

**RESPONSE TO ECONOMY AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE;
REPORT ON COMMUNITY SPORT IN CARDIFF: REGIONAL SPORTS
PARTNERSHIPS**

**CULTURE, PARKS & EVENTS (COUNCILLOR JENNIFER BURKE-
DAVIES)**

AGENDA ITEM: 4

Reason for this Report

1. To agree the Cabinet response to the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee report of January 2022 as contained in Appendix 1.

Background

2. Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee reviewed the regionalisation of community sport proposed by Sport Wales.
3. Cabinet reviewed the report in February 2022 and recommended a response to be received within two cycles for the six recommendations in the report, as set out in Appendix 2.
4. A collaboration group of Local Authorities and Sport Wales has been set up with membership from all Central South Authorities (Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Bridgend)
5. The Council has set out its direction through the Physical Activity and Sport Strategy endorsed by Cabinet in January 2022.
6. Governance arrangements and year one implementation plan to deliver and monitor the strategy through a Senior Leadership Board are in place.
7. The strategy will be the basis of protection of Cardiff objectives as the new regionalisation model is developed.
8. The strategy has four key objectives that are aligned to the Sport Wales Vision for Sport and the Wellbeing Goals for the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 (Wales), as follows:

- Creating Active Systems
- Creating Active Environments
- Creating Active People
- Creating Active Societies

Issues

9. The Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee made six recommendations for Cabinet to consider, five of which are accepted and one of which is partially accepted as set out in Appendix 2.
10. Progress since the report was published:
 - Through our Joint Venture with Cardiff Metropolitan University, we are leading and administering the collaboration working group of all Local Authorities in the central south region - this is to ensure Cardiff is well represented and able to influence decisions.
 - Three workshops have been held with support and mediation provided by consultants appointed by Sport Wales.
 - Work is ongoing with regards to governance structures of any potential new entity and how each local authority will be represented.
 - A further collaboration workshop is scheduled for October 2022.
 - Draft structures and governance arrangements should be in place by April 2023 for further consideration by Cabinet.

Reason for Recommendation

11. To agree the Cabinet response to the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committees Recommendations for “Community Sport in Cardiff, Regional Sports Partnerships.”
12. Continue to participate in discussions with Sport Wales and Central South partners to ensure Cardiff objectives and resources are retained.

Financial Implications

13. This report does not result directly in any additional financial implications.
14. It seeks agreement for the response to the Economic and Culture Scrutiny Committee recommendations to Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Partnerships as set out in Appendix 1. The Cabinet response to these recommendations is as detailed in Appendix 2.
15. The report also provides an update with regard to ongoing collaboration and discussions between Central South Wales partners on the future proposal for a regional community sports body.
16. It is further proposed that draft structures and governance arrangements for any new entity to be established will be brought back to Cabinet for consideration early in the new financial year.

Legal Implications

17. The purpose of this report is to consider and agree Cabinet’s response to the recommendations of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee in connection with “Community Sport in Cardiff, Regional Sports Partnerships. There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters referred to are implemented with or without modification. Any subsequent report with recommendations for decision that are required by Cabinet or decision maker for the Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal power of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. standing orders and financial regulations; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council’s fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Property Implications

18. There are no property implications arising from this report.

Human Resources Implications

19. There are no HR implications arising directly from the recommendations set out in this report. Any decisions taken by Sports Wales regarding the proposed Regional Sport Partnership will need to be fully assessed for any HR implications, and if necessary, such implications will be discussed with the trade unions through the Council’s agreed processes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to agree the response to the Economic and Culture Scrutiny Committee Recommendations to “Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Partnerships” as contained in Appendix 1 of this Report

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	Director of Economic Development 22 September 2022

The following appendices are attached -

- Appendix 1:** Economy and Culture Scrutiny Report “Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Partnerships”
- Appendix 2:** Cabinet response to the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Report “Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Partnerships”