

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2011

BRIEFING NOTE PREPARED BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD BROOKES

THE OPERATION OF THE COVENTRY, SOLIHULL & WARWICKSHIRE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Agenda Item No. 9

Following the August O&S committee meeting, at which sports partnerships were reviewed, Cllr Brookes met with council officers Chris Charman and Manoj Sonecha in order to learn more about the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sports Partnership (CSW Sport) to which this council contributes.

The CSW Sport Partnership is made up of a range of partners including local authorities from across Warwickshire. Warwick District Council contributes an annual sum of £4100 to the partnership. In return we receive access to a range of services and funding streams to allow us to develop sport in the district. The partnership provides good value for money to Warwick District, for example in the last year the district has secured approximately £21,000 through working with CSW Sport on a range of different initiatives, for example : Sport Unlimited funding for schools and clubs, subsidised coach workshops for volunteers, coach bursaries for local coaches and physical activity grants for local projects.

It is estimated that approximately 10-15% of officer time is taken in working with the CSW Sport partnership on an annual basis on a range of projects and initiatives.

By contributing and working in partnership with CSW Sport, WDC has access to a body of sporting expertise and is kept informed of the latest initiatives and developments in the industry.