

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

9th July 2009

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

COUNCIL DECISION/CABINET DECISION/KEY DECISION

**Leader of the Council, Councillor Lupton
Arts, Leisure & Culture - Lead Cabinet Member, Councillor Mrs Womphrey**

SPORT & ACTIVE LEISURE STRATEGY

1. Summary

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2. Recommendations

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3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

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

4. Members Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held –

- In a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- In any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

And must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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DETAIL

1. This Sport & Active Leisure Strategy has 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.

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2. Stockton's Strategy for Sport & Active Leisure seeks to ensure the effective planning and co-ordination of an integrated range of opportunities for participation, to meet the needs and aspirations of the Borough's residents, and to support of the objectives of the Council and its strategic partners.
3. The Strategy provides the overarching framework for sport & active leisure and is accompanied by three supplementary delivery plans, which are currently in development and will be available by September 09. These plans consist of:
 - The Sports & Active Leisure Facilities Plan (Indoor/ Outdoor) – bringing clarity, coordination to Stockton's sport & leisure facilities estate
 - The Sports & Active Leisure Activities Plan (Children/ Young People/ Adults/ Older People) – Bringing clarity, coordination and ongoing improvement to the sport & leisure activities delivered within the borough
 - The Sport & Active Leisure Events, Information & Communications Plan

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified at this time

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified at this time

RISK ASSESSMENT

No risks identified at this time

COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

1. The Sport & Active Leisure Strategy has been guided by the strategic priorities/ outcomes identified within both the Corporate Strategy and the Sustainable Community Strategy. The outcomes it will contribute to are many and include:
 - Increase in positive activities for young people
 - Halting the year on year rise in obesity amongst children under 11 years
 - Reduce health inequalities
 - Improved access and quality of green spaces
 - Improved personal well being of older people
 - Real choice, control and equal access to facilities and services for older people

- Greater Equality of Opportunity
 - Increased opportunities for young children/ young people in care (SCS)
 - Reductions in anti-social behaviour/ criminal damage
2. The Strategy will 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

CORPORATE PARENTING

Focus and resources will be placed on supported underrepresented groups to participate in sport & active leisure and this will include children looked after by the Authority to ensure they benefit from the right support mechanisms enabling them to fully engage in sport & active leisure. Support for underrepresented groups is identified as an action within the Strategic Plan section of the document (Objective 1H).

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/ COUNCILLORS

Consultation has taken place with members in the early days of development to gather their views. We will be consulting stakeholders and interested parties via the following:

- Renaissance Board through the Arts & Culture Partnership
- Presentations to Area Partnerships
- Drop in Sessions
- SBC Website
- Consultation with voluntary sector through SRCGA & voluntary sports bodies

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