

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

5th July 2016

JOINT INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TASK GROUP - COVERING REPORT

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Pat Witherspoon, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	John Godwin, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides Members with an opportunity to view the findings of the Worcestershire County Council Increasing Physical Activities Task Group investigation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to consider the content of the final report and to determine whether to refer any of the recommendations for consideration of the Executive Committee.

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 In June 2015 the Chair of Worcestershire County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board contacted every district Council in the County about a Task Group idea. This proposed that a review should be launched to look at action that could be taken to increase participation levels in physical activities within Worcestershire. The review was also designed to look at whether there was an Olympic legacy within the County. Due to the provision of leisure services at a district level the County Council concluded that this might be a suitable topic for joint scrutiny.
- 3.2 The Redditch Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered an agreed to take place in this joint scrutiny activity. Councillor Gareth Prosser was appointed as Redditch Borough Council's representative on this Task Group. Bromsgrove District Council and Worcester City Council also appointed representatives.
- 3.3 Meetings of the group took place between September 2015 and March 2016. The Group's final report, attached at Appendix 1 details the group's findings and recommendations.

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Financial Implications

- 3.4 No financial implications are detailed within the report.

Legal Implications

- 3.5 There are no specific legal implications highlighted in the report.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.6 No specific operational implications have been identified. The relevant lead Head of Service has been consulted about the content and has not raised any concerns.
- 3.7 The review was co-ordinated by Worcestershire county Council and has already been presented for the consideration of the County Council's Cabinet. The response received from the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Well-being at the County Council has also therefore been attached to this report at Appendix 2.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 There are no specific customer or equalities and diversity implications.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

No specific risks have been identified.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Increasing Physical Activity in Worcestershire Scrutiny Task Group Final Report.

Appendix 2 – WCC Cabinet response to the recommendations.

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