



Subject:	Partner Agreements
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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	In June 2015, Committee approved preferred partners for the seven partner agreement sites subject to acceptance of terms and conditions as set out by Council. At its meeting on 13 October 2015, Committee agreed a transition fund subject to approval of a business case. Monitoring arrangements have been put in place to ensure that Council assets are being used in accordance with the clubs' submissions and legal agreements.
1.2	This report is to provide an update on progress towards the implementation of Partner Agreements and transition support.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note progress to date at each site.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Legal Agreements Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below:

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

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The necessary Insurance, Child Protection and Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Governance checks have been completed. Legal agreements have been issued and returned for each of the sites.

3.3

Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans

Successful applicants submitted plans to improve sports development outcomes at each site. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum was available for each partner for delivery of a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Costings to deliver the programmes were returned for six of the sites.

Financial support has been approved at all sites with the exception of Woodlands Playing Fields. Officers are working closely with the partner and expect a costed plan to be returned imminently. Initial payments, based on approved expenditure, have been made at all other sites.

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Transition Funding

A fund to assist with the transition to new arrangements allows eligible expenditure up to a maximum of £10,000 for each partner during the first year of operation. Business cases have been submitted and assessed with a total amount of up to £65,000 being eligible for payment.

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Monitoring

Following signing of all Partner Agreements, quarterly monitoring meetings took place during the months of April and May. These meetings are attended by partner representatives, parks management and sports development, with updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, and sports development plan.

Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners at these meetings to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.

<p>3.6</p>	<p>Sports Development Impact</p> <p>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 seven sites.</p> <p>The table below indicates significant progress at the sites as reported by the partners up to end of April 2016. During the initial year of transition from the Facility Management Agreements there is clear evidence of growth in the level of diverse use and extensive partnership working.</p>	
	<p>A. Participation type</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of different codes 2. People with a Disability 3. People from a minority ethnic background 4. Females 5. Older people 6. Schools / youth organisations 	<p>Two additional activities</p> <p>75 people</p> <p>35 people</p> <p>270 people</p> <p>300</p> <p>8 schools</p>
	<p>B. Participation usage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matches held and numbers 2. Training sessions and numbers 3. Other bookings / activity details 	<p>1207 matches and 43,437 users</p> <p>50 training sessions and 4100 users</p> <p>200 at easter camps</p>
	<p>C. Partnership working</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with Belfast City Council 2. Sports Governing Bodies 3. Other teams / groups in your sport 4. Other teams / groups in different sports 5. Community / voluntary groups 	<p>None reported to date</p> <p>1 partner with governing body</p> <p>15 club and league partners</p> <p>2 clubs and 1 governing body</p> <p>None to date</p>
	<p>D. Social value</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young people at risk 2. Encourage participation of under-represented groups 3. Promote positive cross community relations 4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities 5. Promote Volunteering skills 6. Develop skills that will improve employability 	<p>3000 people</p> <p>None reported to date</p> <p>None reported to date</p> <p>None reported to date</p> <p>20 new volunteers engaged</p> <p>20 volunteers trained</p>
<p>Where no activity has been reported to date, either, no activity had been planned for that quarter, with the focus on other areas; <i>or</i>, improvement plans are now in place to ensure</p>		

3.7	<p>that targets are met and reported in this current quarter. For example, a lot of events for school children are planned for over the summer months which will have good relations and health as strong themes.</p> <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> <p>A total of £70,000 was provided for in the 2015 – 2016 revenue estimates to support transition to Partner Agreements.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
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4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	None