

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 9 April 2013

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – The role of leisure and culture in promoting public health

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. At its meeting in June, the Scrutiny Board identified an inquiry into ‘the role of leisure and culture in promoting public health’ as one of its major pieces of work for this municipal year. In order to assist the Board in deciding the scope of its proposed inquiry, a working group meeting was held in August 2012, attended by representatives from City Development, Children’s Services and public health. Given the cross-cutting nature of the topic, the working group session included participation on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board and the Children and Families Scrutiny Board.
2. Following these inputs, the attached terms of reference for the inquiry were agreed by the Board in October 2012 (Appendix 1).
3. Since the original decision by the Board to undertake this inquiry, the council has been given the opportunity to bid for funding from Sport England from the ‘Get Healthy, Get into Sport’ fund. The Board was briefed on this bid at its meeting on 20 December 2012.
4. As a result of this briefing it was agreed that it would be appropriate to revise the focus of the inquiry to enable the Board to play a more active role in contributing to the development of the proposed scheme and its subsequent monitoring. It was agreed that the first session of the inquiry should follow the format set out in the original terms of reference, but that the remainder of the inquiry would be deferred until the 2013/14 municipal year and the planned activities revised to reflect the new focus of the inquiry. The terms of reference for the remainder of the inquiry will be

revised in the light of the outcome of the first session being held today and brought back to the Board for approval.

5. The first formal session of the inquiry will take place at this meeting. A report from the Director of City Development is attached providing evidence for this session of the inquiry (Appendix 2) in line with the terms of reference. Other relevant partners have contributed to the report and will be represented at the meeting alongside the Head of Sport and Active Lifestyle to respond to members' questions and comments.
6. The Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) has been invited to attend the Board for this item. The Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) is already a member of this Scrutiny Board.
7. Members may also find it helpful to be aware of the report attached at Appendix 3, which relates to public health guidance issued by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE). This report was considered by the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) on 20 February 2013. Copies of the guidance documents referred to in the report are available on the NICE website or from the Scrutiny support office.
8. Further sessions of the inquiry will be scheduled in the 2013/14 municipal year.

Recommendation

9. The board is requested to consider the issues raised by this session of the inquiry.

Background documents¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.