



Subject:	Support for Sport Grants
Date:	6 October 2026
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After Council Decision	☐
Sometime in the future	☐
Never	☐

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes ☒ No ☐

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues										
1.1	The purpose of this report is to ask members to; - Note Leisure Development Unit's estimated budget allocations for 2027/28, - Approve the continuation of Support for Sport grants in 2027/28; - Agree that officers bring forward a detailed implementation and funding options paper for the Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy.										
2.0	Recommendation										
2.1	Members are asked to: - Note the existing Leisure Development budget allocations and that implementation planning for the Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy (PASDS) is currently underway - approve the continuation of the Support for Sport Grants programme for 2027/28, within the proposed Leisure Development budget allocation and subject to the Council's budget-setting process; - Agree that officers bring a detailed PASDS implementation and funding options paper to a future committee meeting, including resource requirements, delivery priorities and potential funding mechanisms.										
3.0	Main Report										
3.1	Background Information At Committee on 24 April 2026 members agreed to adopt the Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy (PASDS) and approved the proposed process to develop accompanying implementation plans.										
3.2	At that time there was no additional financial request for the delivery of the strategy however it was agreed that officers would bring future funding and resource implications back to members for approval.										
3.3	The estimated 2027/28 budget is detailed in Table One below. Table One <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Leisure Development Grant Allocation</th><th>Budget</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Support for Sport</td><td>£280,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Boxing Strategy</td><td>£200,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pitch Partner Agreements</td><td>£140,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Travelling Teams/Individuals</td><td>£100,000</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Leisure Development Grant Allocation	Budget	Support for Sport	£280,000	Boxing Strategy	£200,000	Pitch Partner Agreements	£140,000	Travelling Teams/Individuals	£100,000
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	Active Belfast	£90,000
	Total Grant Allocation	£810,000
	Sports Development Programming	£56,500
	Total	£866,500
3.4	Support for Sport grants open twice a year allocating £280,000 annually to support local sports clubs and community organisations engaged in sport and physical activity.	
3.5	The 2027/28 funding call will open on 19 October 2026, with Tranche 1 closing in early January 2027. Funding recommendations will subsequently be presented for approval under delegate authority with successful projects commencing from 1 April 2027..	
3.6	Officers recommend continuation for 2027/28 to ensure continuity of support to sports clubs and community organisations while PASDS implementation plans are developed and considered by committee.	
3.7	Officers propose to develop an options paper for consideration by members, setting out proposed delivery priorities, resource requirements and potential funding mechanisms for the implementation of the PASDS.	
3.8	Officers will bring in the future options report to committee for members to decide on the implication plan for the 2027/28 year.	
4.0		
4.1	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> The continuation of Support for Sport Grants will be delivered within the proposed 2027/28 Leisure Development budget allocation.	
5.0		
5.1	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments associated with this report.	
6.0	Appendices - Documents Attached or None	
	None	