

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7th July 2015

JOINT SCRUTINY PROPOSAL – INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN WORCESTERSHIRE

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	No specific ward relevance.
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides an overview of a proposal that has been received from Worcestershire County Council to undertake a joint scrutiny review of action that could be taken to increase physical activity rates in Worcestershire. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to determine whether a representative of Redditch Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny process should participate in this review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE

- 1) whether to participate in the Joint Scrutiny of Increasing Physical Activity in Worcestershire;**
- 2) that subject to agreeing to participate in the review, to nominate a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to serve on the joint review; and**
- 3) that the report be noted.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board, (OSPB), the lead scrutiny Committee at Worcestershire County Council, recently considered the content of the Worcestershire Public Health Annual Report 2014. A key outcome of this process was that the OSPB agreed to establish a scrutiny Task Group to review the County Council's role in increasing physical activity within Worcestershire.
- 3.2 The proposed review would cover issues within the remit of district Councils. In Redditch this review would be relevant in particular to the Council's Leisure and Cultural Services team and the relevant Head of Service has been informed about the proposed scrutiny accordingly. The Chair of the OSPB, Councillor Richard Udall, has therefore written to the Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees at

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every district local authority in the county to find out whether representatives of each authority would be interested in participating in a joint review of this subject.

- 3.3 The proposed terms of reference for the review together with a suggested list of potential expert witnesses is detailed in the draft scrutiny proposal form for the review, attached at Appendix 1.

Financial Implications

- 3.4 There are no direct financial implications directly relating to this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.5 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.6 Redditch Members have reviewed relevant subjects in recent years. This includes the Promoting Sporting Participation review in 2011/2012 and a review of the Abbey Stadium in 2013/14. If the Overview and Scrutiny Committee chooses to participate in this joint scrutiny review Members may want to bring any relevant findings arising from these exercises to the attention of the joint scrutiny Task Group.
- 3.7 The majority of Committee meetings at Worcestershire County Council are held during the day. Therefore if the Committee resolves to participate in this exercise consideration may need to be given to appointing a Councillor who is available during the day to represent the Council.
- 3.8 Members are asked to note that the joint scrutiny activity will be hosted by Worcestershire County Council. For this reason if the Council chooses to participate in this exercise it would not count towards the maximum of two Task Groups at any one time that scrutiny Members have committed to undertaking in Redditch this year.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.9 No direct customer or equality and diversity implications have been identified for this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

No risks have been identified.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft Scrutiny Proposal: Increasing Physical Activity in Worcestershire.

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