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Joint Increasing Physical Activities Task Group Report

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Peter Whittaker, Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Tourism
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	John Godwin, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides Members with an opportunity to view the findings of the Worcestershire County Council increasing Physical Activities Task Group investigation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked to consider the content of the final report and to determine whether to refer any of the recommendations for consideration of the Cabinet.

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 In June 2015 the Chair of Worcestershire County Council's Overview & Scrutiny Performance Board contacted every district council in the County about a task group idea. This proposed that a review should be launched to look at action that could be taken to increase participation levels in physical activities within Worcestershire. The review was also designed to look at whether there was an Olympic legacy within the County. Due to the provision of leisure services at a district level the County Council concluded that this might be a suitable topic for joint scrutiny.
- 3.2 The Redditch Bromsgrove Overview & Scrutiny Board considered an agreed to take place in this joint scrutiny activity. Cllr June Griffiths was appointed as Bromsgrove District Council's representative on this task group. Redditch Borough Council and Worcester City Council also appointed representatives.
- 3.3 Meetings of the Group took place between September 2015 and March 2016. The Group's final report, attached at Appendix 1 details the Group's findings and recommendations.
- 3.4 Following Councillor Griffiths resignation from the Board in December 2015, after consultation with the Chair of the Task Group, it was agreed that Bromsgrove would

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not appoint a replacement for Councillor Griffiths as the Group's investigations were coming to a close.

Financial Implications

- 3.5 No financial implications are detailed within the report.

Legal Implications

- 3.6 There are no specific legal implications highlighted in the report.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.7 No specific operational implications have been identified. The Head of Services have been consulted about the content and has not raised any concerns.
- 3.8 As this review was co-ordinated by Worcestershire County Council there has been limited District Council and Member involvement. The Chair of the review, Councillor Richard Udall has kindly offered to assist in the presentation of the report.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.9 There are no specific customer or equalities and diversity implications.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

No specific risks have been identified.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Increasing Physical Activity in Worcestershire Scrutiny Task Group Final Report.

Appendix 2 – Response from WCC Cabinet to the recommendations.

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