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Chief Executive's Department
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19th September, 2018

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 21st September, 2018.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

5. Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues

- (b) Sports Development Strategy – Guiding Principles (Pages 1 - 4)

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Subject:	Sports Development Strategy – Guiding Principles
Date:	21 September 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
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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	The purpose of this report is to seek Members’ agreement on the proposed guiding principles for the development of a Sports Development Strategy.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree the proposed guiding principles, subject to any comments they may have.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members are reminded that this Committee agreed at its meeting in January 2018 that a Belfast City Council Sports Development Strategy and associated funding strategy be developed. A follow up report was brought to the People & Communities Committee in June

outlining proposed terms of reference and a timeline for development of the strategy and they recommended these for approval to the Strategic Policy and Policy Committee.

3.2 The SP&R Committee at its June meeting agreed that a report would be brought to Committee seeking agreement on guiding principles. These would be high level and be used to support the development of the strategy.

3.3 Proposed Guiding Principles

The proposed guiding principles are:

- The focus of the strategy will be to contribute to the outcomes of the Belfast Agenda in particular ‘Everyone in Belfast fulfils their potential’ and ‘Everyone in Belfast experiences good health and wellbeing’.
- The strategy will consider how we can make the best use of existing limited resources to make the greatest possible community impact and create sustainability.
- The strategy will consider how we can provide support across the sports development continuum to increase access to, and participation in, organised sporting pathways to ensure maximum participation, especially among underrepresented groups.
- The strategy will consider the delivery and development of activities and programming whilst the use of facilities will be considered in the Council’s Assets Strategy.
- The strategy will consider how we can develop partnerships to enhance and complement the support provided by other organisations and within Council to ensure there is no duplication of funding and that we maximise strategic outcomes and impact.
- The strategy will consider how the Council can support governing bodies and their clubs to ensure that the Council minimises risk to itself and members of sporting organisations. Support for Belfast based sports clubs which are not members of recognised governing bodies, will be considered once evidence of appropriately rigorous governance and safeguarding policies, procedures and practices is approved by Council.
- The strategy will recognise the different needs and demands across the city’s neighbourhoods and will seek to contribute to identified priorities within these areas.

<p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p>	<p><u>Next steps</u></p> <p>Following agreement of the guiding principles officers will draft the strategy based on best practice, the support currently provided by BCC and pre-consultation with key stakeholders. This will be brought to Committee for consideration and approval prior to public consultation.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications associated with this element of the development of the strategy although the strategy may influence how future sports development funding will be allocated.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no implications associated with this report, however the strategy will be screened in line with the Council's agreed process.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>

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