



## **SPECIAL REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 8TH NOVEMBER 2018**

**SUBJECT: DRAFT SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION STRATEGY 2019-29**

**REPORT BY: INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise Scrutiny Committee of the outcome of the public consultation exercise and to seek Committee's views on the updated draft Caerphilly Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29 prior to presenting to Cabinet for consideration.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 At its meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee recommended a draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29 to Cabinet. The draft Strategy was approved by Cabinet for public consultation at their meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This report presents a draft strategy, amended following the consultation exercise, which set out a future purpose and direction for the provision of sport and active recreation in Caerphilly County Borough - it establishes the key principles and vision which will inform future decisions and actions over the next 10 years. For the purposes of the draft Strategy (Appendix 1) and this report sport and active recreation is defined as the range of sport and physical activity opportunities provided by Caerphilly County Borough Council in conjunction with our key partners.
- 2.2 A ten week consultation period was undertaken to obtain the views of Caerphilly County Borough residents, existing users and a broad range of stakeholders. Views were sought via a questionnaire and 11 drop-in sessions that were held across the county borough to provide the opportunity for one to one discussions with Officers. 711 responses were received to the consultation questionnaire with a further 20 written responses also being received.
- 2.3 The full report of the consultation responses is available at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk). In summary, there was broad support for the draft Strategy's Vision and proposed Actions to support the Vision. Similarly, there was support for the 3 Key Outcomes supporting actions identified in the draft Strategy. In the *What Needs to be Done* section of the draft Strategy there was both agreement and disagreement with the actions identified and these are considered in more detail in the report. This report presents the issues raised through the consultation and the Committee's views are sought on an amended draft Strategy at Appendix 1 prior to presentation to Cabinet for approval and adoption.
- 2.4 An important factor for Members to consider is the period of time (2019-2029) to be covered by the Strategy. It is therefore important to remember that any decisions arising from the Strategy (if adopted) will be taken over the 10 year period and will be the subject of specific reports to Cabinet.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 3.1 The draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29 supports the following Wellbeing Objectives within the Council's Corporate Plan 2018-23:
- Improve education opportunities for all;
  - Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the sustainable development principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015;
  - Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being.
- 3.2 The draft Strategy also supports the Wellbeing Objectives within the Caerphilly Public Services Board's Wellbeing Plan, 'The Caerphilly We Want':
- Positive Change – A shared commitment to improving the way we work together
  - Positive Start – Giving our future generations the best start in life
  - Positive People – Empowering and enabling all our residents to achieve their own potential
  - Positive Places – Enabling our communities to be resilient and sustainable
- 3.3 The draft Strategy will also contribute to the draft Regeneration Strategy for Caerphilly County Borough, 'A Foundation for Success 2018-2023'.
- 3.4 The Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. It requires public bodies to think more about the long-term, working with people and communities, looking to prevent problems and take a more joined up approach. This will create a Wales that we all want to live in, now and in the future. The Act puts in place seven well-being goals:
- A prosperous Wales.
  - A resilient Wales.
  - A healthier Wales.
  - A more equal Wales.
  - A Wales of cohesive communities.
  - A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language.
  - A globally responsible Wales.

The content of this report supports: A resilient Wales, A healthier Wales, A Wales of cohesive communities, A globally responsible Wales, A more equal Wales.

- 3.5 Through this Strategy Caerphilly County Borough Council will also contribute to Sport Wales' Community Sport outcomes namely:
- Generating increased frequencies of regular participation;
  - Targeting inequalities and barriers to participation;
  - Providing high quality opportunities allowing our most talented athletes to realise their potential.

### **4. THE REPORT**

- 4.1 At its meeting of 26th June 2018, Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee recommended a draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29 to Cabinet. The draft Strategy was approved by Cabinet for public consultation at their meeting of 27th June 2018. Following a Members' Seminar on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the draft Caerphilly Sport and Active Recreation Strategy was the subject of a ten week consultation exercise between 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

- 4.2 711 completed surveys were returned by the closing date, with 20 further written responses also received. Of those who responded to the survey:
- 94% indicated that they were a resident of the county borough
  - 12% work within the county borough
  - 8% represented a local sport club or organisation
  - 3% indicated that they were a local business person and a further 3% were elected members
  - 50% were Leisure Lifestyle members
  - 51% were male and 49% were female
  - 68% indicated that they normally travel to the place where they take part in sport and active recreation by car, 23% walk, 4% cycle 4% use public transport.
- 4.3 Respondents were asked to indicate which facilities they had accessed to take part in sport and active recreation within Caerphilly county borough at least once a month during the last 12 months. The results indicate that leisure centres had been used by the highest proportion of respondents (68%) in the last year. A significant number had also visited country parks (57%) and parks and children's play areas (44%) at least once a month in the last 12 months. The leisure centres used most often by respondents were Pontllanfraith, Newbridge, Cefn Fforest and Caerphilly. The country parks used most often by respondents were Parc Penallta and Penyfan Pond. The parks and children's play areas used most often by respondents were Ystrad Mynach, Morgan Jones and Blackwood Showfield.
- 4.4 85% agreed with the Vision to encourage healthy lifestyles and support our residents to be more active, more often. In respect of the Actions underpinning that Vision 75% agreed that encouraging a collective responsibility will enable the council to best deliver its vision for the county borough. 44% agreed with supporting others and only directly providing where the need is great and no others have the expertise or capacity to. Whilst 37 % disagreed, a further 19% indicated that they "didn't know" in relation to this approach
- 4.5 The draft Strategy identified 3 Outcomes:
- 96% agreed that "better health" should be a key outcome of the strategy;
  - 91% agreed that "healthier and prosperous communities" should be a key outcome;
  - 70% agreed that "a more efficient and sustainable future provision" should be a key outcome.
- 41% felt that there were outcomes missing and these are considered further in the Report of Consultation at Appendix 2.
- 4.6 There was strong agreement with the actions identified under the "better health" outcome:
- 97% agreed that our future generations should be inspired to adopt healthy active lifestyles
  - 96% agreed that the council should support and encourage the provision of more opportunities for more daily active recreation in our communities and work places;
  - 84% agreed with the provision of specialist interventions e.g. exercise referral, outreach work using physical activity.
- 4.7 There was agreement with the actions outlined under the "healthier and prosperous communities" outcome:
- 88% agreed that working with community sports clubs and their governing bodies to help our clubs become bigger and stronger
  - 60% agree with reviewing the commercial business case and options for a new or improved leisure attraction in the south west of the county borough (17% don't know).

4.8 There was also agreement with the actions identified under the outcome “a more efficient and financially sustainable future provision”:

- 94% agree with maximising the use of all our community amenities and the local environment
- 54% agree with maximising use of assets through co-locations, invest to save models and aim to reduce subsidy levels at our strategic leisure centres to between £1 and £1.20 per user (16% don't know)
- 74% agree with creating more sustainable facilities by improving schools use agreements and investment in more attractive strategic facilities
- 63% agree with focussing our unique and essential role on providing specialist interventions in communities (20% don't know)
- 87% agree with motivating young people - commissioning and supporting our schools to provide the right learning environment that is also available for community activity at appropriate times
- 70% agree that where there is a business case, we will invest in key, strategic facilities (17% don't know)
- 89% agreed that the council should ensure that strategic facilities directly operated by us receive the level of regular investment required to ensure that equipment and facilities are safe, functional, modern and inspirational.

4.9 In the *What Needs to be Done* section of the draft Strategy there was agreement with all the actions detailed under Corporate Policy with one exception:

- 97% agreed Sport and active recreation makes a significant contribution to achieve healthy lifestyles, education, economy and regeneration across the County borough.
- 58% disagreed that it is no longer feasible for the Council to provide the 'same service for all' whilst only 25% agreed with this statement and a further 17% indicated that they “don't know”.
- 89% agreed that the Council should work with others to make the best use of all available opportunities, facilities, funding and people.
- 92% agreed that the Council should make better and more innovative use of the widest possible range of indoor and outdoor physical activity spaces across all communities.
- 77% agreed that the Council should follow a joint sport and active recreation and schools strategy to include a new robust joint use agreement with schools.

4.10 In relation to the Facilities section of the draft Strategy:

- 58% agreed with adopting the Welsh Government and Sport Wales Facilities Blueprint for Sport and Active Recreation.
- 50% agreed with adopting a decision making matrix for determining the provision of strategic Leisure facilities that are directly managed by the Sport and Leisure Service. 17% disagreed and 33% said they “don't know”.
- 69% agreed that the Council should seek clarity on the future swimming entitlement along with supporting the rationale for a sustainable programme of aquatic delivery also informing the need for future aquatic facilities.
- 90% agreed that the Council should develop a plan to enhance and maximise the impact of outdoor spaces, playing fields, parks and informal recreational spaces.
- 81% agreed with maximising the use of 3G facilities for school, community and weekend competitive use alongside the grass pitch network.
- 52% felt the impact of rationalising leisure facilities would be negative.

4.11 There was strong agreement that outreach intervention programmes should continue:

- 95% agreed that the Council should continue to collaborate with schools to motivate children and young people to adopt and continue healthy active lifestyles.

- 95% agreed that the Council should continue to provide targeted support to help keep older people involved and active in local communities.
- 88% agreed that the Council should continue to encourage and support federations of clubs sharing resources.
- 81% agreed that the Council should continue to provide specialist interventions to reach targeted audiences where there is evidence of need and no other alternative provider.
- 82% agreed that the Council should continue to lead the regional Active Gwent collaboration programme to increase participation in sport and physical activity in a way that has the greatest impact in Caerphilly.

- 4.12 After the public consultation on the draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy a petition was presented at Council on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 by Councillor Kevin Etheridge with 5343 signatories to: *Action against possible closure of Cefn Fforest and Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre.*
- 4.13 The consultation results provide broad support for the draft Strategy and its 10 year Vision, the Key Outcomes within it, and the proposed actions that underpin it. As indicated in 4.3 above a high proportion of respondents are regular users of leisure centres. 52% of respondents felt that rationalising leisure centres would have a negative impact. The potential for some negative impacts on some groups should facilities close has been recognised as detailed in the Equalities Impact Assessment attached at Appendix 3 and steps will be taken to mitigate those. As well as the petition referenced in the preceding paragraph a number of responses to the public consultation specifically referenced concerns around the potential closure of two facilities, Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre and Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre. Clearly there is a body of respondents who have focussed on these two facilities which has not played out across the rest of the county borough in relation to other facilities. The Sport and Active Recreation Strategy sets out a long term, countywide approach and as mentioned there is broad support for that.
- 4.14 The draft Strategy proposes adoption of the Welsh Government and Sport Wales 'Facilities for Future Generations' blueprint for Sport and Active Recreation together with a decision making matrix for determining the provision of strategic leisure facilities that are directly managed by the Sport and Leisure Service. This means that over the 10 year life of the Strategy the Council intends to invest in 4 high class strategic multi-functional facilities, meaning that some other sites may close or be managed by others. During the course of the consultation an expression of interest was received from a third party interested in taking over the management of Cefn Fforest Leisure Centre. The Council is acutely aware of concerns regarding any potential loss of facilities and will give careful consideration to opportunities for alternative provision before any facilities are withdrawn. Decisions on each will be the subject of separate reports and a specific decision making process as the Authority evolves to the new model of provision over the lifetime of the Strategy.
- 4.15 The draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29 sets out a future purpose and direction for the provision of sport and active recreation in Caerphilly County Borough - it establishes the key principles and vision which will inform future decisions and actions over the next 10 years. For the purposes of the draft Strategy (Appendix 1) and this report sport and active recreation is defined as the range of sport and physical activity opportunities provided by Caerphilly County Borough Council in conjunction with our key partners.
- 4.16 The benefits of leading a physically active lifestyle for our residents are well documented and, acknowledging the current financial climate within which local authorities operate, a clear strategic direction is essential. The draft Strategy recognises the multiple challenges of poor levels of health, particularly in certain areas of the County; reducing budgets; the large number of facilities across the County and the deteriorating quality of our older buildings; and increasing population and consumer demand. The Council does not have a statutory responsibility to provide most of our current sport and active recreation services. This discretionary provision, the maintenance of our facilities and services, has to be measured against their positive impact on our corporate priorities of health, regeneration, education, and future affordability.

4.17 The support for the draft Strategy received through the consultation is welcomed. The draft Strategy at Appendix 1 has been the subject of minor amendments in the light of the responses and feedback received through the course of the consultation process. More significant amendments have been made as a result of specific representations received and more detail on these is provided in the Report of Consultation at Appendix 2; in summary, after their consideration, the following changes have been made:

- Text added to confirm that wellbeing includes physical and mental health.
- Text added to confirm that careful consideration will be given to opportunities for alternative provision before any facilities are withdrawn.
- Additional text to confirm the linkages to the Caerphilly Public Services Boards Wellbeing Plan, *The Caerphilly We Want*, across a number of the Wellbeing Plan Action Areas.
- Action added to the Healthier and Prosperous Communities Outcome in relation to pre-school activity.
- Text added to recognise the opportunity to link delivery of this Strategy with the proposed Green Infrastructure Strategy.
- Reference to Active Travel expanded to strengthen the linkages and highlight the significant infrastructure that exists across the county borough.

## 5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 The issues outlined in this report make a contribution across the seven well-being goals, but in particular to the following areas:

1. **A healthier Wales:** There is significant evidence to support the view that undertaking an active lifestyle has significant benefits in terms of reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease along with positive impacts upon mental health and body weight control. The role of community centres is significant in terms of supporting the integration of physical activity into everyday lifestyles.
2. **A prosperous Wales:** There is significant evidence of the essential role that sport and physical activity plays in regenerating communities, raising aspirations and making them a more attractive place to live, work and visit.
3. **A Wales of cohesive communities:** Caerphilly County Borough Council has communicated a vision to place its facilities at the heart of the community, ensuring it is effectively placed to deliver a well-connected, socially inclusive hub.
4. **A globally responsible Wales:** There is significant evidence to support the positive impact that leading a healthy, physically active lifestyle has upon the economic, social and cultural well-being of Welsh residents.
5. **A more equal Wales:** There is significant evidence to support the positive role that engaging in community activity can play in supporting people to fulfil their potential from both an educational and socio economic perspective.

5.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out the sustainable development principle against which all public bodies in Wales should assess their decision-making. The aim of the legislation is to ensure the well-being of future generations through maximising the contribution public bodies make towards the well-being goals. In using the sustainable development principle it is incumbent that the authority considers the whole of the population it serves and considers the effect of its actions on future generations. The principle, also known as the five ways of working is assessed as follows:

- **LONG TERM** - The existing Sport and Leisure Services estate across the whole of the authority is not sustainable in the long term due to cuts in the revenue available to the local authority. Securing the provision of sport and active recreation services now and in the future requires that difficult decisions have to be made that balance short term

considerations against long term sustainability. The current financial climate means that it is not possible to continue subsidising all existing provision and so decisions must be taken now to secure a sustainable sports and leisure service for future generations.

- **INVOLVEMENT** - An extensive consultation was undertaken with a broad range of stakeholders. Inevitably residents will wish to see as many local authority services as close to their homes as possible, and this view would be held by all communities within the county borough.
- **PREVENTION** - The promotion of health and well-being now, prevents need in the future and reduces demand on public services. In preparing the proposed vision and strategic direction we have sought to maintain sports and leisure services accessibility for the community as far as is practicable and affordable.
- **COLLABORATION** - Sport and Leisure Services currently collaborates with a range of partners both locally and regionally to develop services that support increased opportunity and engagement.
- **INTEGRATION** - Sport and Leisure Services have considered how the proposed vision and strategic direction may impact on the well-being goals and in so doing have been mindful of the requirement to provide a holistic sports and leisure offer that is still accessible across the county borough utilising all available resources.

## 6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been prepared at this consultation stage in accordance with the Authority's Strategic Equality Plan 2016-2020 and is included at Appendix 3. The potential for some negative impacts has been identified associated with mobility issues for some groups with protected characteristics should some leisure facilities close. However, the proposal to focus on 4 strategic leisure facilities accessible by public transport will ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, geographic coverage across the county borough. There is no statutory requirement for the Council to provide these facilities and this represents a fair and just allocation of resources that will deliver continued sport and leisure provision into the future for the benefit of all. The new model of service delivery will evolve over the 10 year lifetime of the Strategy and careful consideration will be given to opportunities for alternative provision before any facilities are withdrawn.
- 6.2 Actions are proposed to mitigate some potential negative impacts that have been identified and these potential impacts are outweighed by the overall benefits of ensuring sustainable sport and active recreation provision across the county borough. The consultation exercise has been used to strengthen our understanding of any potential positive or negative impacts and the Equality Impact Assessment has been revised as a result.
- 6.3 The proposal supports Strategic Equality Objective 3: Improving Physical Access, Strategic Equality Objective 5: Inclusive Engagement and Participation, Strategic Equality Objective 6: Compliance with the Welsh Language Standards, and Strategic Equality Objective 7: Supporting Age-friendly Communities.

## 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications at this stage. Should the Strategy be formally adopted then proposed actions will be the subject of separate reports over the 10 year course of the Strategy that will include detailed financial implications. Any decisions will be dependent on the availability of funding and the approval of a robust business case.
- 7.2 The cost of delivering the services identified within the draft Strategy are set out in greater detail in the document, however the table below provides an overview of the net cost of each:

Service Area	Net cost
Leisure Centres	£1,928,047 (inc £213,300 Free Swim Initiative grant)
Community Centres	£358,855
Property Services – Statutory Maintenance at Leisure Centres	£20,000 in 2017/18
Sports Development	
• Caerphilly Adventures	£143,091
• National Exercise Referral	£174,677 (Grant Funded)
• Sports Development	£430,200 (Grant Funded)
Central Leisure Costs	£666,034
Outdoor and Green Spaces	£4,458,662

It should be noted that the above reflects current budgets which will need to reduce as a consequence of the ongoing public sector austerity.

- 7.3 It is noted that the largest investment by the authority is the built infrastructure, in particular the network of leisure centres. The majority of facilities as stated earlier were built in the late 1960s/early 1970s. Buildings of this age are traditionally not energy efficient, despite investments in various Local Authority Energy Finance projects and are also subject to a significant outstanding maintenance liability.
- 7.4 The last service wide condition surveys undertaken on the leisure centre portfolio was in 2012 which identified circa £3 million of category 1, 2 and 3 requirements. Whilst there has been investment in addressing, particularly category 1 aspects, it should be noted that it is likely this cost pressure will increase upon completion of updated condition surveys. There is currently no budget or capital set aside for the £3 million backlog. In 2013/2014, £395,000 of Leisure Centre revenue budget was transferred to Property Services for building maintenance and there is a potential saving if the condition of the stock could be improved. There is the potential for capital receipts if rationalisation of facilities is adopted, which would generate funds that could be reinvested in sport and active recreation.
- 7.5 A key aspiration of the draft Strategy is the requirement to address the position in respect of Caerphilly Leisure Centre. It has been clearly identified that the south west of the county borough will experience a significant population growth over the strategy timeline. This growth provides an opportunity to develop a Level 3 style facility that supports the authority's aim of Caerphilly as a tourist destination.
- 7.6 Proposals developed by Sport and Leisure Services in partnership with Alliance Leisure in 2017 identified four options to address Caerphilly Leisure Centre, namely:-
1. Do nothing and continue to subsidise at present values
  2. Refurbishment Option 1 – Circa £5.188m
  3. Refurbishment Option 2 – Circa £8.915m
  4. New Build Option – Circa £13-15m

However, it should be noted these costs would be subject to construction industry inflation given that they are some 12 months old. Any decision to progress refurbishment or new build would be dependent on the availability of funding and the approval of a robust business case.

- 7.7 The Strategy also identifies the need for a capital budget (of circa £200k per annum) for replacement of key equipment at the directly managed strategic sites.

## 8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no personnel implications at this stage; however should the strategy be formally adopted then due consideration will be required to establish future resource requirements.



## 9. CONSULTATION

9.1 The draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy was promoted and to launch the consultation a 2 minute video was produced. The video explained the key points of the strategy as well as identifying current financial challenges. 135,809 individuals were reached via social media with 7,242 likes, shares and comments and 250 consultation link clicks. The draft Strategy was subject to the following consultation process:

TIMESCALES	ACTIVITY
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre consultation - Members Seminar
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	10 week public and stakeholder consultation period
Mid June	Newsline signposting to consultation
At outset of consultation period and follow up	NewsOnline Promotion
At outset of consultation period and follow up	Press activity + social media – Facebook and Twitter
For 10 week consultation period	Website – banner on front page Online survey (SNAP).
For 10 week consultation period	Posters in public facing Council venues and paper versions of survey available from leisure centres, main public facing council buildings and other venues impacted – community centres, country parks and schools
During 10 week consultation period	Surgery/drop in sessions to be held at key locations across the borough - promoted using above tools
At outset of 10 week consultation period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct correspondence with groups as outlined in the Consultation and Monitoring Guidance document covering protected characteristics. This may be via e-mail or letter or face to face with groups as appropriate</li> <li>• Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Youth forum</li> <li>– 50+ forum</li> <li>– Age Cymru</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Disability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Deafblind.org,</li> <li>– RNIB Cymru,</li> <li>– Action Hearing Loss Cymru,</li> <li>– BDA,</li> <li>– Disability Can Do,</li> <li>– Caerphilly County Borough Access Group,</li> <li>– Caerphilly People First,</li> <li>– Disability Sports Wales,</li> <li>– Caerphilly Borough Mind</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pregnancy and Maternity – general consultation</li> <li>• Race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Gwent Education Multi-Ethnic Service (GEMS)</li> <li>– Race Equality Council,</li> <li>– SEWREC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Religion or Belief – general consultation</li> <li>• Sex – general consultation</li> <li>• Sexual orientation and gender reassignment</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Umbrella Cymru</li> <li>- LGBTQ+ youth group,</li> <li>- Stonewall Cymru</li> <li>• Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Menter Iaith,</li> <li>- Welsh Language Forum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
At outset of 10 week consultation period	<p>Direct correspondence with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All smart card users (for leisure centres)</li> <li>• Sports and clubs across the county borough</li> <li>• All groups who use leisure facilities for any other activities</li> <li>• Community centre secretaries and all groups who use community centres currently</li> <li>• All groups who use tourism venues for active recreation.</li> </ul>
At outset of 10 week consultation period	<p>Direct correspondence with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All local Councillors</li> <li>• All town and community councils</li> <li>• WLGA</li> <li>• Dragons Rugby</li> <li>• Coleg-y-Cymoedd</li> <li>• Future Generations Commissioner</li> <li>• Older People's Commissioner</li> <li>• Children's Commissioner</li> <li>• Welsh Language Commissioner</li> <li>• Equalities and Human Rights Commission</li> <li>• Local Assembly Members</li> <li>• Local Members of Parliament</li> <li>• Partner organisations through the Public Services Board and Standing Conference members</li> <li>• Voluntary sector through GAVO</li> <li>• All schools via head teachers</li> <li>• Further and Higher Education Colleges</li> <li>• Business forum</li> <li>• All private sector leisure providers within the county borough</li> <li>• Neighbouring local authorities whose provision may be impacted</li> <li>• Welsh Athletics</li> <li>• Sport Wales</li> </ul>

9.2 711 responses were received to the consultation questionnaire with a further 20 written responses also being received. The full report of the consultation responses is available at [www.caerphilly.gov.uk](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk).

9.3 This report has been sent to the consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

## 10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Scrutiny Committee consider the public consultation responses and make any recommendations on the updated draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29 prior to presentation to Cabinet for consideration.

## 11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 To set out to all stakeholders the strategic vision for the delivery of sport and active recreation services within the county borough.

## 12. STATUTORY POWER

### 12.1 Local Government Act 1972.

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Background Papers: 'Strategic Review of Leisure Facilities' report to Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

'Review of Existing Formal Recreation and Leisure Facilities' report to Cabinet 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Wales Audit Office Report 'Review of the development of a sport and leisure strategy – Caerphilly County Borough Council' May 2016.

'Draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-29' report to Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee 26<sup>th</sup> June and Cabinet 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2019-2029

Appendix 2: Report of Consultation

Appendix 3: Equality Impact Assessment