

DRAFT Scrutiny Proposal

Topic: Increasing Physical Activity in Worcestershire

Background to the issue (what is it and why is it being considered for scrutiny)	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) at its meeting on 26 February 2015 discussed the Worcestershire Public Health Annual Report 2014, a theme of which was to increase opportunities for participation in physical activity. This highlighted that "physical activity rates decrease quite steeply after the age of 45"... (although) .. "when comparing with the region and England, Worcestershire participation rates are relatively high". It also noted that "there is fragmentation of responsibility between County, District and national (Sport England) levels."</p> <p>The County Council is keen to ensure opportunities to access sport and physical activity is available to all, and members are interested to find out what impact the 2012 Olympics has had on participation rates. On 23 April 2015, therefore, the OSPB added physical activity to the 2015 scrutiny work programme, and this was subsequently approved by the Council on 14 May 2015.</p>		
Terms of reference	<p>To examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current physical activity rates in Worcestershire • What is the County Council's role in promoting physical activity? • How is the County Council working with partners to enable more people to take part in physical activity and sport? • What can the County Council do to help increase physical activity rates in to meet the Chief Medical Officer recommendations of 30 minutes a day 5 days a week? 		
Scrutiny Officer & Scrutiny Liaison Officer	<p>Suzanne O'Leary, Overview and Scrutiny Manager Alyson Grice/Samantha Morris, Overview and Scrutiny Officers Tony Leak, Scrutiny Liaison Officer</p>		
Suitability for scrutiny. Which of the following criteria does it meet?			
<i>Is the issue a priority area for the Council?</i>	Yes	<i>Does it examine a poorly performing service?</i>	No
<i>Is it a key issue for local people?</i>	Yes	<i>Has it been prompted by new Government guidance or legislation?</i>	No
<i>Will the scrutiny have a clear impact on services?</i>	Potentially	<i>Will it result in improvements to the way the Council operates?</i>	Potentially
<i>Are improvements for local people likely as a result?</i>	Possibly		

<p>Scope of scrutiny (what issues will it cover and what won't it cover)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What opportunities for physical and sporting activity exist in Worcestershire (including schools)? • What are the barriers of taking part in physical and sporting activity in Worcestershire? How can these be removed? • What Olympic Legacy programmes are running? • Who are the key partners cross county and organisations working to increase physical activity and what influence does each have? • How are the County Council working with these partners (including the district council) to enable more people to take part in physical activity and sport, particularly for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Those currently inactive ○ Those in areas of deprivation ○ Hard to reach groups of people • Is there sufficient provision to meet the demand? • What is the availability of sporting opportunities in Worcestershire on a geographical, gender, age and cost basis – what are the gaps in provision? • How do schools (public and independent) work with the community to share sporting facilities? • How is the Public Health Ring-fenced grant being used to support physical activity? <p><i>N.B. O&S has committed to ensure that the following are considered in all scrutiny reviews as appropriate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equality and diversity issues • commissioning • localism
<p>Advantages to conducting scrutiny & Indicators of success (ie how will you know a good scrutiny has been done?)</p>	<p>To have a better understanding of the situation in Worcestershire which will in turn could help to prioritise the areas of most need for the provision.</p>
<p>Has anyone else examined the issue?</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>Any disadvantages or pitfalls to conducting this scrutiny?</p>	<p>Concern that sport and leisure is a district council function and it may duplicate work already being undertaken.</p>
<p>INFORMATION NEEDS</p>	
<p>Key Documents, Reports & Data required</p>	<p>Inequalities in Health in Worcestershire – Worcestershire Public Health Annual Report 2014 (p56 & p61)</p>
<p>Is an expert adviser needed?</p>	<p>Suggestion: Frances Howie, Head of Public Health as expert adviser</p>
<p>Possible interviewees</p>	<p>Cabinet Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Localism and Communities ➤ Health and Well Being ➤ Children and Families <p>Frances Howie, Head of Public Health</p>

	Richard Harling, Director of Adult Services and Health Gail Quinton, Director of Children's Services (and appropriate Children's Services officers) Sports Partnership Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sport England District Councils (Sports Development and Planning) CCGs Youth Cabinet Children and Young People and Adults who do not participate in organised sports and physical activities Warriors Community Trust Kidderminster Harriers
Is this an issue that young people would be interested in? If so, ask Youth Cabinet for evidence.	Yes
Site Visits	TBC
Types of meeting/consultation needed? (eg workshops/focus groups/public meetings/questionnaires etc)	Task Group Meetings
Any meetings to be held outside of County Hall?	Potentially
Media & publicity needs?	May request media release to gather views of the public
OUTLINE TIMETABLE	
Proposal to OSPB	8 June 2015
Evidence Gathering	June – October 2015
Scrutiny Report to OSPB	November 2015
Scrutiny Report to Cabinet	January 2016