



Subject:	Request from IABA for funding to implement Amateur Boxing Strategy
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Call-in	
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	The purpose of this report is to advise Members that a proposal has been received from the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and Co Antrim Boxing requesting £101,000 in funding per annum for the next 3-4 years to continue with the implementation of the Amateur Boxing Strategy for Belfast. The proposal is attached at Appendix 1.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• note the contents of the report.

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3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members will be aware that that the Council developed a 10 year amateur boxing strategy for the city in partnership with Co Antrim Boxing, Ulster Boxing Council (UBC), Sport Northern Ireland (SNI) and the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA). The final strategy including an action plan was agreed by the former Parks and Leisure Committee in March 2013. It was also agreed that £200,000 per annum would be allocated for 3 years for the implementation of Phase 1 of the strategy and this would include funding to put in place a Sports Development Officer (appointed in December 2013) and two community based coaches (appointed in April 2014). Due to the delay in appointing staff there was a significant underspend in Year 1 and this was used to finance the implementation of Year 4. The agreed financial support for the implementation of the Amateur Boxing Strategy came to an end on 31 st March 2017.
3.2	At its meeting in March 2017, this Committee agreed that 15% of the total Support for Sport fund for 17/18 (up to £24k) be allocated to support delivery of the Amateur Boxing Strategy. Officers are currently working with the IABA and Co Antrim Boxing to develop an action plan for this funding. Members also agreed that further work is undertaken to identify how funding can be established to support the remainder of the Boxing Strategy.
3.3	A notice of motion re Support for Amateur Boxing was brought to the March Council meeting. This was referred to the People and Communities Committee in March and the Committee agreed to review resources to support the Boxing Strategy and investigate temporary arrangements for the two Community based Coaches for a temporary period of three months. One of the Coaches has now left the Council having found alternative employment elsewhere and the other's contract has been extended to 30 June 2017.
3.4	Council officers have been working with the IABA and Co Antrim Boxing to identify potential funding sources but to date these have been limited to small funding streams. Therefore the IABA and Co Antrim Boxing have developed a proposal requesting additional financial support from the Council. The proposal is attached as appendix 1. The IABA and Co Antrim Boxing's proposal requests £101,000 per annum for the next 3-4 years.

3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The IABA and Co Antrim Boxing’s proposal requests £101,000 per annum for the next 3-4 years. There is currently no allocation in the department’s budget for this amount. It has already been agreed that 15% of the total Support for Sport fund for 17/18 (up to £24k) be allocated to support delivery of the Amateur Boxing Strategy.</p> <p>Members are asked to note that the Director of Finance and Resources has advised that the recurrent nature of this funding request means that it would have to be considered as part of the rate setting process for 2018/19.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.6	<p>The Amateur Boxing Strategy was equality screened in line with the Council’s process.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p> <p>Appendix 1a – IABA and Co Antrim proposal re additional funding (Appendix 4 of the proposal is attached as a separate document).</p> <p>Appendix 1b – IABA Strategy</p>