
**PROGRESS REPORT – IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE INQUIRY REPORT –
'COMMUNITY SPORT IN CARDIFF: REGIONAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS':**

Purpose of report

1. To provide Members with an update on the progress being made in the implementation of the recommendations agreed by Cabinet in their response to the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee January 2022 inquiry report '*Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Sports Partnerships.*'

Background

2. Sport Wales are proposing to split Wales into five regions, with Cardiff included in the Central South Regional Sport Partnership along with Bridgend, Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan.
3. Regional Sport Partnerships (RSP) are the mechanism through which Sport Wales will direct its funding of community sport in a long-term approach. Sport Wales estimate that resource per Regional Sport Partnership will be circa £12million over 5 years
4. During the Committee's work programming for 2021-22, Members received a request from Councillor Bradbury, then-Cabinet Member – Culture and Leisure, to undertake an inquiry into community sport in Cardiff, with specific reference to the proposed Regional Sports Partnership. 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.

5. Having considered all the evidence, the Inquiry concluded the proposed Central South RSP poses a very real threat to the good practice currently embedded in Cardiff. Members were sure that this was not the intention of Sport Wales, which wishes to see enhanced participation across Wales and particularly in the most disadvantaged communities.
6. Members clear preference was for the status quo to be maintained, citing that the current approach delivers, boosting engagement and participation for the most disadvantaged. However, if maintaining the status quo is not feasible, Members were clear that it is essential to reduce the footprint of the RSP and to clarify governance arrangements. Members highlighted that the need for engagement with politicians is critical, and they were pleased to note willingness from all parties to participate in this.
7. Overall, the Committee made six recommendations. The Cabinet Response was agreed at their meeting on 28 September 2022; the Cabinet accepted five recommendations and partially accepted one recommendation.

8. The full report for this inquiry is available at:

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

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9. A recommendation tracking sheet has been provided and is attached at **Appendix A**. This shows:
- in the left-hand column, the recommendation made
 - in the middle column, the Cabinet response, and
 - in the right-hand column, the progress update provided for this meeting.
10. The recommendation tracking sheet enables Committee Members to see whether there has been progress in implementing agreed and partially agreed recommendations.

Way Forward

11. Councillor Jennifer Burke (Cabinet Member – Culture, Parks, Events and Venues), Neil Hanratty (Director – Economic Development) and Steve Morris (Operational Manager, Sport, Leisure & Development) have been invited to present the progress report on the implementation of the actions detailed in the Cabinet Response and to answer Members' questions.

Legal Implications

12. 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

13. 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:

- a. Consider the contents of the update report at **Appendix A**
- b. Report any comments, observations or recommendations to the Cabinet
- c. Consider the way forward for any further scrutiny of this item.

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