

**UPDATE FROM CABINET TO HEALTH, WELLBEING & PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

**Submitted by:** Cabinet

**Portfolio:** All

**Wards affected:** All

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide a response to the Scrutiny Committee on items previously raised by Committee Members at the last meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**Recommendation**

**That the responses from Cabinet be received and noted.**

**1. Presentation – Monkey Dust**

- 1.1 That the Cabinet Member responsible writes to the Minister at the Home Office, responsible for drug classification, to ask that Monkey Dust be classified as Category A, and that a copy be sent to the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Crime.

**Response from Cabinet:**

**The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing has submitted a letter to the Home Office, seeking consideration of reclassification of Monkey Dust. Currently the Cabinet Member is still awaiting a response from the Home Office.**

**2. Feedback from the Active Lives Survey**

- 2.1 That Cabinet be requested to look at the link between obesity and deprivation by Ward and, together with partner organisations, be recommended to co-ordinate the development of a Borough-wide strategy to improve take up of school sport and physical activity opportunities by young people.

**Response from Cabinet:**

**The Active Lives Children’s Survey gives anyone working with children aged 5-16 key insight to help understand children’s attitudes and behaviours around sport and activity.**

**School children across England were asked to take part in this new survey, which sits at the heart of Sport England’s vision that everyone in England, regardless of their age, background and level of ability, should feel able to take part in sport and activity.**

**While not all schools were asked to take part in the survey this academic year, it is understood that schools will be asked to take part every three or four years. For the youngest pupils in Years 1 and 2, parents were also**

asked to fill out a questionnaire to give further information about their child's physical activity behaviours. Some schools are, therefore, asked to let parents know about this.

Whilst the survey is designed to be as easy for schools to administer as possible as it can be done at any point in the relevant term, depending on what works best for the school involved. The Council will be working with Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent and the Staffordshire Leisure and Cultural Officers Forum to ensure schools in the County are provided with everything they need, including templates for letters to parents, information sheets for teachers and pupils, and technical guidance.

It is felt that this approach will support obtaining a truer picture of the take up of sport and physical opportunities for children in the County and its districts and boroughs on which policy and strategy will be developed.