entitled to the free 2-year-old early education grant (around 670 in North Tyneside) or needed additional help to develop a love of stories, books and rhymes. Aimed at families with children aged 12-30 months, it allowed settings to offer intensive support for parents and carers so that they could share stories with their children with confidence. North Tyneside would now receive an annual allocation of 250 packs. Corner resources had been utilised by Riverside Ready for School Centre and the Health Visitor Service to use with targeted families.

The reach of the Baby Pack was currently at 66%. This figure was a result of rebalancing the number of packs which had remained ungifted as well as changes to the age at which the health visitors gift the pack. This situation was reflected nationally. This had been addressed with new mechanisms in place and the reach was climbing steadily, with an aim to reach the Quality Standard requirement of 95% by 2020. The Treasure pack continued to perform well, with the maximum reach for 2018/19.

The value of the total resource allocation of resources to North Tyneside was £94,392 annually (£283,176 over the 3 year plan).

The three-year partnership agreement required the establishment of a North Tyneside Bookstart Steering Group. The first meeting was held in May 2019 with partners from the Health Visitor Team, Early Help & Prevention, Early Years Education and the Portage Team. This group would meet six monthly to share information, developments and review practice around Bookstart.

The North Tyneside Libraries Bookstart Coordinator would continue to ensure the delivery of packs, collation of figures, and monitoring against the Quality Standards.

Members of the sub-committee sought clarification on mobile outreach with cohorts and how gaps could be reduced by encouraging library visits; and details of statistics for measuring the delivery of Treasure packs and Early Years packs that were gifted.

The Chair thanked officers for their presentation.

It was **agreed** that the presentation be noted.

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**Meeting:** Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Title:** North Tyneside Play Site Strategy 2020-2023

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## 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide context for a presentation that will be given to the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020, relating to the draft Play Site Strategy.

## 2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information included in the report, presentation and draft strategy, and provide comments on the approach to the management and investment of play sites.

## 3. Details

Play is an essential part of every child's life and contributes to their development, mental and physical health, wellbeing and fitness.

North Tyneside Council currently provides 57 outdoor play facilities across the borough. Included within the play facilities are traditional play areas, wheeled sports areas, multi-use games areas, teen shelters, water play sites and the Adventure Playground located in Shiremoor.

Play site categories and standards are based on nationally recognised guidelines including quantity, quality, accessibility, safety and inspections of play sites.

The purpose of the presentation is to set out the approach for the management and investment of play sites.

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# North Tyneside Council Play Site Strategy 2020 – 2030



**Date:** January 2020

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Play is an essential part of every child's life and is vital to their development. It is the way children explore the world around them to develop and practice skills. It is essential for physical, emotional and spiritual growth, for intellectual and educational development, and for acquiring social and behavioural skills.

We recognise the contribution play makes to mental and physical health, wellbeing and fitness. Our shared aim with children, young people, parents and carers is for all to enjoy a range of local, safe and exciting places to play which are valued and continue to reflect the distinct needs of each community.

We will continue to do this by providing play spaces that are diverse and dynamic with flexible features and natural spaces that encourage self-directed play. We will provide spaces that support children to encounter and manage risk for themselves, while being as safe as they need to be.

The Play Site Strategy supports the Council's 'Our North Tyneside Plan' priorities, providing a great place to live, work and visit and the 'Green Space Strategy 2015'.

Importantly, the strategy sets out priorities for ongoing play site investment and provision, with the purpose of providing communities in North Tyneside with a network of high-quality play areas.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 Participation and consultation**

In 2007, North Tyneside Council received £5.5m of funding to improve play equipment across the borough bringing it up to national standards.

The then Play Partnership which consisted of the voluntary and community sector, and the council, undertook extensive participation and consultation activities throughout 2005 and 2006.

Local provision was examined in detail and a variety of initiatives were undertaken with 13% (4,123) of children and young people aged 4 - 19 across the Borough.

The initiatives included mapping and a quality audit of local provision, along with the hosting of focus groups including children, carers and young people. The main findings identified that children and young people wanted:

- More places and spaces to hang out
- More affordable public transport
- More sports facilities
- Skate parks
- Safe and secure parks

Since the study, there have been significant improvements in play sites:

- 16 sites have been significantly improved
- 27 sites have been created or rebuilt
- 15 MUGAs have been constructed
- 1 Adventure Playground has been constructed

## **2.2 The 2007 Play Strategy 'Things to do, places to hang out'**

The previous Play Strategy 'Things to do, places to hang out' ensured that North Tyneside Council, and its partners through the Play Partnership, worked towards the Council's key priority reflected in the Council Plan and the then Children and Young People's Plan.

This included providing a whole range of opportunities for personal and social development, recreational and cultural activity, creative self-expression and independent play.

The outcomes that were achieved relevant to play sites included:

- The completion of an audit of play facilities and related activities and services across the Borough.
- Localities with limited provision being prioritised.
- Establishing the needs of children and young people, with many given improved access to good quality play opportunities.
- Children and young people participating in the design and delivery of provision to increase access to play.
- Improved quality and quantity of designated play areas in the borough.
- The implementation and completion of an investment plan.
- The creation of a variety of facilities, services and locations in response to children and young people's demands including designated green spaces for play.

## **2.3 Play site improvements**

Since the initial strategy was adopted by the Council, many improvements and other changes have taken place. The main changes to occur are explained below:

- Many sites have been improved raising standards and increasing accessibility and quality
- Previous investment has enabled the Council to deliver many of the 2007 Strategy action points, resulting in larger and better equipped play sites
- Capital funding opportunities have changed: S106 residential contributions have become the main contributor to enhancing play sites, as other funding has reduced

- In 2015, the Council adopted the Green Space Strategy, which underlines the importance of play in a child's development. The strategy also states the current approach in setting standards for the provision of equipped play based on quality, quantity and accessibility.

### 3.0 CURRENT PLAY SITE PROVISION

North Tyneside Council provides 56 outdoor play facilities and 1 staffed Adventure Playground located in Shiremoor. Included within our outdoor facilities are:

- Traditional play areas
- 7 wheeled sports areas (skate parks and a BMX pump track)
- 18 multi use games areas (MUGA's)
- 7 teen shelters.
- 3 water play sites

Shiremoor Adventure Playground is unique in its play offer and is the only staffed Adventure Playground in the North-East of England. It was built with Play Pathfinder funding in 2010 and its aim is to attract visitors from across the whole borough.

### 4.0 PLAY SITE CATEGORIES AND STANDARDS

#### 4.1 Play site categories

North Tyneside has developed categories for its play facilities based on the nationally recognised guidelines of the 6 Acre Standard which was created by Fields in Trust (FIT), formerly the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA). **(See appendix 1)**

Each category gives a catchment area for individual play sites, which is illustrated in the North Tyneside Play Site Coverage map **(see appendix 2)**. The catchment area increases based on the facilities offered, recognising that people will travel further to use larger better equipped sites.


A detailed breakdown of individual play sites and their designation is provided in the North Tyneside Play Area Categories table **(See appendix 3)**. North Tyneside's coverage is now regarded as good with only a few gaps in play provision remaining.

## 4.2 Play site standards

The Play Site Strategy sets out standards based on five objectives; Quantity, Quality, Accessibility, Safety and Management:

### 4.2.1 Quantity

The Six Acre Standard (FIT) of 0.80 hectares of play space per 1000 population was adopted. The classifications of this standard were modified by North Tyneside Council to create two extra categories, the SEAP and MUGA designations.

<b>LAP:</b>	Local Area for Play	
<b>LEAP:</b>	Local Equipped Area for Play (up to 7 types of play)	
<b>NEAP:</b>	Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (up to 10 types of play)	
<b>SEAP:</b>	Settlement Equipped Area for Play (11 types of play incl.)	
<b>MUGA:</b>	Multi Use Games Area	



The designations created in the 6 Acre Standard are commonly used throughout the country and are based on size of play area and the variety of play activities available. For example, LAP's representing small areas and NEAP's much larger areas with an increased range of equipment, catering to a wider age range of children.

Experience shows that children and their families prefer to go to larger sites where the variety and range of equipment on offer provides good play value and enhanced experiences.

For a site to be designated a LEAP or a NEAP in the 6 Acre Standard, the site must also include an area of informal kick-about space, which North Tyneside Council does not always include in these categories.

The SEAP category was added by North Tyneside Council to describe our largest best equipped sites. The MUGA category was added to designate areas for informal ball games where no traditional play items are located.

#### **4.2.2 Quality**

This objective reflects the 'play value' offered at the site based on the range of equipment provided and quality of play experience encountered. The aim is to increase the range of equipment available for play and create an attractive environment to maintain maximum interest.

Experience has shown that when these facilities are provided, they generally prove popular with children and the wider community they serve.

Maintaining existing sites to the required standard is of paramount importance to ensure the safety of children and others. Play areas should be clean, litter free and provide a safe and stimulating environment for as wide an age group as possible. The Council will also seek to ensure that any new facility constructed via the planning process meets the required standard.

Quality of experience will often be influenced by other site features for instance public toilets and appropriate seating areas. Good landscaping is fundamental to the success of any play site; appropriate tree planting which provides shade, metalled footpaths permit wheelchair access encouraging inclusivity, appropriate fencing to control access, prevent dog entry or to guard against children running onto busy roads.

Equipped children's play space should provide a sufficient variety of play experiences to offer enjoyment for all within the target age range. Encompassing as appropriate, fixed equipment and innovative facilities that encourage experimental play and social exchange, and features for passive recreation.

Quality standards should be informed by professional assessment of each site's play value.

### **4.2.3 Accessibility**

This objective aspires to guidelines produced within the adopted 'Six Acre Standard'.

All households should be, where practicable, within an acceptable distance of an equipped play area (*see appendix 1 Table 1*).

Equipped children's play space should be created within a safe and easy walking distance, minimising the need to cross roads and other significant barriers.

Distance can be a useful tool in helping to identify deficiencies in provision but it will also be necessary to identify any barriers to children accessing those areas within the recommended distance (e.g. major roads, railways, watercourses, isolated or secluded routes, social divisions associated with location) and to make allowance for these in assessing existing facilities, particularly relevant for those with mobility issues.

### **4.2.4 Safety and Management of play areas**

North Tyneside Council has a legal duty of care to maintain its play spaces for the health and safety of the public. It must adhere to the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and international standards BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177 which cover general safety requirements and test methods for playground equipment and impact absorbing playground surfacing. The Authority must also ensure that commercial equipment meets approved standards.

The only exception to this is Shiremoor Adventure Playground in relation to equipment which is 'self-built or bespoke' as stated in the standard 'It is not applicable to Adventure Playgrounds with the exception of those items which have been commercially sourced' (BS EN 1176)

### **4.2.5 The Play Site Service**

The Play Team currently consists of a Play Site Officer and a maintenance team of three who are responsible for the design, management, maintenance and inspection of all North Tyneside Council's open access equipped play provision.

North Tyneside Council's play sites are inspected regularly and a maintenance and repair program is provided throughout the year. This proactive management approach prolongs the life span of equipment, as well as helping to meet the expectations of children, young people, parents and the general public. This integrated approach to provision and maintenance of equipment has been instrumental in successful defence against litigation.

An annual audit is conducted by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) and an annual maintenance program result.

#### **4.2.6 Weekly recorded inspection of play sites**

This examines the equipment's basic condition, any faults from vandalism, breakages and cleanliness of the play area. These inspections are carried out weekly as a minimum and recorded in writing.

Seasonal demand for litter collection on heavily used sites means daily visits are frequently made during high season. On these occasions faults and breakages may be noted.

These inspections are carried out by our play site team who are appropriately trained (Register of Play Inspectors International: Operational Level).

#### **4.2.7 Annual independent inspection of play sites**

This is carried out by an independent external specialist. This inspection checks for vandalism, wear and tear, long term structural problems, and compliance with approved standards. A report is provided outlining the overall safety of the play area and full documentation is received from the external inspector.

The report also informs future improvement particularly regarding equipment use and its suitability. Ensuring that the right play equipment is located at the right site enables efficient use of resources and helps reduce maintenance costs.

## 5.0 ACTION PLAN

In order to continue to meet the high standard of play site provision across the borough we will carry out the following:

	<b>Action</b>
1.	Provide the range and variety of equipment aimed at desired age groups. Provision for children will be classified under LAPS, LEAPS, NEAPS, MUGA's and SEAP's.
2.	Ensure that Settlement Equipped Areas for Play (SEAP) will include at least 10 types of play, providing a wide range of activities and offering a unique experience.
3.	Ensure that Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAP) will include at least 8 types of play and where appropriate informal kick-about areas providing a wide range of activities.
4.	Ensure that Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAP) will include at least 5 types of play providing a variety of activities.
5.	Appropriately design spaces and consider layout, use of natural contours, attractiveness, quality of material used, functionality, inclusion of appropriate signage, efficient use of the space available and appropriate safety surfacing.
6.	Continue to engage with Ward Councillors and communities on play site design.
7.	Ensure play sites comply with legislation and quality standards and we will maintain current inspection regimes to ensure public safety and quality of provision.
8.	Consider physical barriers to access, such as busy roads and railway lines. Crossing points will be considered and accessibility for people with additional needs.
9.	Seek funding including section 106 in line with the priorities identified as part of the investment plan.
10.	Consider areas of the borough with greater need such as those areas deficient in provision or with poor access to facilities. <b>(Appendix 2)</b> .
11.	At Shiremoor Adventure Playground we will continue to embed the Playwork Principles in our programme so that we can maintain our 'Quality in Play Status' which is valid until 2022.
12.	Shiremoor Adventure Playground will continue to work in partnership with the Shiremoor Adventure Playground Trust to support the ongoing development of the facility.
13.	Annually review the play site investment plan.

Explanation of 6 Acre Standard site categories and North Tyneside Council adaption:

The framework below is based on the categories and their characteristics of the 6 Acre Standard which was originally developed by the National Playing Fields association (now Fields in trust FIT). These categories are recognised across the country.

The NPFA play area categories were adapted to enable the Council and other service providers to look at the positive impact of small-scale improvements to existing play areas in relation to the area around them.

**Table 1**

<b>The Six Acre Standard</b>						
The National Playing Fields Association recommended minimum levels of provision for different types of facility:						
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Walking distance</b>	<b>Radial Distance</b>	<b>Minimum size</b>	<b>Nearest dwelling</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>
<b>LAP</b> Local Area Play	1 min	100m	60m	100m <sup>2</sup>	5m from activity zone	Small low-key games area
<b>LEAP</b> Local Equipped Area for Play	5 min	400m	240m	400m <sup>2</sup>	10m from activity zone	Five types of play, small games area
<b>NEAP</b> Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play	15 min	1000m	600m	1000m <sup>2</sup>	30m from activity zone	Eight types of equipment opportunities for ball games or wheeled activities

Using the NPFA play area categories (summarised in the table above) it is recommended that the LAP category should only be considered for development if there is a genuine need based on local demand and if ongoing maintenance is assured. Many LAPs are located within housing estates near to houses.

It is important that both the LEAP and NEAP play areas have quality equipment in appropriately designed and located parts of the play area for younger children to use.

The LEAP and NEAP categories have been further subdivided into three categories. This results in a positive progression in the minimum size of equipped play area and the minimum number of play activities.

Consequently, the radial straight-line distance has also been increased. The subdivision within a LEAP occurs with every additional 200m<sup>2</sup> of equipped play area and with an additional play activity. This is shown in the table below.

### North Tyneside Council play area categories

Play area type	Minimum size equipped play area	Minimum number	Catchment area - radial straight-line distance for play area
LAP	Up to 400m <sup>2</sup>	Less than 5 types of play	100m
LEAP (1)	Up to 400m <sup>2</sup>	5 types of play	240m
LEAP (2)	Up to 600m <sup>2</sup>	6 types of play	360m
LEAP (3)	Up to 800m <sup>2</sup>	7 types of play	480m
NEAP (1)	Up to 1,000m <sup>2</sup>	8 types of play	600m
NEAP (2)	Up to 1,200m <sup>2</sup>	9 types of play	750m
NEAP (3)	Up to 1,400m <sup>2</sup>	10 types of play	900m
SEAP	Up to 1,600m <sup>2</sup>	11 types of play	+1,000m

The NEAP (1) in the table above is similar in characteristics to the NPFA's. However, it does not include a hard surface area as a prerequisite to a site being classified within the NEAP categories. If a hard-surfaced area is located near to a play area the study accounts for this by adding a percentage to the radial straight-line distance (see below for further information). The NEAP is also split into three sub-categories at every additional 200m<sup>2</sup> of equipped play area and with an additional play unit.

To take account of the combined LEAP/NEAP category highlighted in the NPFA's Six Acre Standard a final play area category called Settlement Equipped Play Area (SEAP) has been created. This category should include either multi-use games area, Skateboard/BMX Park and/or youth shelter.

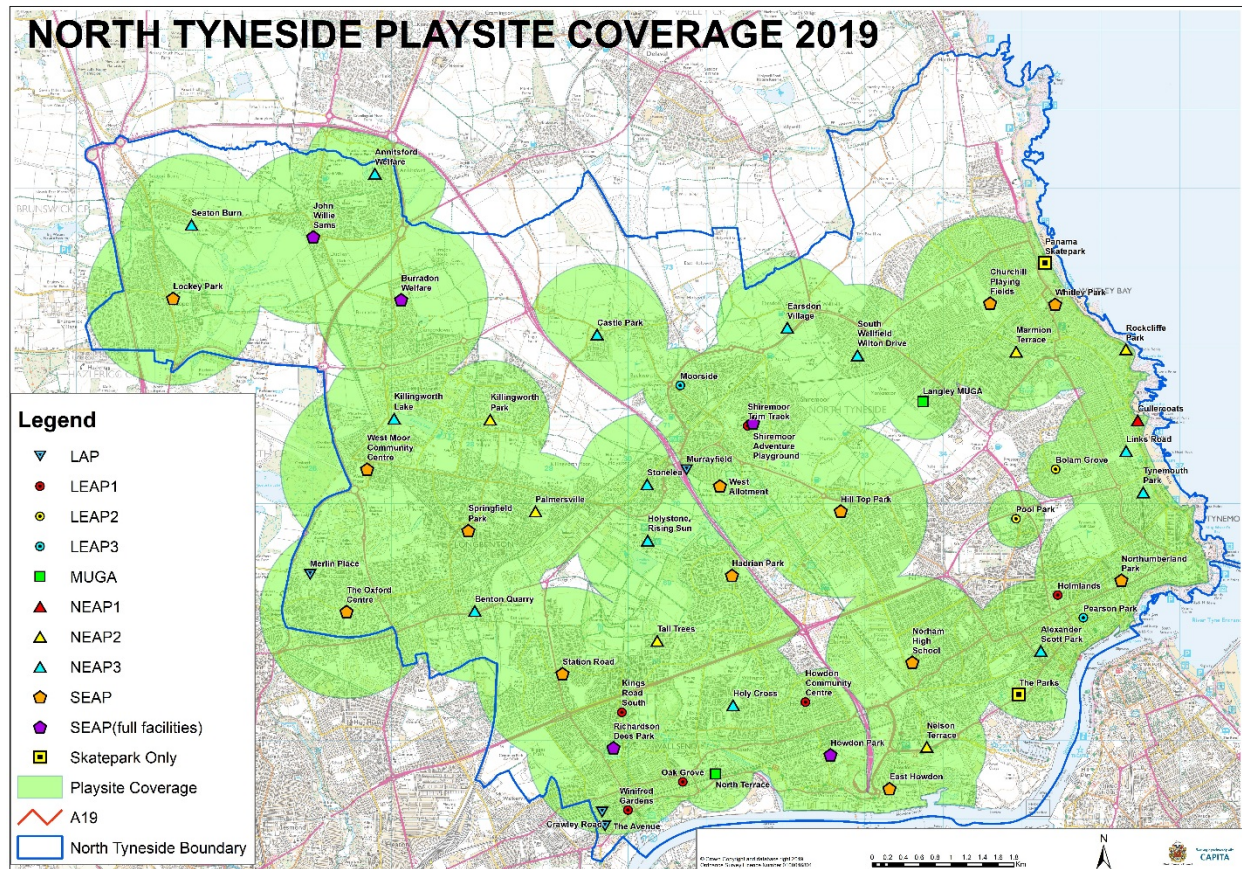
North Tyneside's local standards consider additional facilities that could be located near to a play area that would further extend its catchment zone. These may include; a kick-wall, multi-sports rebound wall, basketball or other hard surfaced area, a multi-use games area or a skateboard/BMX park. If the site includes these facilities, the catchment zone for the play area as shown in the table above is increased by 10%.

Furthermore, the locational context of the play area is considered, such as, whether it stands alone, is located on a recreation ground or on an area with formal sport and recreation facilities. The catchment zone of the play area increases by 10% if it is located on a recreation ground and by 20% if it is located on an area with formal sport and recreation facilities. The rationale for the above is that it is assumed that people will travel greater distances to sites that have a greater variety of facilities.

As a unique facility we consider that the catchment area for the Adventure Playground covers the whole of the borough.



North Tyneside Play Site Coverage 2019

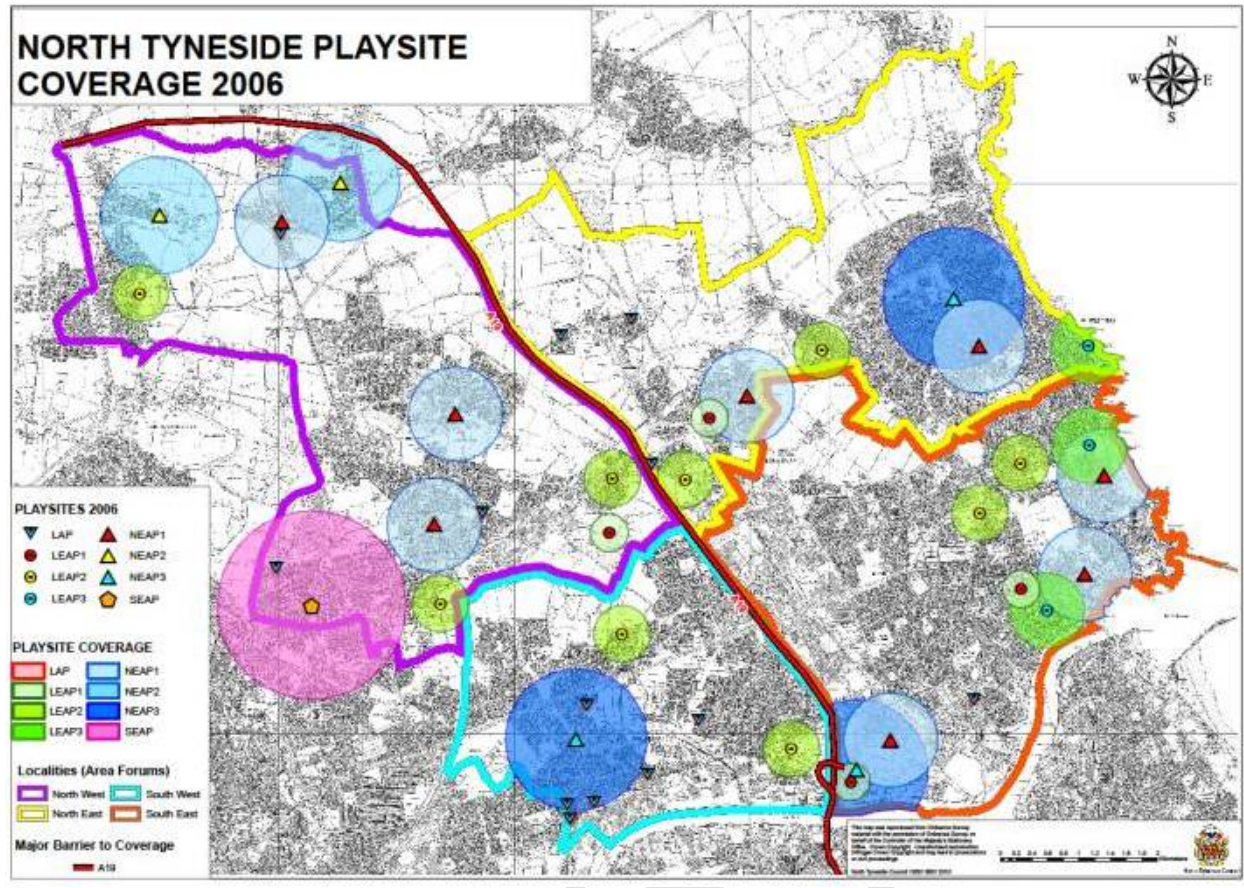


Gaps in current play site provision include:

- Murton
- Killingworth
- Areas of the coast including North Shields Fish Quay and St Mary's Lighthouse.

































Play site provision is currently being considered for Murton and Killingworth as part of the Local Plan. The other areas listed above will be considered as part of any future funding opportunities for play site provision.

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Ward & Number of Play Areas	Site Name	Play Area	Wheeled Sports	MUGA	Type	Age Range
Battle Hill (2)	Hadrian Park	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-14
	Tall Trees	✓		✓	NEAP 2 	1+, 8-12, Teens
Benton (2)	Benton Quarry	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12, Teens
	Springfield Park	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
Camperdown (3)	Annitsford Welfare	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12, Teens
	Burradon Welfare	✓	✓	✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
	Killingworth Lake	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
Chirton (1)	Norham High School	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
Collingwood (1)	Hill Top Park	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
Cullercoats (2)	Bolam Grove	✓			LEAP 2 	1+, 8-10
	Cullercoats	✓			NEAP 1 	1+, 8-12
Howdon (2)	Holy Cross	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12, Teens
	Howdon CC	✓			LEAP 1 	1+, 8-12
Killingworth (4)	Holystone Rising Sun	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12
	Killingworth Park	✓			NEAP 2 	1+, 8-12
	Palmersville	✓			NEAP 2 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
	Stonelea	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12
Longbenton (3)	Merlin Place	✓			LAP 	1+, Up to 8
	Oxford Centre	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
	West Moor C Centre	✓			SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Younger teens
Monkseaton North (2)	Churchill PF	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens
	Panama		✓		SKATEPARK 	Younger children, 8-12, Teens/Youth
Monkseaton South (2)	Langley MUGA			✓	MUGA 	Younger children, 8-12, Teens/Youth
	South Wellfield (Wilton Drive)	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-10
Northumberland (1)	Station Road	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
Preston (2)	Holmlands	✓			LEAP 1 	1+, 8-10
	Pool Park	✓			LEAP 2 	1+, 8-12
Riverside (5)	Alexander Scott Park	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12, Teens
	East Howdon	✓		✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens
	Howdon Park	✓	✓	✓	SEAP 	1+, 8-12, Teens/Youth
	Nelson Terrace	✓			NEAP 2 	1+, 8-12, Teens
	The Parks		✓		SKATEPARK 	Younger children, 8-12, Teens/Youth
St Mary's (1)	Earsdon Village	✓			NEAP 3 	1+, 8-12, Teens

Ward and & number of Play areas	Site Name	Play Area	Wheeled Sports	MUGA	Type	Age Range
Tynemouth (4)	Links Road	✓			NEAP 3 ▲	1+ 8-12 Teens
	Northumberland Park	✓	✓		SEAP ▲	1+ 8-12 Teens/youth
	Pearson Park	✓			LEAP 3 ●	1+ 8-10
	Tynemouth Park	✓			NEAP 3 ▲	1+ 8-12 Younger teens
Valley (6)	Castle Park	✓			NEAP 3 ▲	1+ 8-12 Teens
	Moorside	✓		✓	LEAP 3 ●	1+ 8-12 Teens/youth
	Murrayfield	✓			LAP ▼	1+ Up to 8
	Shire Trim Track	✓			LEAP 1 ●	6 -10
	West Allotment	✓		✓	SEAP ▲	1+ 8-12 Teens/youth
	Shiremoor Adventure Play	✓		✓	SEAP ▲	1+ 8-teens/youth
Wallsend (7)	The Avenue	✓			LAP ▼	1+ 8 -10
	Crawley Road	✓			LAP ▼	1+ Up to 6
	Kings Road	✓			LEAP 1 ●	1+ Up to 8
	North Terrace			✓	MUGA ■	Younger children 8-12, Teens/youth
	Oak Grove	✓			LEAP 1 ●	1+ , up to 6
	Richardson Dees Park	✓	✓	✓	SEAP ▲	1+ , 8-12 Teens/youth
	Winifred Gardens	✓			LEAP 1 ●	1+ , up to 6
Weetslade (3)	John Willie Sams Centre (PFI)	✓	✓	✓	SEAP ▲	1+ , 8-12 Teens/youth
	Lockey Park	✓		✓	SEAP ▲	1+ , 8-12 Teens/youth
	Seatonburn	✓			NEAP 3 ▲	1+, 8-12, Teens
Whitley Bay (3)	Marmion Terrace	✓			NEAP 2 ▲	1+ , 8-12 Teens
	Rockcliffe Park	✓			NEAP 2 ▲	1+ , 8-10
	Whitley Park	✓		✓	SEAP ▲	1+ , 8-12 Teens/youth