

Item 12

Questions on Notice

1. Use of Synthetic Turf

By Councillor Thompson

Question

1. What synthetic turf fields exist in the Local Government Area?
2. What new ones are planned or underway?
3. When will the community get a chance to give feedback on whether they prefer synthetic or natural turf?
4. Does the Council do any monitoring or check on fields? If yes, provide details.
5. What research has guided the City to suggest that the use of synthetic grass doubles playable hours?
6. In areas within the City's catchment that have been recognised as being prone to flooding, is there any consideration to prioritise natural turf over synthetic alternatives?
7. Is the City aware of any pollution which could be attributed to the use of synthetic turf?
8. Is the City aware of any risks associated with the play-use of synthetic turf in sporting fields which could cause harm or exacerbate pre-existing injuries?
9. Does the City refer to findings from the 'Mapping Summer Microclimates' report when it plans to develop new sporting fields? If so:
 - (a) What was the range of temperatures recorded on microclimate logger 53 and 54?
 - (b) Was the average temperature recorded from this logger distinct from than any loggers located in natural-turf sporting fields?
10. Is Martin Sheppard/Smart Connections or Sport Eng doing any consulting for Council, if yes:
 - (a) How much is his company being paid?
 - (b) How much has this company been paid over the last 3 years?
 - (c) What training days have staff been to, including workshops? If yes, at what cost?

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