



REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 30TH OCTOBER 2018

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION - SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION STRATEGY
(SARS) 2019-2029**

REPORT BY: INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the Report, and make an appropriate recommendation.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor K. Etheridge and is supported by Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth, K. Dawson, A. Farina-Childs, R. Gough, S. Kent, G. Kirby, C.P. Mann, B. Owen and G. Simmonds.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to this Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within the Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Councillor Etheridge requests in his Notice of Motion that:-

"We the undersigned elected members call on the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee to make a recommendation to Cabinet which we understand will be discussed on 14th November 2018 that the whole strategy is referred to Full Council for debate and vote by all elected members in the interests of openness and transparency. We acknowledge the strength of feeling and the campaign against the proposals to rationalise leisure centres, a campaign which has achieved cross party support, support of 2 former MPs and the current MP within the Islwyn Parliamentary Constituency.

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We ask the Committee to consider this motion and request should they agree to request that Cabinet refer the matter to Full Council”.

4.2 The following information is provided in relation to the motion.

4.3 The Committee should also note that the SARS will be the subject of a special meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee to be held on 8th November 2018, where the outcome of the consultation will be presented in order that the Committee can make a recommendation to Cabinet on adoption of the Strategy.

4.4 The Cabinet is able to make the decision on whether the SARS is adopted.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 The Notice of Motion is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the act as it complies with the rules and regulations of the Council’s Constitution which sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular decision making responsibilities which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Members are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 4.1 above.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

11.1 In accordance with the Council’s Constitution.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Local Government Act 1972.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion

To consider the under-mentioned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor K. Etheridge and supported by the Councillors listed below.

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Councillor K. Etheridge *K. Etheridge*

Councillor K. Dawson *K. Dawson*

Councillor A. Farina-Childs *A. Farina-Childs*

Councillor R. Gough *R. Gough*

Councillor G. Kirby *G. Kirby*

Councillor C.P. Mann *C.P. Mann*

Councillor B. Owen *B. Owen*

Councillor G. Simmonds *G. Simmonds*

Councillor S. Kent *S. Kent*

Councillor E.M. Aldworth *E.M. Aldworth*