

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE AND LASTING LEGACY IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY POLICY REVIEW 2011/12: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: HEALTHY CITY

CORPORATE PRIORITIES: C101: Delivering Customer Focussed Services, C102: Being 'One Council', C103: Efficient and Effective Council, C104: Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to put forward proposals and seek agreement from members in relation to the forthcoming policy review into Building a Sustainable and Lasting Legacy in Sport and Physical Activity.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting of 16 February 2011, members of the Committee received an annual report detailing progress around sport, wellness, aquatics and play. Members identified the need for the council to consider the range of sport and physical activity delivered by pre-existing and long established providers whom the council are not aware of and the support available to them.
- 2.2 The Annual Scrutiny Conference was held at the Crowtree Leisure Centre on 19 May 2011. During the Scrutiny Café sessions a number of viable policy reviews were formulated for discussion by members of the Committee. At its meeting on 13 June 2011, following discussions regarding the Annual Work Programme and Policy Review, the Committee agreed to focus on Building a Sustainable and Lasting Legacy in Sport and Physical Activity as its main Policy Review for 2011/12.
- 2.3 In addition the Committee requested to receive regular updates on housing issues and that the Private Rented Sector Enforcement Policy should be considered by Committee at the earliest opportunity.

3. The Scrutiny Review Process

- 3.1 Scrutiny reviews will carry out a number of stages in undertaking and completing a review. The stages broadly are:

Stage 1 Scope	The initial stage of the review identifies the background, issues, potential outcomes and timetable for the review.
Stage 2 Investigate	The Committee gathers evidence using a variety of tools and techniques and arranges visits where appropriate.
Stage 3 Analyse	The key trends and issues are highlighted from the evidence gathered by the Committee.
Stage 4 Clarify	The Committee discusses and identifies the principal messages of the review from the work undertaken.
Stage 5 Recommend	The Committee formulates and agrees realistic recommendations.
Stage 6 Report	Draft and final reports are prepared based on the evidence, findings and recommendations.
Stage 7 Monitor	The Committee monitors recommendations on a regularly agreed basis.

4. Overall Aim of the Scrutiny Policy Review

- 4.1 To examine the sport and physical activity offer in the city and consider how a sustainable and lasting legacy of sport and physical activity can be developed.

5. Proposed Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Policy Review

- 5.1 The draft Terms of Reference for the policy review are proposed:-
- (a) To understand the importance of sport and physical activity in the city and how this contributes to the strategic priorities of the city;
 - (b) To review the objectives and achievements of the Active City Strategy to date considering the evolving context of sport and physical activity locally and nationally;
 - (c) To understand the role of the Active Sunderland Board in developing a sustained and lasting legacy in sport and physical activity;

- (d) To understand the range of sport and physical activity provision currently being delivered across the city by the council, the voluntary and community sector and private sector;
- (e) To understand the current level of diversity of provision across the city, considering the opportunities available for traditional and non traditional and alternative forms of activity;
- (f) To understand the opportunities that exist in the city for an 'equitable offer' for sport and physical activity and the barriers to achieving this;
- (g) To consider the role of Elected Members in developing a sustainable and lasting legacy of sport and physical activity;
- (h) To explore the opportunities the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will bring to the city, how these are currently being taken up, and whether the legacy of the Olympics can enhance sport and physical activity in the city beyond 2012; and
- (i) To consider the city's 'priority' sports and physical activity opportunities and the pathways in place to sustain and increase participation.

6. Potential Areas of Enquiry and Sources of Evidence

6.1 The Scrutiny Committee can invite a variety of people, key stakeholders and interested parties to provide written or oral evidence in order that a balanced and focused range of recommendations can be formulated. A list of potential witnesses, though not exhaustive, is included for members information:

- (a) Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder and Cabinet Secretary;
- (b) Head of Community Services;
- (c) Active Sunderland Board;
- (d) Residents (both participants and non participants of programmes);
- (e) Representatives of minority communities of interest;
- (f) Ward Councillors;
- (g) Local MPs;
- (h) Organisations from the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS).

- 6.2 Where the Scrutiny Committees' Policy Reviews look at cross-cutting issues, opportunities may arise to undertake joint working as endorsed by the Chairs of the relevant Committees.
- 6.3 Community engagement plays a crucial role in the scrutiny process. Consideration will be given to how involvement can be structured in a way that the Committee encourages those views. If felt appropriate the Committee is able to co-opt an additional member to the Committee for the duration of the policy review. Regulations with regard to the co-opting of additional members can be found in the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook, Protocol 6: Protocol for the Appointment of Co-opted Members to Scrutiny Committees.
- 6.4 In addition, diversity issues have been considered in the background research for this enquiry under the Equality Standards for Local Government. As such the views of local diversity groups will be sought throughout the inquiry where felt appropriate and time allows. Consequently, consideration has been given as to how the views of people from minority communities of interest or heritage, which may not be gathered through the usual community engagement routes, can be included over the course of the inquiry.

7. Funding from the Dedicated Overview and Scrutiny Budget

- 7.1 Consideration has been given, through the background research for this scoping report of the need to use funding from the Committee's dedicated Overview and Scrutiny budget to aid the enquiry.
- 7.2 At this stage it is suggested that funding may be necessary to support the following activities:
- (a) Key witnesses;
 - (b) Engagement with voluntary and statutory organisations;
 - (c) Engagement with the public;
 - (d) General publicity;
 - (e) Visits (as necessary) to deliver effective scrutiny;
 - (f) Task and Finish activities; and
 - (g) Other activities necessary to support the aim of the review

8. Proposed Timetable of the Scrutiny Investigation

- 8.1 The following scheduled meetings will include evidence gathering for the study:

Setting the Scene – July 2011

Evidence Gathering – September 2011 to February 2012

Consideration of Draft Final Report - March 2012

Consideration of Final Report by the Scrutiny Committee - April 2012

Consideration of Final Report by the Cabinet/Council- June 2012

(Tentative date)

8.2 Additional informal or extraordinary meetings may be necessary to complete the evidence gathering.

9. Recommendations

9.1 Members are recommended to discuss and agree the scope of the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee's policy review for 2011/12 as outlined in the report.

10. Background Papers

- Overview and Scrutiny Handbook
- Sustainable Communities Agenda – 14 June 2011

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