

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES, CULTURE AND PHYSICAL  
ACTIVITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (O&S) COMMITTEE –  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**1330 hours on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Committee Room 2 – Actions**

**Present:**

Councillor Alex Aitken (Acting Chair)

Councillors: John Lines and Hendrina Quinnen

**Also Present:**

Mark Byrne, Leisure Project & Client Manager, Alexander Stadium

Steven Rose, The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS)

Rose Kiely, Group Overview and Scrutiny Manager

Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer

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**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

Councillor Alex Aitken, Deputy Chair informed the Committee that he will be chairing today's meeting as the Chair has had to leave beforehand due to a family emergency.

The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site ([www.civico.net/birmingham](http://www.civico.net/birmingham)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors: Mariam Khan (Chair); Zhor Malik; Ron Storer and Martin Straker Welds.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### 4. ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER

(See documents 1 and 2).

##### **RESOLVED:**

Confirmed the action notes of the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and noted the action tracker.

#### 5. THE ACTIVE COMMUNITIES PILOT

(See document 3).

Mark Byrne, Leisure Project & Client Manager, Alexander Stadium and Steven Rose, The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS) attended for this item and answered Members' questions.

The following were among the main points made during the presentation and discussion:

- The pilot is a partnership directly between Sport England, Birmingham City Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and TAWS.
- In December 2019 the Phase 2 Investment proposal was approved by Sport England Board:
  - £7.358m of hard commitment.
  - £2.562 of in-principle commitment.
  - £9.92 out of £90m national funding pot.
- Active Communities is about removing the barriers, promoting resilience and doing the 'social knitting' to provoke active citizenship. Therefore:
  - Creating strong resilient communities.
  - Positioning sport and physical activity as a vehicle for bringing people together.
  - Re-connecting the fragmentation within deprived communities in the sub region.
  - Networked connected communities are made up of individuals who experience and exercise social agency.
- Active Communities have a host of touch points the committee could use to go out and engage with the community regarding the Commonwealth Games. The reach is broad and deep, as they are using their participatory methods, such as Active Streets and Active Parks. This is where conversations can and have been held and they will be doing this with the Future Parks Accelerator. Therefore, there are platforms that could be used and more details from the Committee would assist with the methodology.
- The areas for the pilot have been agreed with Sport England, however the learning and influence is intended to bring about system change, therefore there is opportunity to take the learning outside these geographies.

- In answer to the question as to how they will engage young people who are not in education, members were informed that the work reaches out to communities where they are, their street etc.
- Leading up to the Commonwealth Games TAWS are waiting to know more although they are primed and ready for this.
- The partnership agreed six priority areas and officers will feed back to Sports England the wish that these are expanded.
- This is a two year programme, however they can commit to deliver beyond this, especially as this is a system change and there will be a ripple affect into other areas.

**RESOLVED**

The update was noted and members requested.

- The rationale for areas being chosen by the partners [I've checked the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 Cabinet Paper and it states 'Six pilot areas across the City and Solihull have been identified as priority areas with the learning gained in these areas then being rolled out across the rest of the sub regions'].
- Share the piece of work that was done in Quinton that has informed the Active Communities pilot.

**6. WORK PROGRAMME**

(See document 4).

The Committee agreed for this to be discussed next month.

**RESOLVED:**

The work programme was noted.

**7. DATES OF MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:**

The Committee noted the dates of future meetings on the following Wednesdays at 1330 hours:

5 February 2020, 4 March 2020 and 1 April 2020.

**8. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

None.

## **9. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Councillor John Lines questioned the remit of the Committee as there has been adverse publicity regarding the A34 flyover and the relocation of the National Express bus depot and whether issues regarding the Commonwealth Games should come to this committee.

Members were informed that the call-in on the A34 flyover was discussed at the Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee and the relocation of the Bus Depot will be discussed at the Resources O&S Committee tomorrow. The Acting Chair stated he would discuss the remit of the committee with the Chair and this will include whether there could be more representation that all items pertaining to the Commonwealth Games comes to this Committee.

## **10. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

### **RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

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The meeting ended at 14.47 hours.