

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION**



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Date: 26/06/2020	Ref No: 208
Type of Operational Decision:	
Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Status: For approval	
Title/Subject matter: The re-mobilisation of Wheels for All Bury following subsequent operational amendments to service delivery and provision aiming for the re-opening of inclusive cycling at Clarence Park and Bury Athletics Track in August 2020	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision:	
(i) within an Approved Budget	Yes
(ii) in accordance with Council Policy	Yes
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	
No	

Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]:

From 17 March 2020 all Wheels for All activity was suspended by Cycling Projects on the instructions of Central Government as a nationwide control measure in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the latest government guidance many facilities associated with outdoor sports and physical activities can re-open, if those responsible for them feel ready to do so and if they can do so safely.

From June 1 the number of people from outside your household with whom you can meet to exercise outdoors was increased to groups of up to six people from different households, however social distancing guidelines must still be followed by keeping at least two metres apart from those outside their household. On Thursday 18 June British Cycling announced that they were immediately lifting the suspension on club and group activity and published guidance in a detailed plan - *The Way Forward* - for how to resume sanctioned cycling activities.

The Government advice for those shielding in England is also changing for people identified as clinically extremely vulnerable due to an underlying disease or health condition; from 6 July those people may meet in a group of up to 6 people outdoors, including people from different households, while maintaining strict social distancing; from 1 August the advice to 'shield' will be paused meaning that those people can go outside for exercise but should maintain strict social distancing.

Counting for one in five of our population, disabled people including those with long-term health conditions, are a significant audience to engage. But as the least active group in society, the health and well-being benefits of activity are particularly important.

Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, both those with a long term limiting disability and those without were moving more, however, the inactivity disability gap had increased to 19.6% in Bury, although this is lower than the GM gap of 21.4% (Active Lives Nov 18/19).

The report also provides more evidence on the wider benefits of playing sport and being physically active to mental health and loneliness. This applies to both the sports workforce and participants. Although patterns of activity levels during the ongoing pandemic and lockdown are not yet clear, there are risks that the unprecedented disruption on peoples sport and activity habits and behaviours could both halt the growth and deepen existing inequalities.

Cycling Projects are currently leading virtual meetings to discuss and share the steps Wheels for All providers are taking to stay safe whilst adapting programme delivery in new and innovative ways to re-open inclusive cycling activities. Inclusive cycling is just one example of how Bury's Live Well Service contributes to closing the unjust gap between disabled and non-disabled people's activity levels.

Anecdotally, the Principal Sports Development Officer, is aware that Wheels for All staff are keen to re-open and that the lengthy period of time away from the workplace is impacting on their own mental health and overall wellness.

The safety of both our workforce and participants has always been, and will continue to be a priority with the appropriate Safely Returning to Premises and Safely Returning to Work tools implemented for Wheels for All at both Clarence Park and at Bury Athletics Track in order to facilitate a safe re-opening of inclusive cycling activities in Bury.

The Live Well Service wish to seek agreement;


To direct the re-mobilisation of Wheels for All in accordance with Government, Public Health and NGB guidelines, whereby activity can resume at both Clarence Park and Bury Athletics Track with a phased approach from w/c 3 August

In preparation for the re-mobilisation of Wheels for All work is already underway to identify and agree appropriate amendments to working practice through a re-mobilisation checklist and risk assessment.

The challenges in respect of re-opening reside around bookings and payments, although options are currently being researched;

- to ensure all sessions are bookable in advance of attendance
- to ensure flexibility for payments with contactless or online payments

Wheels for All are currently supporting the Accessible Festival Virtual Edition and promoting #Active4AccessFest throughout July which will help to restart our social media campaign build up to re-opening.

Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director or Chief/Senior Officer		13/07/2020
Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member/Chair		
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where a Chief Officer considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**