

Item 9 - Question Time

To the Leader of the Council

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Response to Mr T Maclennan

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Response: The standard years defects period expires in December of this year.

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Response: All synthetic pitches are covered by the Councils sports pitch maintenance contract which includes a 6 month inspection, revive clean and essential repairs as necessary. The last inspection and revive clean was completed at this site earlier this month. Nevertheless, I believe there are improvements that could be made to the care and maintenance regime and for that reason, officers are now reviewing maintenance arrangements, to agree improvement measures, and ensure that all synthetic surfaces will be fully maintained in future to an appropriate standard and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Sports Pitch Maintenance records will be held and monitored electronically in the Councils Corporate Property Database and will be used to inform future investment requirements.

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Response: Part of the installation process involved consultants carrying out testing of the surface to FIFA and FIH standards. There is no requirement to carry out annual re-testing to a FIFA standard. However, the surface is inspected every 6 months by the appointed maintenance contractor.