



<b>Subject:</b>	Pitch Partner Agreements Quarterly Update
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime 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 regarding implementation of Partner Agreements for July – September 2022.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to note the progress to date at Partner Agreement sites.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<b>Legal Agreements</b> Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below.

Location	Partner
Dixon Playing Fields	Sirocco Works FC
Alderman Tommy Patton Memorial Park	East Belfast FC
Woodlands Playing Fields	Co. Antrim Board GAA
Loughside Playing Fields	Loughside FC
Shore Road Playing Fields	Grove United FC
Orangefield Playing Fields	Bloomfield FC
Ulidia Playing Fields	Rosario FC

3.2 The Agreements are for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend, subject to satisfactory performance by the Agreement holders. The Department has extended all of the Agreements beyond the initial 5 year period.

3.3 Council is currently developing a new policy regarding the management of assets within the community with a pilot being delivered across a number of sites. One of the sites included in the initial pilot is Ulidia Playing Fields and this site has been assessed using the pilot approach. At their meeting in October, Strategic Policy and Resources committee endorsed this committee's recommendation to transfer the existing Partner Agreement at Ulidia to a long-term lease. It is anticipated that, following review of the CAT pilot process, a number of the sites listed above may also be made available for consideration under new management arrangements. Until that time, and to ensure continuity of service provision, it is intended that the remaining existing Partner Agreements continue until new arrangements are put in place.

3.4 Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Health and Safety and building operations and governance have been completed at all sites.

3.5 Quarterly reporting on Safeguarding, Finance and Performance in in place with the reporting documents amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines. All partners are compliant with regards to reporting requirements.

3.6 **Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans**

Successful applicants submitted their plans in early 2022 to improve sports development outcomes at each site in the 2022 – 2023 financial year. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner to deliver a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer to all partners are based on approved sports development plans for the financial year. Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually which are aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year.

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**Monitoring**

A calendar of regular monitoring meetings are in place with OSS managers, the Leisure Development Manager and Sports Development Officer. The 2022/23 action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners during these discussions to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.

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**Sports Development Impact**

In line with Council objectives, the diversification of use and improved sports development impact are priorities at the Partner Agreement sites. Programme delivery has led to significant positive achievements across the sites. The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by the 7 partners for Quarter 2 (July-September) 2022/23.

<b>A. Participation type</b>	
1. Members of different codes	6100 people
2. People with a Disability	539 people
3. People from a minority ethnic background	2595 people
4. Females	3360 people
5. Older people	2108 people
6. Schools / youth organisations	7 schools /groups
<b>B. Participation usage</b>	
Number of full pitch/adult matches on site	237 matches
Number of full pitch/adult match participations	6,488 users
Number of small sided/youth matches on site	225 matches
Number of youth match participations	8077 users
Number of training sessions held on site	559 sessions
Number of training session participants	20,232 participants
Number of other bookings / activities on site	59 bookings

	Number of other bookings/activity participants on site	3991 participants
	<b>C. Partnership working</b>	
	1. Working with Belfast City Council	All reported partnership working
	2. Sport's Governing Bodies	16 engaged
	3. Other teams / groups in your sport	23 teams / groups
	4. Other teams / groups in different sports	7 teams / groups
	5. Community / voluntary groups	5 community groups
	<b>D. Social value</b>	
	1. Young people at risk	1191 people
	2. Encourage participation of under- represented groups	2619 people
	3. Promote positive cross community relations	320 people
	4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities	3157 people
	5. Promote Volunteering skills	33 people
	6. Develop skills that will improve employability	9 people
3.9	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>	
	A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.	
3.10	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>	
	None.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>	
	None	