

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COMMONWEALTH GAMES, CULTURE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 07 APRIL 2021 AT 13:30 HOURS
IN ON-LINE MEETING, MICROSOFT TEAMS

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2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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4 ACTION NOTES

To confirm the action notes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2021.

5 POLICY INSIGHT AND PREVENTION DIRECTORATE AND THE CWG

Jonathan Tew, CWG Legacy Lead & Assistant Chief Executive; Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience; Suwinder Bains, Service Lead (Cohesion and Equalities); and Cat Orchard, Head of Community Partnerships, Commonwealth Games Project Team in attendance.

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6 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Committee discussion on priorities and items of interest for future meetings.

7 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the date and time of the next meeting.

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

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

9 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

10 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair to move:-

'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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**COMMONWEALTH GAMES, CULTURE & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
O&S COMMITTEE**

1330 hours on 3rd February 2021, Online Meeting – Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Mariam Khan (Chair)

Councillors: Alex Aitken, Morriam Jan, John Lines, Zhor Malik, Hendrina Quinnen, Ron Storer and Martin Straker Welds

Also Present:

Dean Hill, Sport Birmingham

Paul Moore, AD, Active Places, The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS)

Ceri Saunders, Acting Group Overview & Scrutiny Manager

Mark Sears, TAWS

Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer

Hamira Sultan, Director for Future Parks Accelerator

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2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

4. ACTION NOTES

(See document No. 1).

RESOLVED:

The action notes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2021 were agreed.

5. FUTURE PARKS ACCELERATOR

(See documents No. 2 and 3)

Hamira Sultan, Director for Future Parks Accelerator (FPA) attended for this item.

The main points in the presentation included:

- Birmingham's FPA is called Naturally Birmingham and is one of eight urban areas which are part of an initiative formed jointly by the National Trust, National Lottery Heritage fund, and the Ministry for Communities, Housing and Local Government, designed to enhance and secure the future of the UK's green spaces.
- They are working with a lot of organisations such as TAWS.
- The aim of the programme is to find ways of embedding the value of green space across the council and within our communities. They have five strategic outcomes that fit in with the 2022 Council Plan: jobs and skills, housing and the built environment, the future of children, health and wellbeing, and maximising the benefits from hosting the Commonwealth Games.
- One of the big drivers is to get people out of their cars and help people to better connect with their communities.
- They are looking at setting up a Parks Foundation whereby the community have a real say, and it is a way to access funding that complements the Council's parks service.
- For the developing skills agenda they have moved to a virtual platform due to Covid. This has approximately 30 different jobs that people can do in green spaces and it has had 600 YouTube hits.
- They want the community to use the green space and are proud of their mentoring programme, which has seen 50 young people either in care or care leavers being supported to access green spaces. This has been a positive experience for the young people and the mentors.
- It is about building in resilience and sustainability and there being other ways to bring additional money into parks, such as crowdfunding etc.
- The programme is split into five frameworks: a new governance model for Birmingham's green space, environmental justice, a healthy city, sustainable finance, and citizen involvement.
- Environmental Justice has a key link to the Commonwealth Games (CWG) legacy and tackling inequalities. Nature connects to all capitals: natural capital (natural resources in the environment), social capital (culture and community), human capital (skills and knowledge), financial capital, and manufactured capital (built environment and wider infrastructure).
- The map of IMD overlaid with green spaces demonstrates that there are more good quality green spaces where there is less deprivation. They would therefore like to use green spaces to level up as green space offers huge benefits to health and wellbeing, and by making sure those in more need of it can access it will go some way to achieving environmental justice.

- The Commonwealth Games and the FPA want green spaces to be seen as assets and both want to tackle inequalities. The FPA are part of the Commonwealth Games legacy working group.
- When undertaking building developments there needs to be a way of mitigating the loss of any green space.
- Examples were provided of working with groups and this included their work with Witton Lodge Park, whereby they have encouraged residents to become walk leaders to help improve wellbeing as well as connectedness, especially with groups that have previously been isolated.
- There are 591 parks and green spaces in Birmingham with not all being readily available to residents.
- They would like to pursue something similar to the London Greenground map (this was inspired by the London tube map as an alternative sustainable transport map).

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members the main points included:

- Details of the assistance available about neglected parks, such as Perry Barr, was requested. Members were informed that they currently have £10,000 seed funding which they are hoping to increase to £90,000 with the assistance of Birmingham Open Spaces Forum. This funding is not available yet and information for those who wish to apply for the funding when it is available will be provided. Hamira is happy to be the conduit and share information.
- Green spaces can become unloved and a site of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) leading to the land being developed for new homes. It is acknowledged there is a need for more homes, and therefore it is about working with planning to mitigate the loss of any green space.
- The Witton Lake pilot is about social prescribing, whereby they have nature walks led by volunteers who are residents in the community. They have been able to do some of these virtually during Covid.
- Connectiveness is about connectiveness to nature and this is about people noticing nature such as bird songs and colour. This is good for our mental health, and that is why the sensory walking groups are important. A Member thought that 'awareness' may be a better way of describing this.
- Dudley Council's Healthy Towns Programme regenerated four parks over a 3 year period that led to a 75% reduction in crime and ASB. This was due to residents' values changing and them having ownership of the concept and the place as the programmes developed. This was 12 years ago and demonstrates a long term outcome.
- Sustainability and longevity of community groups can be an issue, especially when people move away or priorities change. It was acknowledged that this is not easy to solve, however there are things that can help and these include: residents becoming connected or affiliated to a larger organisation such as Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF) to meet likeminded people, and set up a friends of park group. Also, residents being connected and using WhatsApp

and Facebook groups could assist as there needs to be at least 20 people to share the load. More information on this will be provided to Members.

- They have three pilot sites in terms of parks and green spaces:
 - Dawberry Fields Park is the children's pilot site. The team set up a simple nature trail around the benches, and they saw 60 people using this in one day.
 - Witton Lakes Park is the health and wellbeing pilot site and they have had sessions about being connected to nature, and where the sensory walks are being developed with the community. These have also been done virtually and were supported by TAWS.
 - Ward End Park is the employment and skills pilot site.
- In relation to environmental justice, they are speaking to officers regarding a public open space map being available in the public domain so an audit can be undertaken to ensure 100% accuracy, as there are concerns regarding the data quality. They are also going to be mapping out key data about access to green space and key public health data within three pilots. In the next 3 – 6 months they should be able to report back.
- In terms of the FPA programme, they have approximately another 1 ½ years funding. They have started with a finance framework led by Cllr Chatfield, Cabinet Member, Finance and Resources. They have a healthy city framework, led by Cllr Hamilton, Cabinet Member, Health and Social Care. They are in the process of setting up environmental justice and citizen involvement.
- Adopting parks and residents loving their green spaces is important. They have a map of all the parks and green spaces that have a friends of parks groups. They need a map that shows those that don't have these, and Councillors can assist with this.
- Hamira wrote to all Members asking if they wanted to be a part of Green Champions Programme and approximately 80 people signed up and this includes residents. The purpose is to help people understand how to get involved. Hamira will send out the e-mail again to all Members informing them that this had been discussed at the committee meeting. The Chair is happy for the reminder e-mail to be sent.
- It was suggested that Hamira may wish to contact the officers in the Council to discuss the mapping of cycle routes, as many of the cycle routes are to and from parks and open spaces.

RESOLVED:

The update was noted and:

- Hamira Sultan is happy to be the conduit and share information and this includes Members putting residents who are interested in applying for funding to improve parks in touch.
- Members to be provided with information for residents including helping the sustainability and longevity of community groups.

- Hamira Sultan to ask the appropriate officer to contact the Committee regarding problems with maintenance or technical problems with the parks and green open spaces, such as getting water onto the sites.
- The map of all the parks and green spaces that have a friends of parks groups to be shared with Members.
- Hamira to re-issue the email to all Members regarding the Green Champions Programme informing them that it has been discussed at the committee meeting. Included within this e-mail will be an offer from Hamira to attend ward meetings to discuss the FPA.
- Details regarding the Ward End Park Pilot to be provided to the Chair as a lot of residents in her ward use the park.

6. UPDATE FROM THE ACTIVE WELLBEING SOCIETY (TAWS)

(See document No. 4)

Mark Sears and Paul Moore from TAWS, and Dean Hill from Sport Birmingham attended for this item.

The main points in the presentation included:

- The Council adopted its Sports and Activity Strategy in 2015 and this strategy led to the successful tender for the Commonwealth Games and Sports England innovation programme, the Local Delivery Pilot (LDP).
- TAWS is the lead partner for the LDP and is a key member of the Physical Activity and Wellbeing Legacy Group chaired by Dean Hill, Physical Activity and Wellbeing Lead for the CWG, as are Sport England.
- The local delivery pilot contains six priority areas in Birmingham and Solihull. These are the focus for the pilot; however, they may do things outside these areas.
- The purpose is to build resilient communities and get more people active. They do this by using active citizens opportunities to engage those least likely to be physically active.
- There are nine different work packages, and this includes the bikes and cycling work.
- Reclaim the wild commons work package is similar to the FPA and they are working closely together. They are exploring whether they can create a new relationship between people and place, with parks and green spaces supporting physical activities in communities that are experiencing the highest level of deprivation.
- Green space is inequitably distributed in Birmingham. This is contributing to long-term health inequality and impacts children and BAME communities disproportionately.
- There remain significant barriers stopping communities from accessing green space. These include physical barriers, such as dual carriageways, and cultural barriers, such as only seeing the green space suitable for dog walkers.

Working together and not seeing land in terms of financial value will help to break down these barriers.

- Covid 19 galvanised their focus and it is about social and environmental justice. It's about providing equitable access and supporting green spaces, and this can include a disused car park.
- Last year was the test and learn phase whereby they created seven new 'Wild Common Sites' with 74 community members driving higher levels of participation.
- There are several key learning points, and this includes multi-use space being key, spaces to grow food and play etc. It's not about recreating allotments.
- Members were shown a video on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Px_k-bcQp9U&feature=youtu.be showcasing the work.
- Plans 2021-22: They are in the process of working with Sport England to secure funding for the next phase of the programme. They will continue with the programme and this includes more common spaces, building community capacity and collaborative action. They will be working with the PFA etc., to break down barriers and overcome the inequality and do something radical on the social justice barrier.
- Dean Hill is the physical activity and wellbeing legacy lead for the CWG, and his post is funded by Sports England. His key role is creating active environments in the right way with a community led approach.
- The awarding of the CWG was predicated on its legacy approach. The Active Communities programme is part of the CWG Active Environments Legacy. Parks and green spaces are key as they are social connectors. It is about being low cost and sustainable and is predicated on the approach being taken into policy for long-term change. They have also connected this into other legacy programmes such as volunteering.
- In relation to the venue sites, it is about how those settings can be made more attractive to people who don't usually use these.
- They have a budget predicated on Sport England money, who will be looking at this being a growth vehicle, and they will be looking for match funding from other places, such as Comic and Sport Relief, WMCA etc.,
- During Covid the City Council asked TAWS and BVSC to be the leads to help those most in need in the most deprived communities and this is called #Brumtogether. Examples were given of the work TAWS, with the approval of their funders, has been doing during Covid.
- They are building on the work undertaken during Covid and some of the services are becoming permanent.

In course of the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members the main points included:

- TAWS is keen to work with Members and Birmingham is starting to lead the way and the CWG provides a catalyst.

- Cllr Jan requested a meeting outside of this committee meeting and TAWS was happy to arrange this.
- Members thought the work they are doing in response to Covid, such as the food distribution is fantastic, and this should be highlighted in other platforms.
- The film was useful, and these sorts of projects need to be incorporated in new housing developments.

RESOLVED:

The update was noted and Members to receive contact details for the Listen and Connect Service.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document No. 5).

The Chair suggested that the Committee's March meeting is cancelled as it will be more appropriate for Members to attend the Proud Host City Members Forum and details of this have been circulated. Members agreed with this suggestion.

RESOLVED:

- The work programme was noted.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 7th April 2021 at 1.30pm was noted.

9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Agreed.

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.

The meeting ended at 15.39 hours.



Commonwealth Games, Culture & Physical Activity O&S Committee: Work Programme 2020/21

Chair: Cllr Mariam Khan

Deputy Chair: Cllr Alex Aitken

Committee Members: Cllrs: Morriam Jan, John Lines, Zhor Malik, Hendrina Quinnen, Ron Storer and Martin Straker Welds

Officer Support: Acting Group O&S Manager: Ceri Saunders (303 2786)
Scrutiny Officer: Amanda Simcox: (675 8444)
Committee Manager: Louisa Nisbett (303 9844)

1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 'To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning the Commonwealth Games; arts and culture; libraries and museums; sport; events and physical activity'.

2 Priority Issues and Items to be Scheduled

- 2.1 The following were highlighted at the informal meeting on 8th July 2020 as potential priorities to be followed up through the work programme:
- (a) There is an opportunity for the committee to track the participation of women in sport – a possible place to start would be to invite key women who have achieved in the sporting arena to provide their input to the committee.
 - (b) To continue the work on community engagement already begun, community representatives including possibly representatives from Commonwealth countries could be invited to talk to the committee (remotely) about how we can work together to promote the CWG.
 - (c) Engage with small voluntary and arts organisations on what they would like to see happen/how they can get involved.
- 2.2 Members would like to invite Directors within the Council to future committee meetings to discuss their plans for their Directorate in relation to supporting the Games and the Games legacy. Members will be discussing the Policy Insight and Prevention Directorate at their April 2021 meeting.
- 2.3 The following have been followed up through the work programme:
- (d) There is also an opportunity for committee members to be involved in and influence and shape the £2m ward funding, by working to input to the 'co-design' process to come up with ideas and suggestions about what criteria would work best locally and how to maximise the legacy benefits to the local community. Discussed 7th October 2020.



- (e) Invite Martin Green, who is in charge of the cultural programme to a future committee meeting to discuss the cultural programme with members. Attended 7th October 2020.
- (f) Maximising the benefits for businesses is another strand of work. There is an opportunity for Birmingham businesses to benefit from the trade and tourism investment being developed by the West Midlands Growth Company. Neil Rami, Chief Executive of the WMGC attended the 2nd September 2020 meeting to discuss the investment programme.

3 Meeting Schedule

3.1 Below is the list of committee dates and items. However, Members may want to use some of these dates for other things, such as visits and informal briefings etc.

Date & Time (1.30pm)	Items	Officers / Attendees
8 June 2020 (Online, 2.00pm start)	Impact of COVID -19 on Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader and Craig Cooper, Commonwealth Games Programme Director
	Update on Cycling in Birmingham	Cllr Waseem Zaffar, Cabinet Member, Transport and Environment and Alison Kennedy, Principal Transport Policy Officer
8 July 2020 (Online Informal Meeting)	Update on the finance available to promote community engagement and citizen involvement and Culture Programme.	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader and Craig Cooper, Commonwealth Games Programme Director, BCC
	Future Work Programme Discussion	
2 September 2020 (Online, 2.15pm) Report Deadline: 24 August 2020	Maximising the benefits of CWG Investment Programme for business in Birmingham	Neil Rami, Chief Executive, West Midlands Growth Company
	The Athletes Village / Perry Barr Regeneration Scheme	Ian Ward, Leader and Jim Hamilton, Capital Programme Director
7 October 2020 Report Deadline: 28 Sep 2020	CWG Cultural Programme	Martin Green, Chief Creative Officer, Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, OC & Symon Easton, Head of Cultural Development
	CWG Community Fund Ward Funding	Cat Orchard, Head of Community Partnerships, Commonwealth Games Project Team and Karen Cheney, Head of Service, Neighbourhood Development and Support Unit (NDSU)



Date & Time (1.30pm)	Items	Officers / Attendees
4 November 2020 Report Deadline: 26 Oct 2020	<p>Delivering Effective Engagement: Birmingham 2022 Host City Programme</p> <p>Craig Cooper, CWG Programme Director, BCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be a 'host city'? • How we deliver the Games - understanding the role of Birmingham City Council. • The City Council's role in delivering effective engagement • Upcoming activity. <p>Matt Eagles, Head of Communications, Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games vision and mission recap. • Status on engagement. • Examples: what we've done, what we're doing and what we would like to do. 	Craig Cooper, CWG Programme Director, BCC and Matt Eagles, Head of Communications, Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games
13 January 2021 Report Deadline: 4 Jan 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a Narrative – Update from Commonwealth Games Programme Surveys • How to keep Informed and Engaged in the Commonwealth Games Programme – Member Engagement Update 	Eleri Robert, AD, Communications & Rachel Dixon, Stakeholder Engagement Executive, CWG 2020, BCC
3 February 2021 Report Deadline: 25 Jan 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Parks Accelerator • Update from The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS) 	Hamira Sultan, Director for Future Parks Accelerator Paul Moore, AD, Active Places, TAWS, Mark Sears, TAWS and Dean Hill, Sport Birmingham
7 April 2021 Report Deadline: 26 Mar 2021	Policy Insight and Prevention Directorate and the CWG	Jonathan Tew, CWG Legacy Lead & Assistant Chief Executive; Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience; Suwinder Bains, Service Lead (Cohesion and Equalities); and Cat Orchard, Head of Community Partnerships, Commonwealth Games Project Team

4 Other Meetings

Call in Meetings:



None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

It is suggested that the Committee approves Wednesday at 1.30pm as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

5 Report(s) to City Council

5.1 Community Engagement in CWG - on hold due to Covid 19

Date	Item
2 October 2019 & 6 November 2019	Discuss piece of work to City Council / Executive
January 2020 – March 2020	Evidence Gathering
TBC	Report to City Council / Executive

6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

6.1 The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee's remit.

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision	Date of Decision
008015/2020	Commonwealth Games Community Fund and Creative Communities Small Grants Fund	13 Oct 20	13 Oct 20
008016/2020	Commonwealth Games Community Fund Community Celebrations Ward Funding	15 Dec 20	15 Dec 20
005730/2018	Sport and Leisure Transformation – Wellbeing Service	29 Jun 21	
007968/2020	2019 Major Events Review	13 Oct 20	13 Oct 20
008397/2021	Commissioning of Cultural Activities 2021-22	09 Feb 21	09 Feb 21
008299/2021	Indoor Athletics Events - Capital Equipment	09 Feb 21	09 Feb 21
008398/2021	Moseley Road Baths – Outline Business case	16 Mar 21	
008595/2021	Commonwealth Games Community Fund – Stronger Communities, Physical Activity and Wellbeing and Learning Programmes	16 Mar 21	16 Mar 21
008307/2021	Perry Barr Regeneration Scheme – Full Business Case Update	18 May 21	
008329/2021	Future Parks Accelerator Programme – Notification of Extension	16 Mar 21	16 Mar 21