



Subject:	Partner Agreements Update
Date:	9 August 2022
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Partner Agreements for April 2022 to June 2022.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the progress to date at Partner Agreement sites.
3.0	Main report
	Legal Agreements
3.1	Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below. The Agreements are for a period of 5 years with option to extend for up to a further two

years. The Department has extended all of the Agreements beyond the initial 5 year period and up to March 2023.

Location	Partner
Dixon Playing Fields	Sirocco Works FC
Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park	East Belfast FC
Woodlands Playing Fields	Co. Antrim Board GAA
Loughside Playing Fields	Loughside FC
Shore Road Playing Fields	Grove United FC
Orangefield Playing Fields	Bloomfield FC
Ulidia Playing Fields	Rosario FC

3.2 Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Health and Safety and Governance have been completed at all sites. The reporting documents were amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines. All partners are compliant on these matters.

Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans

3.3 Successful applicants submitted their plans in early 2022 to improve sports development outcomes at each site in the 2022 – 2023 financial year. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner to deliver a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer to all partners are based on approved sports development plans for the financial year. Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually which are aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year.

Monitoring

3.4 Given Covid19 restrictions the usual end of quarter monitoring meetings have not been held face to face with partners. However parks management and sports development have kept in contact via phone calls for updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance and their sports development plan. Regular meetings will now recommence with Park managers and a Sports Development Officer. Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners during these discussions to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.

Sports Development Impact

3.5 In line with Council objectives, the diversification of use and improved sports development impact are priorities at the partner agreement sites. Programme delivery has led to significant positive achievements across the sites despite the Covid19 restrictions.

The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by the 7 partners for Quarter 1 (April-June) 2022/23.

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A. Participation type	
1. Members of different codes	2135
2. People with a Disability	37
3. People from a minority ethnic background	1356
4. Females	1473
5. Older people	1435
6. Schools / youth organisations	21

B. Participation usage	
Number of full pitch/adult matches on site	232
Number of full pitch/adult match participations	5154
Number of small sided/youth matches on site	173
Number of youth match participations	6560
Number of training sessions held on site	1430
Number of training session participants	8733
Number of other bookings / activities on site	47
Number of other bookings/activity participants on site	1551

C. Partnership working	
1. Working with Belfast City Council	10
2. Sports Governing Bodies	16
3. Other teams / groups in your sport	12
4. Other teams / groups in different sports	7
5. Community / voluntary groups	5

	<p>D. Social value</p> <p>1. Young people at risk 1251</p> <p>2. Encourage participation of under- represented groups 2823</p> <p>3. Promote positive cross community relations 2718</p> <p>4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities 3305</p> <p>5. Promote Volunteering skills 47</p> <p>6. Develop skills that will improve employability 38</p>	
3.7	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.</p>	
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached	
	None	