

**OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
2022

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**HEALTH INEQUALITIES WITHIN THE BME COMMUNITY IN REDDITCH –
PROPOSED TASK GROUP**

Member proposing the review	Councillor Sid Khan
Relevant Head of Service	Judith Willis - Head of Community and Housing Services
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Wards Affected	All wards
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living independent, active and healthy lives• Improving health and wellbeing
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve one of the following options:

- 1) **Subject to any changes agreed during the meeting, the proposed Task Group in respect of Health Inequalities within the BME Community in Redditch be launched.**
- 2) **Members receive a presentation on the subject of Health Inequalities within the BME Community in Redditch at a forthcoming meeting (or meetings) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- 3) **No further action be taken by Overview and Scrutiny Members in respect of this matter.**
- 4) **Alternative action, to be identified and clearly specified during the meeting, be taken in relation to this matter.**

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Health inequalities has been highlighted as an ongoing area of concern previously, both at a Redditch Borough and Worcestershire County level and the subject of health inequalities has previously been scrutinised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 Councillor Sid Khan is proposing to establish a Task Group to investigate Health Inequalities within the BME Community in Redditch. A copy of the proposal form is attached at Appendix 1.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council contained within this report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct legal implications for the Council contained within this report.

5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 5.1 This topic proposal contributes to the Council's Strategic Purposes of living independent, active and healthy lives and improving health and wellbeing.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.2 There are no direct climate change implications for the Council contained within this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.1 The focus of the proposed review is on support available in respect of tackling health inequalities in the BME community.

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- 6.2 Should the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree that a Task Group be established, a key stakeholder for the group to consult would be the Council's Policy team, which takes a lead in respect of equalities matters at the authority.

Operational Implications

- 6.3 At present there is one scrutiny Task Group which is due to commence in Redditch. There is therefore capacity amongst both Members and the Democratic Services team to support this review.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 No specific risks have been identified.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Health Inequalities within the BME Community in Redditch Task Group – Scoping Document.