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### **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 That Members acknowledge the findings of the Derbyshire Participation Survey and approve the proposed actions for utilising this report in the work of the Councils leisure development and leisure facilities services.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To inform Members of the findings of the Derbyshire Participation Survey and how this information can be utilised to further develop the sporting infrastructure of the District.

### **3.0 Detail**

3.1 Derbyshire And the Peak Park Sport and Recreation Forum recently commissioned Knight, Kavanagh and Page Consultancy (KKP) to under take a survey into young peoples participation in sport and their attitude towards sport across Derbyshire.

3.2 The research was carried out in June 2001 in each district and Derby City so there could be a comparison with the whole of Derbyshire.

3.3 KKP selected nine primary schools to nominate a class in each year group 2 – 6, to take the questionnaire home, complete with parents support and return it to school. All year nine pupils in each state secondary school completed the questionnaire in lesson time. Also, three of the secondary schools had to randomly select a class in each of the other years to give a broad cross section of the pupils attending each school.

3.4 The young people were asked a range of questions, including:

- i) The frequency they participate in sport in and out of school
- ii) The types of activities they participate in and out of curriculum
- iii) Whether they were members of any sports clubs
- iv) Reasons why they do not participate in sport
- v) Their attitude to sport and how sport affects their lives.

3.5 The main findings relevant to this Committee are: (a number of graphs are provided as Annexe No. 1 to this report)

The vast majority of young people have regularly participated in an activity in lesson time. There is virtually no difference in participation levels between primary and secondary school children. Boys have a significantly higher level of frequency participation than girls do.

Four/ fifths of secondary schools pupils receive two or more hours of PE a week. The level is even higher in Key Stage 4, suggesting that secondary schools are on course to meet the aims of the Government's Sports Strategy "A Sporting Future" to provide a minimum of 2 hours PE per week to all pupils.

More primary school children regularly participate in out of school activities compared to the secondary school children.

Participation in team and racquet games remains popular outside of school. Other popular activities include swimming, outdoor activities (cycling, walking and roller blading) and dance/skating.

Just over half of the young people belong to a sports club. However there is significance difference in membership with more boys being members than girls.

Young people in the District are much more likely to have visited a leisure centre in the previous weeks to the questionnaire than those in the rest of the County. With almost 80% being aware of Green Bank Leisure Centre.

The most common reasons for not participating in sport are, the lack of facilities, cost and not having anyone to go with. The last factor is likely to be more important for girls than boys.

A large number of young people felt fitter and healthier when doing sport and exercise. Also they do not like playing sport with people who cheat, or who break the rules to win.

The proportion of young people who rated themselves as poor/non swimmers is very low at both primary and secondary level.

3.6 The results are a valuable baseline in to help in the planning of sports development and facility provision as well as for measuring the effectiveness of such work in future years.

3.7 Officers having considered the survey findings propose the following actions:

Sporting opportunities will continue to be developed and promoted with the emphasis being on strengthening school-club links.

Clubs will be encouraged to establish more junior sections. Priority clubs through the Active Sport programme have already been identified and action plans have been developed to assist them to establish or strengthen junior sections. Clubs will be encouraged to work towards the new "Club Mark" accreditation scheme.

People who work on out of school activities or connected to sports clubs must have a flexible approach to young people to ensure they feel comfortable in the sporting environment. This will ensure young people will have an enjoyable experience of sport and encourage continued participation.

Through the Active Sport Club and Coach Forum that has recently been established, examples of good practice will be shared with other clubs.

Sporting opportunities will be marketed to young people by extending the range of communication to include websites

The marketing budget for Etwall Leisure Centre to be increased in order to target new residents in Hilton.

3.8 The Survey results and the above actions will be taken into account in the development of the South Derbyshire Sports Development Strategy.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no increased financial implications arising from the Participation Survey. The actions will be financed from existing budgetary provision and the acquisition of external funding from Lottery Sports Fund and other sources.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 The information gained from the Survey will help sports development and facility management work be more effective and contribute towards

the Corporate objective of 'promoting the health and welfare of all sections of the community, including access to leisure and cultural

## **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 Sport plays a very important role in the society, contributing to improved health, reduced crime and anti-social behaviour, increased community spirit and empowerment and citizenship. The continued promotion and development of sport in the District will help achieve these important elements and improve quality of life of local people.

## **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 The Derbyshire Participation Survey provides a valuable insight into the sporting profiles of young people and will enable future work to be measured and amended. The Survey also shows that in many cases the young people of South Derbyshire are involved in sport more than the average Derbyshire young person and this is in no small part due to the role played by teachers, coaches, volunteers and local authority staff in the District.

## **8.0 Background Papers**

- 8.1 Derbyshire Peak Park Sport and Recreation Forum Participation Survey