

**Select Committee on Good Health – 17 November 2005**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Health Impact Assessment of the Closure of Brierley Hill Leisure Centre**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To report the findings of the Health Impact Assessment undertaken in respect of the proposed closure of Brierley Hill Leisure Centre that was requested by the Select Committee on Good Health.

**Background**

2. The Select Committee on Good Health convened a special meeting on 6 October 2004 to review the decision of the Executive on 8 September 2004 to recommend the closure of Brierley Hill Leisure Centre.
3. The Select Committee posed a series of questions to the Lead Member for Culture and Recreation and the Assistant Director for Culture and Community Services in relation to the proposed closure and the background to it.
4. In particular the Select Committee enquired whether a health impact assessment of the closure proposal had been undertaken, which at that time had not been completed it was agreed that the Primary Care Trusts would lead on this piece of work and that the findings would be reported back to the Select Committee when the study was complete.
5. The NHS Health Development Agency sets a framework for health impact assessments and this document provided the basis through which this work was undertaken by an inter-agency group and its findings and recommendations are incorporated in the report attached at Appendix 1 for the Select Committee's consideration.
6. Officers from both the PCT and the Council will be in attendance at the meeting to give Members a brief presentation on the Health Impact Assessment, its findings and recommendations.

## **Finance**

7. There are no direct financial implications from this report. However it has to be borne in mind that the recommendations within the health impact assessment do have financial implications and where possible these have been detailed.

## **Law**

8. Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, empowers the Council to provide recreational facilities in its area.
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions under the 1976 Act.

## **Equality Impact**

10. The health impact assessment seeks to ensure that there is equality of access to opportunities for physical activity and sport for all sections of the community, not least those who are under-represented among users of traditional leisure facilities.

## **Recommendation**

11. That Members consider the content of the health impact assessment an comment accordingly, making recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation.



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## **List of Background Papers**

Meeting of Executive – 8 September 2005

Special Meeting of Select Committee on Good Health - 6 October 2005

NHS Health Development Agency – Introducing health impact assessment (HIA): Informing the decision-making process