



meeting **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Progress Report - Review of Support for the Olympics and Paralympics

Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with an opportunity to consider the progress of recommendations made by the Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee

Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for receiving responses to Scrutiny recommendations and is responsible for monitoring progress made in implementing those recommendations that are accepted by the Executive. Where the Overview and Scrutiny Committee feel that further progress is required it can make additional recommendations to Cabinet.
3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 23 April 2007 commissioned the Support for the Olympics and Paralympics Review - **To identify the opportunities offered by the London Olympics 2012 to benefit Nottinghamshire, to consider what arrangements currently exist to exploit these opportunities, and to identify what further arrangements the County Council and other agencies/partners need to put in place to maximise the benefits of these major events for Nottinghamshire.** The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were particularly concerned that the scrutiny review should concentrate its efforts on strategic issues.
4. A response to the recommendations from the review was provided by Councillor Steve Carroll, the Cabinet Member for Culture and Regeneration to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 16 June 2008. Members agreed that they would like further information to demonstrate the implementation of the recommendations and requested that a progress report, together with an action plan to take forward the recommendations, be presented to the January Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The recommendations, the Cabinet Member's response and the progress report update are attached as appendix 1.

Issues

5. Departmental officers from the Communities Department will attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 19 January to discuss with Members the progress of the recommendations.
6. The Olympics and Paralympics Select Committee in its recommendations suggested that in order for Nottinghamshire to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the 2012 Games that a Member Champion be appointed. The Portfolio Holder agreed that the Olympics should be afforded a high degree of political and officer support with the appointment of a Champion. Implementation of this requires structural changes within the County Council and a procedure to enable this is currently being developed.
7. To further maximise the benefits the Select Committee recommended that a steering group consisting of lead officers representing sport, culture, education and economic development be established. Progress towards the development of a cross departmental steering group, to facilitate joint working across the county and additionally establish an action plan to take forward the recommendations of the Committee, requires a lead officer be designated with specific responsibility. Currently responsibility for this lead role has not been identified.
8. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will wish to ensure that each recommendation has been considered and responded to. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider whether further information and action will be required to demonstrate an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations.
9. Where a recommendation has been responded to and implemented in full, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should remove the recommendation from further monitoring through this process.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
 - I. consider the information provided and agree any further reporting required
 - II. consider the information provided and further action needed
 - III. inform Cabinet where further progress is required.

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Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Background papers: nil.