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#### 4. Ashdown Leisure Centre Update

The Everyone Active contract for running the leisure centres in Poole (Ashdown, Rossmore and Poole Dolphin) ends 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and will be run by BCP Council from 1st Oct.

England Hockey have recommended that a [Community Use Agreement](#) is put in place between Poole Hockey Club and BCP Council, which will improve the relationship and give us more ownership (i.e. all the things we've requested in the past).

It is hoped that new lights will be installed in the coming winter, before the end of the year. Request for funding is currently going through the Council's processes. This has been highlighted as urgent (for the athletics track also).

Approx £0.25mill is needed for pitch resurface (including shock pad), the Council has no funding so this will need to be funded from multiple sources e.g. grant applications, club fundraising etc. [Crowdfunding is available which Sport England match fund](#), up to £10,000 (i.e. anything we raise Sport England will contribute the same).

This all needs further discussion and consideration but if we, as a club, are not instrumental in acquiring funding we'll never get a new pitch. With all this in mind, I am making the following recommendations:

- Work with BCP Council to enter into a Community Use Agreement.
- Create a fundraising working group for pitch resurfacing and include on every AGM agenda going forward until we have a new pitch.