

**CABINET RESPONSE TO THE REPORT BY THE ECONOMY & CULTURE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE INQUIRY – ‘COMMUNITY SPORT IN CARDIFF:  
REGIONAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS’**

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**Purpose of report**

1. To update Members on the Cabinet response to the recommendations made in the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee January 2022 inquiry report ‘*Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Sports Partnerships.*’

**Background**

2. During discussions to inform the Committee’s work programme for the municipal year 2021-22, Members received a request from Councillor Bradbury to undertake an inquiry into community sport in Cardiff. Following initial scoping meetings, Members agreed the following terms of reference:
  - *To explore Sport Wales’s proposed Central South Community Sport and Activity programme to understand:*
    - *Progress to date re development of regional model*
    - *Proposed structure, governance, funding, and operation of regional model*
    - *Interface between community sports and the regional model*
    - *What success will look like.*
  - *To consider the pilot Community Sport and Activity programme in North Wales:*
    - *Understand lessons learnt during the pilot*
    - *Identify lessons relevant to Central South*
  - *To use the information gathered during the inquiry to:*
    - *undertake a SWOT analysis of the proposed Central South Community Sport and Activity programme*

- *identify what Cardiff Council needs to do to prepare.*
- *To gather stakeholders' views regarding the above, including partners, other local authorities included in Central South and relevant Cabinet Members and Cardiff Council officers.*

*To make evidence-based recommendations to Cabinet regarding the Sport Wales Community Sport and Activity programme.*

2. The Committee agreed the following membership for this task group:  
Councillor Howells and Councillor Gordon.
3. The task group heard evidence from several internal and external witnesses, including relevant Cabinet Members, senior officers, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Sport Cardiff, and Sport Wales.
4. The task group also invited written contributions from the other local authorities involved in the proposed Central South Sport Regional Partnership.
5. Desk based research was undertaken into the policy context for community sport in Cardiff and the early adopter Sport North Wales Sport Regional Partnership.
6. The evidence was used to identify suitable findings from the Inquiry and to develop recommendations. The report for this task and finish inquiry was taken to the Cabinet meeting held on 24 February 2022. The full report for this inquiry is attached as Appendix 1 of the Cabinet response, attached at **Appendix A**, and is also available at:

[Cabinet 24 Feb 2022 Scrutiny report Community sport.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

### **Cabinet Response to Recommendations**

3. The Cabinet agreed their response at their meeting on 28 September 2022. Attached at **Appendix A** is a full copy of the Cabinet paper, outlining the recommendations made and the Cabinet response to each recommendation.

4. Overall, the Committee made **six** recommendations to the Cabinet. The Cabinet response shows that:
  - **5** of the recommendations are accepted – *R1, R2, R3, R4, R6*:
  - **1** of the recommendations is partially accepted – *R5*
  
5. Of the recommendation **partially accepted**:
  - *R5 – Cabinet seeks assurance from Sport Wales that priorities identified for Cardiff will not be diluted in any regional partnership and funding will not be diluted.* The Cabinet Response states the model is still to be developed, the governance and lead is in development and undecided and therefore there are no assurances that Cardiff or other regions will not be at detriment.

## **Way Forward**

6. Councillor Jennifer Burke-Davies (Cabinet Member – Culture, Parks & Events), Neil Hanratty (Director – Economic Development) and Steve Morris (Operational Manager, Sport, Leisure & Development) have been invited to present the response to the inquiry and present any progress made in addressing the issues raised and recommendations approved.

## **Legal Implications**

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/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 powers 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. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (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.

### **Financial Implications**

8. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

### **Recommendation**

The Committee is recommended to receive the Cabinet response and agree the way forward for receiving progress reports on the work required to implement the agreed recommendations.

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