



Subject:	Partner Agreements Update
Date:	5 June 2018
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After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Partner Agreements for January – March 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note quarterly progress to date at Partner Agreement sites.
3.0	Main report
	Legal Agreements
3.1	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, Health and Safety and Governance have been completed monthly at 6 of the 7 sites (East Belfast FC at Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park and Sirocco FC at Dixon Park Quarterly meetings have not as yet been held owing to delays in quarterly returns). The reporting documents were amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines. 6 of the 7 partners have been confirmed as compliant on these matters. The Assistant Director, along with Legal Services and Sports Development recently met with Sirocco FC to highlight concerns over continued non-compliance with reporting deadlines and accuracy. Council has the right to terminate the Partner Agreement if the Partner fails to observe or perform any of the obligations, conditions or agreements on its part agreed in the Partner Agreement. The meeting with Sirocco FC resulted in an agreed plan of action to address compliance issues within a reasonable timeframe.

Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans

3.3 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. Letters of offer have been sent to all partners based on approved sports development plans in the current financial year. Full payments have been made to 5 of the 7 Partners in this Quarter. Payments have been withheld to Sirocco FC in respect of late returns of quarterly information (Financial and Performance) alongside Safeguarding returns. Payments have also been withheld to East Belfast FC as queries have been raised over usage of pitches without booking and payment.

3.4 Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually and these are being aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year. Sports Plans for 2018/19 have been received

from 6 of 7 Partners with exception of Sirocco FC. Letters of Offer have been issued for 2018/19 accordingly.

Monitoring

3.5 End of quarter monitoring meetings have been held with five partners. These meetings are attended by partner representatives, parks management and sports development, with updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance 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

3.6 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.

3.7 The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by all 6 of 7 partners (info from Sirocco FC incomplete) for Quarter 4 (January – March 2018).

A. Participation type	
1. Members of different codes	1,370 people
2. People with a Disability	143 people
3. People from a minority ethnic background	415 people
4. Females	924 people
5. Older people	1,601 people
6. Schools / youth organisations	12 groups
B. Participation usage	
Number of full pitch/adult matches on site	98 matches
Number of full pitch/adult match participations	3,716 users
Number of small sided/youth match bookings on site	136 bookings
Number of small sided/youth matches on site	147 matches
Number of youth match participations	6,032 users
Number of training sessions held on site	55 sessions
Number of training session participants	113 participants

	Number of other bookings / activities on site	10 bookings
	Number of other bookings / activity participants on site	820 participants
	C. Partnership working	
	1. Working with Belfast City Council	All reported partnership working
	2. Sports Governing Bodies	15
	3. Other teams / groups in your sport	35 teams / groups
	4. Other teams / groups in different sports	5 teams / groups
	5. Community / voluntary groups	8 community groups
	D. Social value	
	1. Young people at risk	6 programmes 540 people
	2. Encourage participation of under-represented groups	4 programme 105 people
	3. Promote positive cross community relations	2 programmes 50 people
	4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities	2 programme 870 people
	5. Promote Volunteering skills	68 volunteers supported
	6. Develop skills that will improve employability	3 programmes 30 volunteers trained
3.8	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.	
3.9	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None.	
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached	
	None	