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19th August, 2026

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

I enclose a copy of the report for the following items to be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 21st August, 2026.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

7. Finance, Procurement and Performance

- (b) Request for funding - Belmont Bowling Club (Pages 1 - 6)

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Subject:	Request for funding – Belmont Bowling Club
Date:	21 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Claire Moraghan, Leisure Development Manager

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To ask the committee to consider a request for funding from Belmont Bowling Club for funding of approximately £6,500 to support updates to the clubhouse to become DDA compliant to host the Atlantic Challenge Bowling Championships in September 2026.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to: consider the request and approve the reprofiling of European City of Sport funding of up to £6,500 to the Irish Bowling Association to support the upgrade of Belmont Bowling Club in becoming DDA compliant in advance of the Atlantic Challenge Bowling Championships in September 2026.
	Main Report
3.1	Background
3.2	At the recent meeting of the People and Communities Committee on 11 th August, a need for funding was raised by a Member for Belmont Bowling Club to support updates to the clubhouse to become DDA compliant to host the Atlantic Challenge Bowling Championships in September 2026. Committee agreed that given the timeframe, a report would be submitted to the August SP&R Committee to ascertain if any funding streams could be utilised to support the hosting of the Atlantic Challenge bowls event at Belmont Bowling Club, specifically in the provision of an access ramp and toilet facilities.
3.3	Further to the Committee meeting, Officers followed up with the Club to gather more information in relation to the event and to the request. Further detailed information is contained at Appendix 1
3.4	The Irish Bowling Association requested the use of Belmont Bowling Club for the Atlantic Challenge on 6-10 September 2026, an event which was listed in the European City of Sport bid document. The competition is between Scotland, Ireland, USA and Canada involving Ladies, Men's and Para players.
3.5	Members are reminded that there is no established budget for these requests and the Discretionary Funding Reserve for this year has been exhausted.
3.6	<u>European City of Sport</u> Members will recall that under the European City of Sport, a number of funding streams were approved to support Governing Bodies of Sport who partnered with council in submitting the bid to become a City of Sport. One of these streams included Partner Governing Bodies being eligible to apply for up to £10,000 programme costs.

3.7	As a bid partner, The Irish Bowling Association was previously offered this opportunity however given the time frame and the nature of the seasonal sport, they were unable to avail of the full amount available and have requested instead a reprofile to support Belmont Bowling Club's disability upgrade up to £6,500. Officers will work with the organisation in supporting a programme of events and coach education to utilise the remaining allocation.
3.8	The Committee is asked to consider that Council offers the Irish Bowling Association up to £6,500 from the European City of Sport budget towards the costs of making the venue DDA compliant in advance of the Atlantic Challenge event as outlined in their correspondence. Officers will seek assurance that these works can be undertaken within the timeframe given the timescale involved and that the decision will not be ratified by Council until its September meeting.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.9	Finance for this request could be found from the current European City of Sport budget.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.10	There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Email correspondence from Belmont Bowling Club August 2026

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From: secretary@belmontbowlingclub.org <secretary@belmontbowlingclub.org>

Sent: 14 August 2026 12:41

To: Claire Moraghan <MoraghanC@BelfastCity.gov.uk>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Atlantic Rim Bowling Championships

Hi Claire,

Thank you so much for your time and interest in our Atlantic Challenge event.

I have attached our correspondence and notification of Belmont Bowling club being chosen to host the games. We are immensely proud and grateful for the honour, to host one of the 'Belfast European City of Sport 2026', events.

As the event includes Para players we have had to look to being DDA compliant within our changing room complex and facilities.

Unfortunately, our changing facilities are old (1977) and have never been updated/upgraded to be DDA compliant.

Whilst we are honored to host the Atlantic Challenge, which will provide coverage for Belmont, it is set to be a popular event, with a high volume of support during the event. We have had to ensure DDA compliance to accommodate Para players and for the future of our sport, our players and visiting teams/competitions. The competition will need various catering requirements, insurance cover, attendants and helpers. All of which have been organised and covered.

In order to facilitate our Para Players and be DDA Compliant, we have agreed the following works.

Our Gents toilets (Changing Complex)

Remove 1 existing toilet and 1 existing urinal to replace with a Disabled toilet and Wash hand basin.

Our Ladies toilets (Changing Complex)

Remove 1 existing toilet and turn to create the space to install 1 Disabled toilet and Wash hand basin.

Both toilets to be fitted with Disabled Toilet Alarms (emergency pull cords)

Toilet accessibility access, Doors & Fittings.

DDA Compliant DOC-M packs including rails and grip bars.

Plumbing works, removal of existing and placement of new.

Outside ramp to be constructed, to allow access to the Changing complex, rooms and toilets. With Key Clamp Galvanised Handrails and Fittings.

Projected Costs are as below:

Plumbing, removal of existing toilets & fitting of new

Labour £660.00

Parts: £224.00

DDA Compliant DOC-M Packs x2 £1097.28

DDA Compliant Disabled Toilet Alarms £672.00

DDA Compliant Door Accessibility & fittings £1196.00

Ramp Constriction, Supplies & Labour £2000.00

Ramp Key Clamp Galvanised Hand Rails & Fittings £ 580.00

Access Fittings £110.00

Estimated Total Costs: £6539.28

As requested, this is our breakdown of scheduled works and we would appreciate any assistance that could be afforded to us, in respect of funding.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Marsha McConnell

