

## Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel

### Review on Physical Activity and Sport for Children and Young People (2022/2023); Scope and Terms of Reference

Review Topic	Review on Physical Activity and Sport for Children and Young People
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>In 2019, the Council launched “Active Together”, a four year physical activity and sport strategy for the borough. One of its objectives concerned Children, Young People and Families. This was that “Every child, young person and family, whatever their background, will be engaged, confident and able to be active every day.” A whole systems approach was proposed as a means of tackling inactivity and raising activity levels so that the necessary changes could be made to the culture, opportunities, infrastructure and policies of the borough to achieve progress. However, progress was severely disrupted by Covid and its associated lockdowns. The strategy is now coming to its end and needs to be refreshed.</p> <p>In developing its workplan for 2022-24, Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members received the views of a range of young people. Amongst the issues that they raised was access to recreational activities and, in particular, sporting opportunities. It was felt that these had been adversely affected by Covid and were often not given the priority or prominence that they warranted by the Council and its partners. Such opportunities that existed were also not always affordable to young people. In addition to those young people who are physically active and would welcome greater opportunities, there are larger numbers of children and young people who are not active and this has likely to have increased due to Covid.</p> <p>The review will look at the role of the Council in both promoting and commissioning physical activity and sporting opportunities for children and young people in all parts of the borough. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Progress against the specific priority for children and young people set in the Active Together Strategy 2019-2023: “Children, Young People and Families: Every child, young person and family, whatever their background, will be engaged, confident and able to be active every day”;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How children and young people’s views are taken into account in planning and whether current opportunities that are available reflect these;</li> <li>• Barriers to participation and how these might be addressed;</li> <li>• How the needs of marginalised groups are provided for;</li> <li>• The impact of Covid and the cost of living crisis; and</li> <li>• The role of the Council in increasing participation amongst children and young people and how it might use its influence most effectively.</li> </ul> <p>The review will aim to contribute to the development of the new Physical Activity and Sport strategy for the borough. This will be achieved through the making of recommendations regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic direction and priorities;</li> <li>• Any gaps and inequalities in provision; and</li> <li>• How participation may be enhanced.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Scrutiny Membership</b></p>	<p>Councillors Makbule Gunes (Chair), Anne Abela, Lester Buxton, Lotte Collett, Marsha Isilar-Gosling, Sue Jameson and Mary Mason</p> <p>Co-optees/Non Voting Members: Venassa Holt (Parent governor representative), Yvonne Denny and Lourdes Keever (Church representatives)</p>
<p><b>Terms of Reference (Purpose of the Review/ Objectives)</b></p>	<p>To consider and make recommendations to Cabinet on at how the Council promotes and commissions physical activity and sporting opportunities for children and young people in all parts of the borough for incorporation within the development of the new physical activity and sport strategy for the borough.</p>
<p><b>Links to the Borough Plan</b></p>	<p>People - where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.</p>

<b>Evidence Sources</b>	<p>These will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interviews with key officers, partners, community organisations and young people;</li><li>• Relevant performance statistics;</li><li>• Guidance, research and policy documents;</li><li>• Information and data from other local authorities.</li></ul>
<b>Witnesses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simon Farrow, Daniel Ball, Andrea Keeble, Lottie Manzi Davies, Jack Simcoe - Direct Services</li><li>• Susan Oti - Assistant Director of Public Health and Chair of Haringey Active Network</li><li>• Sophie Hawthorn - Healthy Schools Lead, Public Health</li><li>• Simone Common - Head of Service, Early Help and Prevention</li><li>• Nick Hewlett - Acting Assistant Director of Schools and Learning</li><li>• James Page - Chief Executive of Haringey Education Partnership</li><li>• Michael Omojudi and Adem Ali – School Games Organisers</li><li>• Haringey Community Gold</li><li>• Haringey Sports Development Trust</li><li>• London Sport</li><li>• Sport England</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people</li> <li>• Haringey Primary, Early Years and Special Heads Association.</li> <li>• Haringey Secondary Heads Association</li> </ul>
<b>Methodology/Approach</b>	<p>A variety of methods will be used to gather evidence from the witnesses above, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desk top research;</li> <li>• Evidence gathering sessions with witnesses; and</li> <li>• Visits</li> </ul>
<b>Equalities Implications</b>	<p>The review will include consideration of the needs of children and young people from marginalised groups and any inequalities in provision</p>
<b>Timescale</b>	<p>The Panel will aim to complete the review by the end of this Municipal year i.e. March 2023. However, this will be challenging to achieve due to the range of evidence gathering activities that will be required in order to obtain sufficient to make meaningful recommendations</p>
<b>Reporting arrangements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Director of Direct Services will co-ordinate an overall response to the recommendations.</li> </ul>
<b>Publicity</b>	<p>The review will be publicised through the scrutiny website and scrutiny newsletter providing details of the scope and how local people and community groups may be involved. The outcomes of the review will be similarly published once complete.</p>

<b>Constraints/Barriers/Risks</b>	Risks: Not being able to undertake all the necessary evidence gathering work by the Panel before the end of the current municipal year. Should this not happen, it is possible that the review will have to be completed with new Members on the Panel who will not be as familiar with the subject matter.
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