



Subject:	Funding for Boxing
Date:	5 th December 2017
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Members will be aware that the Council developed a 10-year Boxing Strategy for Belfast in 2013. The strategy was devised in partnership with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA), the Ulster Boxing Council (UBC), the County Antrim Boxing Board and Sport NI (SNI).
1.2	The boxing strategy was initially funded for 3 years with a total budget of £600,000. The timing of the delivery of the Strategy resulted in the funding which was due to end in March 2016 extending into a 4 th year with the programme ending on the 31 st March 2017.
1.3	Funding was requested at the People and Communities Committee in March 2017 and they awarded £24k support for support funding. A further request for recurrent funding was considered at the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in June 2017 in relation to

	funding of £101,000 each year for the next 3-4 years. The decision was to award £45k in 2017/18 only.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider the request from the Board for in year funding of £49k
3.0	Main report
3.1	A request has been accepted for the County Antrim Board to present to People and Communities Committee this month. Subsequent to this request Officers have received a report from the Board requesting further investment of £49k from Belfast City Council to sustain a boxing programme within Belfast. See Appendices 1 and 2.
3.2	The agreed non-recurring financial support for the implementation of the Amateur Boxing Strategy ended on 31st March 2017 and no further recurring provision has been made for 2018/19. Boxing clubs and the governing body are able to access the support that is available to all sporting clubs through the Leisure Development Unit.
	Financial Implications
3.3	The request for in year funding of £49k can be provided from within departmental underspends. However any recurrent funding for subsequent years would have to be considered as part of the rate setting process and there is no recurrent funding provided for in 2018/19 departmental budgets.
	Equality and Good Relations Implications
3.4	The strategy was equality screened in line with the Council process.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Request form the Boxing Strategy Steering Group Appendix 2 - Supporting Action plan