

Scrutiny Proposal Form

(This form should be completed by sponsoring Member(s), Officers and / or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny).

Note: The matters detailed below have not yet received any detailed consideration. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reserves the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the Borough Council's remit.

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| Proposer's name and designation | Cllr Sid Khan | Date of referral | 27 Jun 22 |
| Proposed topic title | Health Inequalities within the BME Community in Redditch | | |
| Link to local priorities including the strategic purposes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living independent, active and healthy lives • Improving health and wellbeing | | |
| Background to the issue | <p>Health inequalities has been highlighted as an ongoing area of concern previously, both at a Redditch Borough and Worcestershire County level. Although the duty to have a Sustainable Community Strategy was repealed back in 2015, it's noted that Redditch Borough Council, together with partner agencies, agreed 'Health Inequalities' be included as a local priority within the Single Sustainable Community Strategy for Worcestershire 2011-2021 (pages 16-17).</p> <p>The subject of health inequalities has previously been scrutinised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However, this task group would focus on investigating and understanding the impact of health inequalities with a particular focus on the BME communities within Redditch. A particular focus on the largest BME groups in Redditch.</p> <p>The population of Redditch is the most ethnically diverse in Worcestershire. The Central and Batchley wards are the most diverse areas. Asian/Asian British 5%, Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Group 2%, Black/Black British 1%, Other Ethnic Group 0.2%,</p> | | |
| Key Objectives Please keep to SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the current health inequalities amongst Redditch BME Communities compared to the broader community? 2. Identify the top 5 prevalent illnesses and diseases among the top three BME communities in Redditch (Asian/Asian British, Multiple ethnic Groups and Black/Black British). | | |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Identify any additional health needs and healthcare disparities. 4. Identify the reason for poor health of BME Communities in Redditch. 5. Identify any differences in life expectancy of Pakistani, Indian, Bangladeshi, South Asian, Afro Caribbean and multiple ethnic group communities in Redditch. These groups should be compared with white British residents of Redditch. These groups have been chosen as the largest ethnic minority groups in Redditch. 6. To consider briefings from Public Health England and local health professionals on health needs of BME Communities in Redditch – (Clinical Commissioning Groups and/or NHS). 7. Identify the health engagement programmes that are currently in place to improve the health of BME Communities, particularly those where prevention is a focus. 8. Identify what other local authorities have done to improve health and wellbeing among BME communities with an aim to roll out similar initiatives. 9. Explore any areas of improvements that could be made in the health and wellbeing of Redditch BME communities including engagement of the BME community and the empowerment of elderly, women and young people for their health needs. These groups have been identified as those who have the least up take of physical activities nationally and are considered as hard to reach. |
| <p>How long do you think is needed to complete this exercise? (Where possible please estimate the number of weeks, months and meetings required)</p> | <p>A Minimum of 12 months will be required to complete this exercise.</p> <p>The task group should meet once a month to gather evidence from witnesses for a minimum of 12 months with a final report produced at the end of the investigation.</p> |

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