



<b>Subject:</b>	Belfast Boxing Strategy 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Update
<b>Date:</b>	6 December 2022
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Belfast Boxing Strategy for July to September 2022 (Quarter 2).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the progress to date of the Strategy Work Plan for 2022-23.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Background</u> Council agreed, through the January 2018 Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, to provide £200,000 to the Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ulster Branch (IABA) for delivery of an agreed annual action plan supporting the Belfast Boxing Strategy. The current strategy is scheduled to finish on 31 March 2023

3.2	<p>The IABA provided SP&amp;R with a detailed breakdown of programmes to be delivered under six main areas. Salary – Development Officer and Coaches, Pathways, Events, Coach Education, Club Support, Governance.</p>
3.3	<p>Following this decision the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly, with the most recent meeting on held online due to Covid-19 and associated regulations. The most recent meeting took place on 3 November 2022. This Steering Group is chaired by the Director of Neighbourhood Services with Council Officers, IABA Officers and Officials and Co. Antrim Board Officials attending. Small variations to the budget across the six areas have been agreed to assist prioritisation in line with the agreed annual action plan.</p>
	<p><u>Monitoring</u></p>
3.4	<p>The Leisure Development Unit works directly with IABA officials to verify reporting on performance and finance and provides detailed reports for discussion at the Steering Group.</p>
	<p><u>Performance</u></p>
3.5	<p>Council agreed a total of 37 Indicators with IABA to monitor delivery of the programmes. IABA have complied with reporting requirements and their performance report for 22/23 Quarter 2 is at Appendix (i) along with their overall performance to date for 22/23 at Appendix (ii). IABA have provided narrative against each of the KPIs to describe progress against each indicator and have advised that they anticipate that all KPIs will be achieved by the end of 22/23</p>
3.6	<p>Much of the focus in terms of method of delivery has returned to normal following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions however some delivery of training courses remains online.</p>
	<p><u>22/23 Action Plan</u></p>
3.7	<p>In line with normal process the IABA have developed their programme action plan relating to 22/23. This plan was approved by Committee on 8 March 2022</p>
	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p>
3.8	<p>A total of £200,000 is available within the current financial year to support the Action Plan. It is likely that the full budget will be expended.</p>
	<p>Subject to the completion of the rate setting process and the agreement of departmental cash limits, £200,000 is included with the estimates for 2023/2024. This is with a view to extending support for the Strategy and related action plan for a further year pending the production of</p>

	<p>the new Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy. Any request will be formally presented to committee.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.9	<p>The strategy was equality screened in line with the Council’s equality process. The screening showed that there were potential adverse impacts on a number of groups including females and people with a disability and mitigating actions were added to the strategy. Members agreed that an equality screening be undertaken prior to a decision being made in relation to funding for 19/20. Officers have finalised this screening and the initial findings show that progress has been made in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups and this has been reported separately through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. The IABA continue to target underrepresented groups in its delivery of the 22/23 programme with particular focus on the events, club based sessions and the non-contact boxing programme.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - IABA 2022-2023 Quarter 2 Performance Report