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REPORT FROM:	Director of Community Services	OPEN	
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SUBJECT:	Local Sports Network	REF:	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All wards	TERMS OF REFERENCE:	HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members support the development of the Local Sports Network.

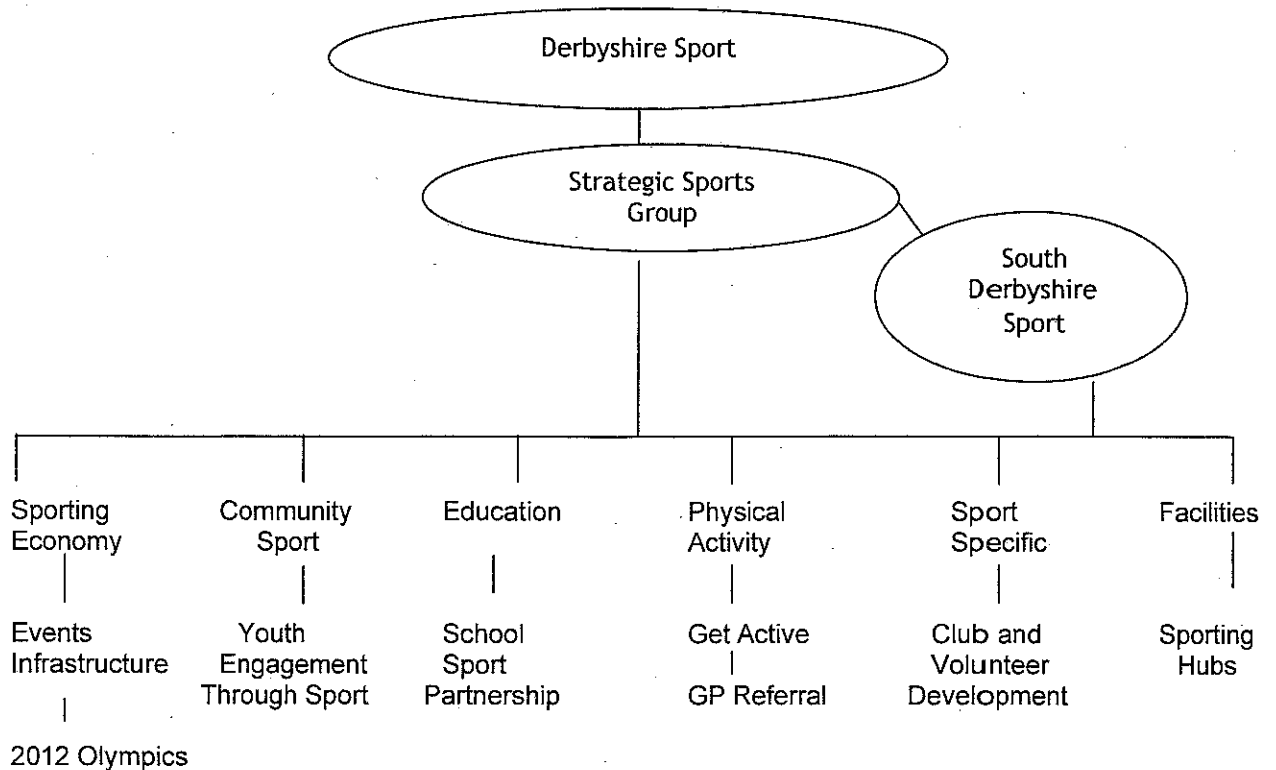
2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The report informs Members of the changes to the delivery of sport in South Derbyshire and seeks their support for the establishment of the Local Sports Network, which will take sport forward in the future.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In recent years the role of sports development has changed, the importance of sport is now recognised by Government as a key driver for achieving its target of an active and healthy population by 2020. The Government and its partners have invested significant amounts of new funding into School Sports Partnerships, Country Sports Partnerships and the Community Sports Coach Scheme.
- 3.3 South Derbyshire has now benefited from all of these, Granville School being the base for the District School Sports Partnership Manager, Derbyshire Sport being the new County Partnership, and the District Council hosting the appointment of a Community Sports Coach.
- 3.4 Consequently the role of Sports Development Officer has also evolved. Originally the post was geared towards running coaching courses and raising the profile of sport. It then moved into establishing the links between schools and clubs and the training of new coaches. More recently the strategic work of developing a sustainable schools sports network and a workforce of volunteer coaches and sports leaders has become important.
- 3.5 Now that the School Sport Partnership is working to develop the club school links, the opportunity to formalise and develop the local sports network is achievable.

- 3.6 This concept is one which the Department of Culture, Sport and Media and Sport England is supporting and the networks will receive funding from the County Sports Partnership.
- 3.7 In South Derbyshire we are well on the way to developing the Local Sports Network and is illustrated below



- 3.8 The key to the success of the local sports network is the working of the Strategic Sports Group. This Group contains representatives of bodies who have an interest in sport, recreation and physical activity, including District Council, County Sports Partnership, Schools, School Sport Partnership, Police, PCT, Youth Service, Facilities, Private Sector and Voluntary Sports Club.
- 3.9 The Group is chaired by the Vice Chair of this Committee and once constituted will be able to draw down funding from the County Sports Partnership.
- 3.10 In terms of delivery an accountable officer will be allocated the role of being responsible for each of the six themes. The initial allocation for these would see sporting economy, community sport, sport specific and facilities being taken by officers from the Leisure and Community Development Division, the School Sport Partnership Manager taking Education and Physical Activity ideally being the PCT.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The development of the Local Sports Network and associated area of work will be crucial to the Council achieving a good score in the CPA assessment.
- 5.2 It also contributes significantly to the Corporate Priorities of reducing crime and antisocial behaviour and the development of leisure opportunities.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The development of a local Sports Network and increased participation opportunities will significantly benefit the health and other quality of life issues of the local community.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 South Derbyshire has led the way in the County in terms of sports development and the establishment of a Strategic Sports Group. This proposal will provide the foundation for the local sports network and start to attract the funding which will be made available.

