



Subject:	The Front Row Union – Request to Present to Committee
Date:	9th October 2018
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	To consider a request from the Front Row Union to attend a meeting of the Committee to present on its work on the promotion and development of women in sport.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested; <ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider whether it would wish to invite Front Row Rugby to present at a future meeting.
3.0	Main report

3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>
	<p>The Front Row Union have sponsored the women's rugby game since 2010. It recently developed the website thefrontrowunion.com which heavily features women's rugby in Ireland at Under 18, Club and International level.</p>
3.2	<p>In addition, it has put together a development programme for young, elite women's players in Ulster where it offers the players financial support alongside sports therapy, sports equipment and individual training plans.</p>
3.3	<p>As a fully accredited media outlet, it also offers the players full training in sports photography and sports media which has proven highly rewarding and is an aspect that the Front Row Union would like to develop further.</p>
3.4	<p>Mr. John McMurtry, who runs the website, is seeking permission to attend a future meeting of the Committee to provide details on the Front Row Union's work in respect of the development of women's involvement in sport and its coverage of not only rugby but other sports.</p>
3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None