



Subject:	Request for funding – Belmont Bowling Club
Date:	21 August 2026
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan Director of Neighbourhood Services
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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 11th 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