

COUNCIL CABINET
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MINUTE EXTRACT

19/05 Sports, Sport Facilities and Physical Activity

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Education setting out the Sport, Sport Facilities and Physical Activity Strategy. The Strategy had been developed in partnership with Derby Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trusts and had already been endorsed by both of the boards. The Council would have a key role to play in leading the coordination of the strategy and it would challenge the way physical activity would be perceived and delivered in the city.

The report detailed the consultation process that has been undertaken to engage all sections of the community. It was likely that an initial investment of around £4 million would be required to modernise and improve the Council's five sports centres and, in addition to this, further capital would need to be earmarked in a depreciation fund for future investment in the centres.

Options Considered

Failure to agree the strategies would mean that the recommendations within the improvement plan for the Best Value review of Sport and Leisure would not be met and there would be no strategy within which future sports provision in the city could be developed.

Decisions

1. To endorse the Sport, Sport Facilities and Physical Activity Strategy for Derby.
2. To approve the preparatory work for market testing. This includes producing a partnership agreement, seeking expressions of interest by advertising for potential partners and the formation of a Sports Centre Development Plan.
3. To refer the report to the Culture and Prosperity Commission for comment.

Reasons

1. The Best Value Review of Sport and Leisure resulted in the production of a Comprehensive Improvement Plan that was approved by Council Cabinet on 9 November 2004. The most important strategic recommendation in the plan was to "review and revise the current Sports Strategy, Sports Facilities Strategy to encompass a Physical Activity Strategy".

2. The Sports Strategy was adopted by the Council in 2002 and the Sports Facilities Strategy was produced in 2003. The revision of these strategies and production of a Physical Activity Strategy for the city would provide a clear direction for the future development of a Sport and Physical Activity in Derby.
3. It would also:
 - Provide the context for how the Council's Sport and Leisure Service would develop its services, programmes, structures and facilities over the next five years, and
 - Determine how other key recommendations in the Best Value Improvement Plan were taken forward, most notably the market testing of the Council's sports centres.