

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN 2018-2021 – UPDATE REPORT

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide Leisure and Environment Committee with an update in relation to the current Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018-2021 in terms of its review and subsequent refresh based on the recent publication of Sport England's the new national strategy 'Uniting the Movement'.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee approved and adopted the current Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018-2021 at its meeting on 13 November 2018. Given the passage of time and the exceptional challenges of the last 18 months due to the pandemic it is now timely that a review and refresh of the plan be undertaken to determine what the new priorities for physical activity and sport should be for the District.

2.2 As with the last review of the plan, it was developed in response to the publication of Sport England's National Strategy 'Towards an Active Nation' which effectively set out a road map of priorities that if embraced and followed would lead to improvements in people's health and wellbeing through increased active participation in physical activity and sport.

2.3 The key messages of the national strategy were distilled in to a Nottinghamshire Physical Activity and Sport Strategy, Notts Getting Active Together 2017 – 2021 by Active Partners Trust – Nottinghamshire. This Trust is Sport England's local delivery partner and countywide lead for sport and physical activity oversight and support for District and Borough Councils in Nottinghamshire. Thereafter and in train with the launch of the Nottinghamshire strategy the District then adopted its current plan.

2.4 In January 2021, Sport England then launched its new national strategy, 'Uniting the Movement' a 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity. This new vision will drive improvements in levels of physical activity through strong partnership working and collaboration between Sport England, Local Authorities, Public Health and a network of voluntary and community partners. The focus of the strategy will be to address the five big issues of:-

- Recover and Reinvent,
- Connecting Communities,
- Positive Experiences for Young People,
- Connecting with Health and Wellbeing, and
- Active Environments.

In order to progress the strategy, Sport England will focus its time and resources on three key objectives namely to 'advocate for movement, sport and physical activity', 'joining forces on the five big issues' and 'creating the catalyst for change'.

- 2.5 In response Active Partners Trust – Nottinghamshire is now developing its timely county response and will launch its refreshed strategy shortly and logically Newark and Sherwood will follow the direction of travel and review and refresh its current plan which will reflect the latest emerging priorities in the District particularly in relation to the impacts of the pandemic on levels of physical activity and sport particularly in areas where levels of active participation are low.
- 2.6 This review is timely in so far as it will enable the Council’s approach to be aligned to the new strategies for consistency of approach and to avoid duplication. In doing so, the plan will connect the Council’s health and wellbeing priorities to those of partner organisations across the health, sport, leisure and voluntary sectors.
- 2.7 The review process will involve stakeholder engagement with a number of key partners from the various sectors all of which have a vested interest in improving health and wellbeing. The draft plan will be presented to Leisure and Environment in due course for consideration and adoption.

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that a review and refresh of the Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018-2021 be undertaken to align the District Council plan to that of the national and county approach to ensure that it reflects local priorities and improves the levels of active participation in physical activity and sport, thereby making a positive contribution to the health and wellbeing of the residents of the District.

4.0 Equalities Implications

- 4.1 There are no adverse equalities implications associated with this report and when the review and refresh is commenced any impacts will be considered in an Equality Impact Assessment.

5.0 Digital Implications

- 5.1 There are no adverse digital implications associated with this proposal.

6.0 Financial Implications FIN21-22/339

- 6.1 It is not anticipated that the proposed review and refresh of the plan will require any direct financial implications and should the position change a further report will be brought to this Committee for approval.

7.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

- 7.1 The review and refresh of the Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018-2021 will make a significant contribution to ‘improve the health and wellbeing of local residents’ as identified in the Community Plan.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS: that

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) a further report be presented to Leisure and Environment Committee to provide an update on progress with the proposed review and refresh of the Physical Activity and Sport Plan 2018-2021.

Reason for Recommendation(s)

To ensure that the new Newark & Sherwood Physical Activity and Sport Plan drives health and wellbeing improvements across the District.

Background Papers

“Nil”

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