Obesity Inquiry

Dear Aileen

The Health and Sport Committee in agreeing their work programme for the coming period determined to undertake a series of short focussed inquiries with a view to developing an early understanding across the remit.

In relation to obesity the Committee is aware of the route map towards healthy weight produced in February 2010 and the subsequent review undertaken by The Scottish Public Health Network in November 2015. That review concluded “it is likely that Scotland will see the development of some new policies and strategies as a result of this review” while noting various areas currently lacking including any “pillar” covering adults not in employment and other population groups.

To assist with this particular inquiry I would appreciate if you would provide an indication of any proposals to update current policy and in particular any proposals being considered to address the findings of the above review.

The Committee have also noted the 18 outcome indicators under the Active Legacy theme for the 2014 Commonwealth Games. At present, the data for many of the key indicators only appears to go up to 2013, although statements indicate “data for 2014 will be published in September 2015”. We would appreciate an update on when data for 2014 and 2015 will be published, and an assessment to date of the impact of the active legacy of the games.

It would be greatly appreciated if the above information could be supplied by 17 August.
Yours sincerely

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Convener of the Health and Sport Committee