

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

DATE 18 JULY 2019

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Health, Leisure and Culture - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Jim Beall

Sport & Active Leisure Strategy

SUMMARY

The Council continues to invest in facilities and programmes that encourage people to participate in sport and active leisure to support their health and wellbeing. The provision incorporates universal services, available to all residents, alongside targeted services aimed at helping those with particular needs or barriers to achieving healthy lifestyles.

These services and facilities contribute to the achievement of the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy objectives and are set within the Physical Activity Strategic Framework, developed and adopted by the Joint Health & Wellbeing Board.

The Sport and Active Leisure strategy sets out the range of general and targeted provision which we believe represent the appropriate balance, informed by the principle of proportionate universalism.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)/DECISION(S)

The level of investment in these facilities and services is significant and their impact is felt in every ward. The Strategy is expected to contribute to Council Plan priorities for Health and Wellbeing, Children and Young People, Adults, and Arts, Culture and Leisure. The presence of a network of sport and active leisure facilities, clubs and events will also support our objectives for Strong Communities and Economic Regeneration and Transport.

Cabinet is asked to approve the strategy and the balance of provision that is intended to tackle inequality and help people to be healthier.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve the Sport & Active Leisure Strategy 2019 - 2022

DETAIL

1. Stockton-on-Tees is a great place to live, work and play. In relation to sport and leisure, this includes the aim to provide a variety of opportunities help people sustain healthier lifestyles and support well-being. High quality, accessible leisure facilities and activities are key to achieving this.
2. The overall framework for health and wellbeing in Stockton on Tees is the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019 – 2023. This sets out three high level strategic priorities;
 - All children and families get the best start in life
 - All people in Stockton on Tees live well and live longer
 - All people in Stockton on Tees live in healthy places and sustainable communities
3. These priorities and the areas of focus within them are informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), which analysis the health needs of the Borough's population.
4. In respect of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priority for children and families, we aim to ensure that all children live healthy lifestyles and make positive health and wellbeing choices.
5. In respect of the priority for people to live well for longer, we aim to ensure people live healthier and more independent lives.
6. This Sport and Active Leisure Strategy for Stockton-on-Tees sets out the ways in which Stockton Council and its partners aim to use sport and active leisure top contribute to the achievement of the broad aims referred to above. The strategy is informed by the findings and priorities identified in the Physical Inactivity section of the JSNA and is aligned with the recently agreed Strategic Physical Activity Framework.
7. The SALS provides the strategic basis for the operational planning of the Council's sport and leisure programmes and teams. It complements other plans, such as those for Green Infrastructure and Active Travel, and does not attempt to frame or set out all the ways in which the full range of Council services contribute to the higher-level Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

8. The Strategy aims to deliver benefits to all the residents of the Borough and incorporates a commitment to ensuring that everyone has access to some form of sport and active leisure opportunities. In addition, the Strategy sets out how various disadvantaged groups will be targeted by interventions that seek to remove or reduce inequalities.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

9. The needs of children in our care are considered in the design of universal provision, discounts and priority access are provided where appropriate and every effort is made to ensure full access for our children in care to the facilities and activities we support. The strategy also incorporates targeted interventions designed to tackle inequalities and reduce the barriers to participation amongst disadvantaged communities. In some cases,

depending on their particular circumstances, children in our care will fall within groups that are the focus of specific projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The range of investments and revenue support required to deliver the current programmes and maintain current facilities are built into the MTFP. Where any new programmes, projects or events arise from the implementation of the strategy, they will either be funded from existing resource provision or be the subject of separate bids and reports.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The current leisure facility management contract, through Tees Active, is designed to align with the lease arrangements for the buildings in question. If the strategy were not to be adopted and a fundamental change were called for, it would necessitate consideration of the legal position in relation to these leases.

RISK ASSESSMENT

12. This Sport and Active Leisure Strategy is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

13. Implementation of the Strategy is not expected to have a negative effect on any ward. Those services and activities that are currently delivered within particular wards are expected to remain.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. All supporting documents referred to in the Strategy are already published.

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