

CULTURE COMMITTEE CC 02-03 (p1)

Date: 22nd January 2003

Time: 9.00am-12.30pm

Venue: National Assembly for Wales

POLICY REVIEW OF PARTICIPATION IN SPORT – REVIEW OF MAIN THEMES

Introduction

The Committee has completed the information gathering phase of the policy review of participation in sport. The Secretariat has marshalled the information received in the attached papers for Members' consideration.

- Paper P2 summarises, for each of the main themes, the points raised during the written consultation and during oral presentations to Committee.
- Paper P3 provides an overview of research and other documentary information which is available across the main themes of the review.

At its last meeting the Committee received a presentation on the Cabinet Office report on sport and physical which included a chapter on participation (summary of chapter 4 attached at annex 1). Although the Cabinet Office report relates to England, much of the analysis of barriers to participation will be of equal relevance to Wales. The Committee will wish to consider whether there are any areas of the report where particular circumstances in Wales mean that a different approach will be needed (for example the Welsh Assembly Government has already produced the Healthy Active Lifestyles action plan which is relevant to the Cabinet Office's work on participation and health).

Issues

Members are invited to:

- Consider whether there are any areas where they feel more information should be obtained before the Committee begins discussing the contents of its report to plenary;
- Confirm that the committee report should focus on increasing participation in sport by the

following target groups: women and girls; young people; ethnic minorities; disabled people; older people; socially disadvantaged groups;

- Consider the extent to which the Assembly's approach to promoting participation should mirror the approaches being proposed by the Cabinet Office;
- Discuss whether there are any points which should have a particular priority for action or on which specific recommendations should be made.

In the light of the Committee's discussions, the Secretariat will produce a "heads of report" paper setting out the main points to be included in the draft committee report.

Members' Research and Committee Services

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