



<b>Subject:</b>	Partner Agreements
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Partner Agreements for January – March 2017.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note progress to date at each site.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<b>Legal Agreements</b> 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

3.2 Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Child Protection and Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Governance checks are being completed monthly at all of the 7 sites. All 7 of these partners have been confirmed as compliant on these matters.

### 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 is available for each partner for delivery of a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Financial support has been approved at all sites.

3.4 Full Quarter 4 payments and 80% of quarter 1 2017-18 payments have been made at 6 of the 7 sites. At the time of writing, payment of the final 20% Q4 and 80% Q1 2017-18 has not been made to the partner at Alderman Thomas Patton Memorial Park. The club has raised queries re bills for pitch usage, which must be remedied prior to payment. Audit checks on usage against bookings and programme delivered are in progress across all sites.

### **Implementation Funding for Transition Year**

3.5 Committee is reminded that at its meeting on 13 October 2015 it approved an Implementation Fund to assist partners in making the transition from Facility Management Agreements to Partner agreements during the first year of operation. An amount of £10,000 per site was set aside from Parks budgets to be allocated to Partners following submission of a costed Business Case. The following table indicates the amount of funding provided to partners at each site following approval of eligible expenditure.

Location	Spending Item (s)	Amount funded
Dixon PF	Caretaking, Cleaning	£7,488
Alderman Thomas	Caretaking, Groundsman, Cleaning	£8,730

Patton Memorial Park		
Woodlands PF	Caretaking	£10,000
Loughside PF	Caretaking	£1,440
Shore Road PF	Caretaking	£8,328
Orangefield PF	Caretaking	£10,000
Ulidia PF	Caretaking, Groundsman,	£10,000

**Monitoring**

3.6 End of quarter monitoring meetings took place during the month of April with the 7 partners. 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.

**Sports Development Impact**

3.7 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.

The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by the 7 partners for Quarter 4 (January – March 2017).

<b>A. Participation type</b>	
1. Members of different codes	555 people
2. People with a Disability	261 people
3. People from a minority ethnic background	1,730 people
4. Females	1,248 people
5. Older people	207 people

6. Schools / youth organisations	2,232 groups
<b>B. Participation usage</b>	
1. Matches held and numbers	500 matches and 22,062 users
2. Training sessions and numbers	141 training sessions and 7,218 users
3. Other bookings / activity details	58 bookings and 2,090 participants
<b>C. Partnership working</b>	
1. Working with Belfast City Council	All reported partnership working
2. Sports Governing Bodies	IFA, GAA, Cycling Ulster, Ulster Rugby
3. Other teams / groups in your sport	127 teams / groups
4. Other teams / groups in different sports	10 teams / groups
5. Community / voluntary groups	6 community groups
<b>D. Social value</b>	
1. Young people at risk	5,806 people
2. Encourage participation of under-represented groups	4,850 people
3. Promote positive cross community relations	4,904 people
4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities	7,187 people
5. Promote Volunteering skills	417 volunteers supported
6. Develop skills that will improve employability	253 volunteers trained

Financial & Resource Implications

3.8

A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

3.9	None.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None