



Glasgow City Council

Contracts and Property Committee

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Item 1

7th August 2025

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION RAISED AT THE
CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE ON 12 JUNE 2025**

Purpose of Report:

To provide responses to the questions raised at the Contracts and Property Committee meeting held on 12 June 2025.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☒ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☒

Contracts and Property Committee

12 June 2025

Enquiries from Elected Members

Agenda Item 3	Provision of maintenance and repair of synthetic surfaces.
Question 1 Cllr Lalley	Cllr Lalley raised a question at the Committee regarding the recycling of the material, and how we ensured it was done properly and not just sent to landfill.
Response	<p>As part of their sustainability initiatives, the supplier takes a circular economy approach, ensuring that synthetic pitch materials are either reused, repurposed, or recycled, rather than disposed of in landfills.</p> <p>The supplier has established partnerships with synthetic turf recycling specialists to ensure end-of-life sports surface materials are recycled responsibly.</p> <p>The rubber infill or mixed sand/rubber infill will be transported in bulk bags to Waste Wave Ltd.</p> <p>Waste Wave Ltd will clean, dry and separate (where necessary) and regrade the infill. It will be re-bagged and subject to testing and certification can be supplied back into industry as infill. Alternatively, it can be supplied as recycled material to other industries.</p>
Question 2 Cllr Hutchison	Cllr Hutchison stated there was an issue with the infill causing a mess all around the pitches. He asked how this is going to be contained so that the plastic infill is not spread out with the sports surfaces affecting local plant life.
Response	<p>The supplier has stated that as a UK-based specialist in synthetic sports surface maintenance, they adopt a responsible and performance-focused approach to the use of SBR (Styrene-Butadiene Rubber) rubber infill on artificial turf systems.</p> <p>The supplier complies with all guidance provided by SAPCA and Sport Governing Bodies with regards to the use of infills. A recent report (May 2025) from DEFRA found that 3G pitches are the highest source of 'intentionally added' microplastics these found in the environment. However the current standpoint from SAPCA and the NGB's is that until there is a clearer understanding of the benefits of alternative infills, they believe that the adoption of containment measures in pitch design, such as perimeter boards, drainage filters, boot brushes and exit grids, are an important and responsible approach to prevent the migration of microplastics. DEFRA's report also recognises containment measures as a viable approach.</p>

	One of the suppliers recycling partners are a specialist plastic recycler which can process end-of-life turf and utilise it within the manufacture of Infill Retention Boards to be installed around the perimeter fence of synthetic pitches
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