

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting9th July 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

SPORT & ACTIVE LEISURE STRATEGY

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to approval of a draft Sport & Active Leisure Strategy for the borough, which was proposed to be the subject of public consultation.

It was noted that sport and active leisure had a unique capacity to bring together people of different generations, cultures and backgrounds, capable of improving health, being a source of new friendships, used to tackle exclusion and isolation, and to engage those who otherwise may become involved in anti-social behaviour and be a key component in urban regeneration. The Sport & Active Leisure Strategy brings together planning for the facilities and the activities they make possible, to maximise the opportunities for participation.

The Strategy had been produced in order to provide a commonly agreed direction for sport within the Borough for the next five years. It is a Strategy not only for Stockton Council but one for our partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors. It builds upon many related policies and existing partnerships, and aims to provide quality opportunities for participation in sport and active leisure in order to meet the needs and aspirations of the entire community. Whereas previous strategies have dealt primarily with facilities, this document attempts to connect the facilities and the activity they make possible, toward our community wellbeing outcomes. It has been developed by the Leisure & Sports Development Service in collaboration with key partners.

The Strategy would also contribute to the delivery of the following nationally identified priorities:

- Increases in the % of 5-16 year olds participating in 5 hours of PE/ within the curriculum and OOSH
- Increase % of adults participating in at least 30 min's of moderate intensity sport and physical activity on at least 3 or more days per week

(CPA/ NI8)

- Increased resident satisfaction with sports & leisure services within the borough
- Increase in the number of people volunteering in sport (CPA Culture Block/ LAA)
- Increase in the % of residents living with 20 min's of a quality accredited leisure facility
- An increase in the % of people participating in local authority sport/ recreation provision.

Members noted that consultation would not be limited and Members were invited to advise officers of any groups they felt should be consulted.

Discussion also took place with regard to

- the limited, Council provided, swimming facilities in the South of the Borough.
- developing transport links to communities to assist all residents in accessing sports facilities.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the Sport & Active Leisure Strategy be approved as a Consultation Draft so that interested organisations and individuals can provide comment and challenge through consultation.

2. the Head of Culture & Leisure, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Arts Leisure & Culture , be authorised to approve the release of the Draft Leisure Facilities Plan, Draft Leisure Activities Plan, and Draft Leisure Events, Information & Communication Plan, upon their completion, for consultation as supporting documents to the Draft Sport & Active Leisure Strategy.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To enable progression and approval of the Sport & Active Leisure Strategy

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Lupton and Mrs Womphrey each declared a personal,

non-prejudicial interest in respect of this item as a result of their membership of Tees Active Ltd.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By Midnight, Friday, 17th July 2009

Proper Officer
14 July 2009