KEY DECISION

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on 2 June 2010

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Councillor Geoff Denaro	ITEM SPORTS AND LEISURE – SERVICES AND FACILITIES – ACCESS FOR TRANS-PEOPLE	WARDS AFFECTED All wards
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER Sports and Leisure – Services and Facilities – Access for Trans-People – Policy REPORT AUTHOR Fiona Scott, Equality Officer Telephone 01527 881719	SUMMARY This report explains the background to the consultation on and introduction of a policy in relation to Sports and Leisure Services and Facilities – Access for Transpeople. There is currently no policy for employees or other people who provide sports and leisure services on behalf of the District Council on the issues that arise when dealing with individuals who are going through a transition process and may have privacy needs or may present inappropriately causing concern to other service users. This policy will explain the best ways of dealing with these situations ant this will help staff by providing an agreed framework to which they can refer should the need arise. The draft policy has been complied with the assistance of specialist knowledge from the Gender Trust and has been subject to wide consultation in the District up to the 31 st March 2010.	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN The introduction of this policy affects all wards in the District and all members of the public who use Sports and Leisure Services and Facilities provided by the District Council.

CONSULTATION DETAILS

Stakeholders

Trans-people in the Bromsgrove District and trans – people visiting the District.

All other members of the community who use the Sports and Leisure Services and Facilities provided by the Council or through partners are also affected. The Policy promotes understanding of differences and the reasons for the Council's policy.

Method of Consultation

The Draft Policy and Consultation Comments form have been on the Council's website since 12th November. There was a press release in the previous week which announced the consultation period and the drop in sessions at the Customer Service Centre. These drop in sessions are for the public and staff to talk to a specialist adviser on this subject and give feedback for the consultation exercise. Training sessions have been provided for elected members, Equality Champions. The information has been circulated for comment to Senior and Corporate Management Teams and Trade Unions. Further information has been made available on the Council's Intranet and the documents have been widely circulated throughout community contacts and organisations.

Consultation period or dates

2nd November to 31st March 2010

DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

N/A