



<b>Subject:</b>	Belfast Boxing Strategy 2023-2024 midyear update
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 7 November 2023
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of the Belfast Boxing Strategy for the period April to September 2023 (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2)
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to note the progress to date of the Belfast Boxing Strategy annual work plan for 2023/24</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>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. The current strategy was extended for one year from 31 March 2023 is scheduled to finish on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.</p>
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 and Governance.
3.3	Following this decision, the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly with the most recent meeting taking place via MS Teams on Thursday 26 October 2023. The Steering Group is chaired by the Neighbourhood Services Manager with council officers, IABA officers and officials and County Antrim Board officials attending. Small variations to the budget across the six areas have been agreed to assist prioritisation in line with the agreed annual action plan.
3.4	<p><u>Monitoring</u></p> <p>The Leisure Development Unit works directly with IABA officials to verify reporting on performance, vouching actual spend and provides detailed reports for discussion at the Steering Group.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Performance</u></p> <p>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 23/24 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 is at Appendix 1. IABA have provided a progress report against each</p>

	<p>indicator and have advised that they anticipate that all KPIs will be achieved by the end of 23/24</p>
3.6	<p><u>23/24 Action Plan</u></p> <p>Pending the development of the Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy, Committee agreed on 7 March 2023 to the extension of the Belfast Boxing Strategy and related work programme from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A total of £200,000 is available within the current financial year to support the current Action Plan. It is likely that the full budget will be expended.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality Impact/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.</p> <p>Officers finalised this screening and the findings continue to demonstrate that progress has been made in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups .</p> <p>The IABA continue to target underrepresented groups in its delivery of the 23/24 programme with particular focus on the events, club based sessions and the non-contact boxing programme.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: IABA 2023-2024 Quarter 1 and 2 Performance Report