



Subject:	Partner Agreements Council Grass Pitches - Assessment of Applications
Date:	9 June 2015
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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
	<p>The Committee is reminded that at its meeting in February 2015 (refer to Appendix 1) the former Parks and Leisure Committee considered the key findings of the public consultation exercise on partner agreements policy and process (refer to Appendix 2 outlining the background to proposals for partner agreements), and approved seven sites for inclusion in an expression of interest (E.O.I) to be publically advertised in April 2015. From 1st April 2015, the aforementioned E.O.I was publically advertised.</p> <p>By the closing date of the 1st May 2015 the Council had received nine applications in total. In May 2015, officers completed a comprehensive assessment of those applications against the agreed scoring matrix attached at Appendix 1 and outlined below is the preferred partners for Members' consideration and approval.</p>
2.0	Recommendations
	<p>Following consideration of this report the Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the preferred partners for the seven sites and agree the award of partner agreements subject to the acceptance of terms and conditions as set out by Council. • Agree to receive annual monitoring reports on these partner agreements.

3.0	Main report																												
	<p><u>Key Issues EOI Process</u></p> <p>The expression of interest listed seven playing field sites and applications were received and assessed as follows. The outcome of the assessment process was that the site incumbent clubs were successful.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 562 1442 1984"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="261 562 652 611"><u>Site advertised</u></th> <th data-bbox="652 562 1046 611"><u>Applications received</u></th> <th data-bbox="1046 562 1442 611"><u>Assessment outcome</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 611 652 819"><u>Dixon Playing Fields</u></td> <td data-bbox="652 611 1046 819">1 application received from Sirocco Works Football Club</td> <td data-bbox="1046 611 1442 819">Successful –preferred partner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 819 652 969"><u>Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park</u></td> <td data-bbox="652 819 1046 969">1 application received from East Belfast Football Club</td> <td data-bbox="1046 819 1442 969">Successful –preferred partner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 969 652 1178"><u>Woodlands Playing Fields</u></td> <td data-bbox="652 969 1046 1178">1 application received from County Antrim Board of GAA</td> <td data-bbox="1046 969 1442 1178">Successful-preferred partner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 1178 652 1328"><u>Loughside Playing Fields</u></td> <td data-bbox="652 1178 1046 1328">1 application received from Loughside Football Club.</td> <td data-bbox="1046 1178 1442 1328">Successful - preferred partner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 1328 652 1581" rowspan="2"><u>Shore Road Playing Fields</u></td> <td data-bbox="652 1328 1046 1429">1 application received from Grove United Football Club</td> <td data-bbox="1046 1328 1442 1429">Successful - preferred partner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="652 1429 1046 1581">1 application received from Crumlin Star Football Club.</td> <td data-bbox="1046 1429 1442 1581">Applicant following assessment is not the preferred partner.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 1581 652 1731"><u>Orangefield Playing Fields</u></td> <td data-bbox="652 1581 1046 1731">1 application was received from Bloomfield Football Club</td> <td data-bbox="1046 1581 1442 1731">Successful-preferred partner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="261 1731 652 1984" rowspan="2"><u>Ulidia Playing Fields</u></td> <td data-bbox="652 1731 1046 1881">1 application was received from Rosario Football Club</td> <td data-bbox="1046 1731 1442 1881">Successful –preferred partner</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="652 1881 1046 1984">1 application was received from Crumlin Star Football</td> <td data-bbox="1046 1881 1442 1984">Applicant following assessment is not the</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Site advertised</u>	<u>Applications received</u>	<u>Assessment outcome</u>	<u>Dixon Playing Fields</u>	1 application received from Sirocco Works Football Club	Successful –preferred partner	<u>Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park</u>	1 application received from East Belfast Football Club	Successful –preferred partner	<u>Woodlands Playing Fields</u>	1 application received from County Antrim Board of GAA	Successful-preferred partner	<u>Loughside Playing Fields</u>	1 application received from Loughside Football Club.	Successful - preferred partner	<u>Shore Road Playing Fields</u>	1 application received from Grove United Football Club	Successful - preferred partner	1 application received from Crumlin Star Football Club.	Applicant following assessment is not the preferred partner.	<u>Orangefield Playing Fields</u>	1 application was received from Bloomfield Football Club	Successful-preferred partner	<u>Ulidia Playing Fields</u>	1 application was received from Rosario Football Club	Successful –preferred partner	1 application was received from Crumlin Star Football	Applicant following assessment is not the
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The assessment panel wishes to commend all applicants on both the commitment and enthusiasm displayed in their applications. If approved by Members, subject to applicants acceptance of the terms and conditions, partner agreements will be issued in July 2015.

Monitoring and Review

The partner agreements will be reviewed quarterly with clubs to assist in the delivery of their Sports Development Plans. Annual progress reports will be provided to Committee. A review of partner agreements will take place after seven years which is the period of the agreement.

Next Phase of Partner Agreements

It is proposed that a further phase of partner agreements is brought forward. Work is progressing to assist potential sites including new sites within the new Council boundary. A report on proposals will be brought to the November 2015 Committee.

Financial & Resource Implications

Financial:

The introduction of these agreements will be supported through an enhanced Support for Sport Grant aid fund which is provided for within the departments' current budgets. It should be noted that there is a limit to the funding available and this will be reviewed annually.

Human Resources:

Ongoing officer time from a range of officers across the department will be dedicated to implementation and ongoing management in the medium to long term.

Asset and Other Implications:

The new partner agreements will impact on the future management of assets with Council legal services providing on-going advice.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

The policy has being screened in line with the Council's existing equality screening process and has been screened out with mitigating actions. The mitigating actions are around increasing participation among underrepresented groups including females, people

	with disabilities and those from an ethnic minority background.
4.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Partner Agreements Policy and Process, Committee Paper Appendix 2 – Background on proposals for partner agreements, Committee paper Appendix 3 - Partner Agreements Scoring Matrix