



Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing Club
Date:	22 May 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing Club (CLABC) is based at the Council's Hammer Community Centre (Agnes Street, Belfast). The Boxing Club was established in 1981 and has been based in the Hammer Community Centre for approximately 13 years. Boxing is a popular sport in the Shankill area. CLABC caters for a broad age range: children to adults.
1.2	In March/April 1994 the Belfast Action Team (BAT) provided funding to Belfast City Council for the provision of a boxing ring. The boxing ring was for the use of all groups. The boxing ring is owned by Council and is included on the Community Centre inventory. Given the time which has elapsed we are unable to identify the amount of funding provided towards the purchase of the boxing ring. In June 1998 Council purchased a 16ft training boxing ring at at cost of £3,200.
1.3	Both rings are being used solely by CLABC. The CLABC have carried out all repairs as required at their own expense.
1.4	CLABC have requested a transfer of ownership of both boxing rings to their club. We are confident that there is currently no competing interest in the equipment from a local organisation. CLABC are the sole users of the equipment and utilise the equipment to support a local programme from Hammer Community Centre.
1.5	The Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO) have been contacted in order to verify that our information is correct and to take their advice on the position with regard to a transfer of equipment. BRO have verified that the boxing ring purchased for Council by BAT funding is subject to a claw back period of 7 years. As the purchase of the boxing ring took place 18 years ago, BRO would no longer have a contractual claim on the equipment and it could therefore be transferred to a third party. BRO are satisfied with the transfer if Belfast City Council is willing.

2	Key Issues
2.1	CLABC are the sole users of the equipment. The transfer of ownership would be cost effective for Council given the high maintenance costs which to date have been incurred by CLABC.
2.2	Legal advice from BCC Legal Services has been sought as follows;
2.3	'A district Council may assist by financial contribution <u>or otherwise</u> any person (which would include organisations whether corporate or unincorporated carrying on or proposing to carry on an undertaking otherwise than for profit) (Article 10) (1) (c). Also Articles 10 (1) (d) and 10 (1) (e) may be relevant to the subject matter.
2.4	Regarding equipment purchased with external funding such equipment could be transferred subject to the relevant funder's consent. In the current case the funder has rightly confirmed that it has no contractual claim on the equipment as the claw back period has expired'.
2.5	<p><u>Considerations</u>;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee approval is required as transfers of this nature are not covered within the scheme of delegation. - A form of transfer agreement would need to be put in place to include provision for continued maintenance. - Precedence has already been established.

3	Resource Implications
	Ongoing maintenance costs if the boxing rings are retained by council. If retained by BCC, there will be related expenditure required given one of the rings is in need of major maintenance to ensure it meets health and safety standards.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	No competing local interest

5	Recommendations
	<p>Members are requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the request to transfer ownership of the equipment to CLABC 2. Note that if approved, officers will work with BCC Legal Services to ensure a transfer agreement is established.

6	Decision Tracking
Yvonne Coyle to implement decision.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
CLABC – Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing Club BAT- Belfast Action Team BRO – Belfast Regeneration Office	