

Birmingham City Council

Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Inquiry Evidence Gathering: The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS)

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides The Active Wellbeing Society's (TAWS) response to the Inquiry exploring the legacy of the Commonwealth Games for the disabled community.
- 1.2 The key question for this inquiry is: How will the legacy from the Commonwealth Games improve access to physical activity opportunities (both participating and spectating) for our disabled citizens and communities?
- 1.3 The Inquiry has identified key areas to explore to support its evidence gathering for this Inquiry. The relevant key lines for this inquiry are:
 - 1.3.1 Explore the profile of disability in the city, and the level of participation/spectating for sport and physical activity from this community.
 - 1.3.2 Compare Birmingham to other core cities and capture learning.
 - 1.3.3 Understand the experiences of disabled citizens in participating in physical activity and sport in our city.
 - 1.3.4 Identify the barriers the disabled community faces to participate and spectate.
 - 1.3.5 Understand what 'good looks like' to support inclusion in participation and spectating, and the solutions presented by the community to get there.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee are jointly working on this inquiry.
- 2.2 The [Terms of Reference](#) for this Inquiry were agreed by the Committee on 12 October 2022.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the appendix attached is noted and the information provided to the Committee is used to inform the Inquiry on the legacy of the Commonwealth Games for the disabled community.

4 Any Finance Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

5 Any Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6 Any Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- 6.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
 - 6.1.2 advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - 6.1.3 foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 6.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during the development and delivery of its work programme. Specifically, the Committee should consider how this evidence impacts on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.
- 6.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 Evidence Gathering – The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS) – Appendix 1