



Subject:	Belfast Boxing Strategy Quarterly Update
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Belfast Boxing Strategy for January to March 2022 (Quarter 4).
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the Quarter 4 progress report and the impacts of Covid-19 restrictions on agreed KPIs
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Background</u> Council agreed, through the January 2018 Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, to

provide £200,000 to the Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ulster Branch (IABA) for delivery of an agreed annual action plan supporting the Belfast Boxing Strategy.

3.2 The IABA provided SP&R with a detailed breakdown of programmes to be delivered under six main areas: Salary – Development Officer and Coaches, Pathways, Events, Coach Education, Club Support, Governance.

3.3 Following this decision, the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly, with the most recent meetings held online due to Covid-19 and associated regulations. This Steering Group is chaired by the Director of Neighbourhood Services with Council Officers, IABA Officers and Officials and Co. Antrim Board Officials attending. Small variations to the budget spend across the six areas have been agreed to assist prioritisation in line with the agreed annual action plan.

Monitoring

3.4 The Leisure Development Unit works directly with IABA officials to verify reporting on performance and finance and provides detailed reports for discussion at the Steering Group.

Performance

3.5 Council agreed a total of 37 Indicators with IABA to monitor delivery of the programmes. IABA have complied with reporting requirements and their performance report for 22/22 Quarter 4 is attached at Appendix 1. As can be noted, achievement of targets have continued to be significantly impacted by Covid-19 regulations and restrictions as imposed by NI Executive. However as Covid Restrictions have been eased many previously deferred programmes have now taken place within Quarter 4. IABA have provided narrative against each of the KPIs to describe progress against each indicator and have advised that Covid restrictions to date have impacted on the realising of some of the targets at year end.

3.6 Much of the focus in terms of method of delivery has changed and a large number of participants have been able to avail of online training and workshops for both committee members and coaches, as well as delivering online workout sessions, supporting clubs with accreditation or reaccreditation, as well as with funding applications and providing ongoing advice and support.

3.7	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A total of £200,000 was available within the 2021-2022 financial year to support the Action Plan. Due to the impact of Covid Restrictions on the delivery of the programme the total budget expended for 2021–2022 was £168,568.86.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The strategy was equality screened in line with the Council’s equality process. The screening showed that there were potential adverse impacts on a number of groups including females and people with a disability and mitigating actions were added to the strategy. Members agreed that an equality screening be undertaken prior to a decision being made in relation to funding for 19/20. Officers have finalised this screening and the initial findings show that progress has been made in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups and this has been reported separately through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. The IABA has continued to target underrepresented groups during the delivery of the 21/22 programme and will continue to do so throughout the 22/23 programme with particular focus on the events, online activities and non-contact programme.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: IABA 2021-2022 Q4 Performance Report