1 Purpose of Report
   (a) To introduce the presentation from Northamptonshire Sport (N-Sport).
   (b) The presentation relates to the work this organisation does in the Borough in support of the Council’s priorities, particularly that of delivering efficient and responsive services.

2 Executive Summary
   Not applicable.

3 Appendices
   3.1 None.
   3.2 Copies of any slides will be provided to the Committee.

4 Proposed Action:
   4.1 The Committee is invited to:
   4.2 RESOLVE to note the presentation, and
   4.3 discuss issues relating to the work of Northamptonshire Sport and identify any matters they RECOMMEND be reported to relevant policy committees for their attention.

5 Background
   5.1 This presentation forms part of the general programme of review agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 10 May 2010.

6 Discussion
   6.1 N-Sport is a partnership of organisations that work together to provide opportunities for everyone to be able to access and participate in sport, physical activity and recreation.
   6.2 Organisations which form N-Sport include schools, sports clubs, local National Governing Bodies, Disability groups, NHS, Sport England, Schools, Universities & Colleges and all Local Authorities.
   6.3 The work of N-Sport is structured around the Northamptonshire Sport and Active Recreation Strategy and is coordinated by a Core Team whose role is to facilitate the work of the partnership.
   6.4 Northamptonshire Sport operates through a Partnership Group, Executive Board and Themed Strategy Groups.
The purpose of the Partnership Group is to provide a collective voice for the development of sport, physical activity and recreation in Northamptonshire. It is responsible for all policy and strategy, receives and approves the annual report and annual budget and monitors progress through key countywide KPIs and assesses the impact of the partnership.

The Executive Board is delegated authority by the Partnership Group to manage performance and operational matters, receive reports from the Thematic Strategy Groups, monitor performance of the core team of staff against quarterly targets set out in the Annual Delivery Plan and make recommendations to the Partnership Group for their approval.

The Thematic Strategy groups are multi-agency groups with responsibility for implementing each of the 10 frameworks in this strategy. These frameworks are:

1. Increasing the participation of children and young people in sport and active recreation.
2. Reducing the drop off in participation in sport and active recreation in the 16-24 age group.
3. Increasing adult participation in sport and active recreation.
4. Developing coaches and the coaching system.
5. Developing stronger sports clubs with more members.
6. Developing volunteers, officials and the paid workforce.
7. Improving talent identification and development.
8. Improving Disability sport.
9. Improving access to Sports Facilities and Open Spaces.
10. Maximising the legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

For additional information:


The presentation this evening will be given by Chris Holmes, Director of N-Sport and will focus on the work done by N-Sport in the Borough.
7 Legal Powers
7.1 The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 empower the Council to establish one or more overview and scrutiny committees. An overview and scrutiny committee of a local authority may invite persons other than Members or Officers of the authority to attend meetings of the committee.

8 Financial and Value For Money Implications
8.1 There are no such implications arising directly from this report. However, effective overview and scrutiny is one of the means by which the Council secures effective use of its resources.

9 Risk Analysis
Normally a risk table is completed for any report setting out a proposed course of action that entails risks at the outset of the project or if the risks change along the way.

This is not relevant here so the table has not been completed.

10 Implications for Resources
10.1 There are no such implications arising directly from this report other than Officer time required to prepare any reports that might be needed to policy committees as a result of the Committee’s findings.

11 Implications for Stronger and Safer Communities
11.1 There are no such implications arising directly from this report. However, effective overview and scrutiny is one of the means by which the Council secures improvements in the discharge of its functions that contribute to making its community stronger and safer.

12 Implications for Equalities
12.1 Local scrutiny of public services improves the ability of the Council to ensure equalities issues affecting the local community are taken into account by other public service providers.

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14 Consultees
None.

15 Background Papers
None.