



Subject:	Partner Agreements
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1.0	
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Partner Agreements for April – June 2017.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note progress to date at each site.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Legal Agreements 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 Regular checks on the necessary Insurance, Child Protection and Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Governance are being completed monthly at all of the 7 sites. All of the 7 partners have been confirmed as compliant on these matters. Council has the right to terminate the Partner Agreement if the Partner fails to observe or perform any of the obligations, conditions or agreements on its part agreed in the Partner Agreement.

3.3 **Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans**
 Successful applicants submitted plans to improve sports development outcomes at each site. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner for delivery of a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer have been sent to all partners based on approved sports development plans.

3.4 Full Q1 2017-18 and 80% Q2 payments have been made to three of the seven partners, those being Antrim GAA, Bloomfield FC, Grove United and Loughside FC.

3.5 No payments of the final 20% Q1 2017-18 and the Q2 80% payment have been made to two partners. Rosario FC is required to repay an amount which was unspent from the 2016-17 budget and have also been asked to amend their 2017 - 2018 sports plan which contained ineligible items. Sirocco FC is yet to return a 2017 – 2018 sports plan.

3.6 No 20% Q4 2016-2017, Q1 2017-18 or 80% Q2 payments have been made to one partner. East Belfast FC is required to repay a small amount which was unspent from the 2016-2017 budget. Q1 sports development plan report has not been fully completed. Q1 financial reports returned did not reflect delivery of the sports development plan. As previously reported bookings and payments for small sided games during the 2016-17 have not been completed.

Monitoring

3.7 End of quarter monitoring meetings have been held with all seven partners. These meetings are attended by partner representatives, parks management and sports development, with updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance and sports development plan.

Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners at these meetings to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.

Sports Development Impact

3.8 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 six of the seven partners for Quarter 1 (April – June 2017). Detailed information from East Belfast FC has yet to be returned.

A. Participation type 1. Members of different codes 2. People with a Disability 3. People from a minority ethnic background 4. Females 5. Older people 6. Schools / youth organisations	243 people 719 people 1,523 people 1,879 people 857 people 26 groups
B. Participation usage 1. Matches held and numbers 2. Training sessions and numbers 3. Other bookings / activity details	209 matches and 8917 users 202 training sessions and 4480 users 3,758 participants
C. Partnership working 1. Working with Belfast City Council 2. Sports Governing Bodies 3. Other teams / groups in your sport 4. Other teams / groups in different sports 5. Community / voluntary groups	All reported partnership working IFA, GAA, Cycling Ulster, Ulster Rugby 77 teams / groups 8 teams / groups 14 community groups
D. Social value 1. Young people at risk 2. Encourage participation of under-	7,424 people

	<p>represented groups</p> <p>3. Promote positive cross community relations</p> <p>4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities</p> <p>5. Promote Volunteering skills</p> <p>6. Develop skills that will improve employability</p>	<p>5,417 people</p> <p>5,739 people</p> <p>14,271 people</p> <p>160 volunteers supported</p> <p>68 volunteers trained</p>
3.9	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.</p>	
3.10	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached	
	None	