

Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

The role of leisure and culture in promoting public health

Terms of reference

(To be revised following meeting on 9 April 2013)

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the beginning of the year, members of the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board decided that they wished to carry out an inquiry into the role of leisure and culture in promoting public health. This fits with the Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030 ambition that by 2030, all Leeds' communities will be successful, including an aspiration that Leeds will be a city where healthy life choices are easier to make and local cultural and sporting activities are available to all.
- 1.2 A working group meeting was held on 30 August with representation from City Development directorate, Children's Services and Public Health to scope the proposed inquiry. Input was also received on behalf of the Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social care and the Children and Families Scrutiny Boards, given the cross-cutting nature of the chosen topic.
- 1.3 The working group had a wide ranging debate about the potential scope of their work and how to define the remit of the inquiry so as to be a manageable piece of work likely to produce useful outcomes. We concluded that the inquiry should focus on addressing health inequalities. We were particularly interested in considering the accessibility of provision.
- 1.4 We agreed that we would review evidence of the approaches in Leeds and also national good practice, to give us an overview of the subject. Subsequently we would use a local case study of a specific area to help us assess what is happening on the ground in Leeds.
- 1.4 We also considered whether to limit our inquiry to adult services, in light of the work we undertook in 2011/12 on the engagement of young people in culture, sporting and recreational activities, but agreed that we wished to take a more holistic approach to the issue, acknowledging the importance of public health for all ages and family members. We are also mindful of the opportunities at this current time to build on the legacy of the London Olympics and Paralympics in relation to physical activity, although our inquiry will take a wider perspective in relation to both physical and mental wellbeing.

2.0 Scope of the inquiry

- 2.1 The purpose of the Inquiry is to make an assessment of and, where appropriate, make recommendations on;
- How sport, recreation and culture can support health outcomes for people:
 - Being physically and mentally active (direct impacts)
 - Through contact points/interventions supporting health education and promotion (indirect impacts)
 - How sport, recreation and culture currently support health outcomes and the extent to which this is sufficiently exploited
 - How sport, recreation and culture can deliver value for money health outcomes
 - How sport, recreation and culture can contribute to addressing health inequalities in Leeds
 - What can be learned from models of best practice elsewhere (for example Be Active Birmingham)
 - What can be learned from the views and thoughts of key stakeholders such as Sport England and the Arts Council for England
- 2.2 The Board hopes that its findings will provide a timely and positive contribution to the new Health and Wellbeing Board in helping to shape future priorities.

3.0 Comments of the relevant director and executive member

- 3.1 Scrutiny Board procedure rules require that the Board consults with the relevant Executive Member and Director on the terms of reference for its inquiries. Any views will be communicated to the Board.

4.0 Timetable for the inquiry

- 4.1 The inquiry will take place between February and April 2013.
- 4.2 The inquiry will conclude with the publication of a formal report setting out the board's conclusions and recommendations.

5.0 Submission of evidence

5.1 Scrutiny Board meeting – 21 February 2013

The evidence for this session will include:

- A review of how sport, recreation and culture can contribute to adult health outcomes and an overview of what currently happens in Leeds

- A review of how sport, recreation and culture can contribute to child health outcomes and an overview of what currently happens in Leeds
- Relevant research (for example NICE briefing on increasing physical activity; forthcoming review of the future of PE and school sport in Leeds; World Cities Culture Report commissioned by the Lord Mayor of London)

Scrutiny Board meeting –18 April 2013

The evidence for this session will include:

- An examination of models of best practice
- Discussion with key stakeholders about their views, highlighting high level opportunities that the city may wish to consider

This session will also review the findings from the working group meeting (see 5.2 below).

The board will then consider emerging conclusions and recommendations to inform the production of the final inquiry report.

5.2 Working group – March 2013

In addition to the formal Scrutiny Board sessions, a working group of the Board will carry out a local case study in a priority area for tackling health inequalities, in order to assess how leisure and culture provision can help to address public health issues in a specific locality. This session will also consider issues of community empowerment and accessibility, as well as looking at how local people are encouraged to participate..

5.3 Witnesses

The inquiry will be supported by officers from the City Development and Children's Services Directorate and from Public Health. Other witnesses will be invited as appropriate, particularly from leisure and cultural service providers. The Board will also invite evidence on good practice from key stakeholders and other local authorities such as Sport England, Arts Council for England and Birmingham City Council (Be Active Birmingham).

6.0 Equality, Diversity and Cohesion and Integration Issues

- 6.1 Where appropriate, all terms of reference for work undertaken by the Scrutiny Boards will include
- To review how and to what effect consideration has been given to the impact of a service or policy on all equality areas, as set out in the

council's Equality and Diversity scheme, and on the council's Cohesion and Integration Priorities and Delivery Plan.

- 6.2 The objectives of this inquiry particularly reflect the following theme from the council's Equality and Diversity scheme:
Service Delivery – Leeds City Council provides fair access to services which meet the needs of our diverse communities and individuals.

7.0 Monitoring Arrangements

- 7.1 Following the completion of the scrutiny inquiry and the publication of the final inquiry report and recommendations, the implementation of the agreed recommendations will be monitored.
- 7.2 The final inquiry report will include information on the detailed arrangements for monitoring the implementation of recommendations.

8.0 Measures of success

- 8.1 It is important to consider how the Board will deem whether its inquiry has been successful in making a difference to local people. Some measures of success may be obvious at the initial stages of an inquiry and can be included in these terms of reference. Other measures of success may become apparent as the inquiry progresses and discussions take place.
- 8.2 The Board will look to publish practical recommendations.