



Subject:	Partner Agreements and Facilities Management Agreements Update and Review
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report is to provide an update on progress on implementation of Partner Agreements for July – September 2017 and recent audit review.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to:

- Note quarterly progress to date at Partner Agreement sites; and
- Approve a review of management and reporting arrangements for Partner Agreements and Facilities Management Agreements.

3.0 Main report

Audit Review

3.1 Audit Governance and Risk Services undertook an Assurance Review of Facilities Management Agreements and Partner Agreements in July 2017. The 2015 move from Facilities Management Agreements to Partner Agreements at seven of the sites was to improve outcomes at these locations. The audit exercise sought to identify, evaluate and test key controls in place with each type of Agreement with a focus on Safeguarding, Fire Risk Assessments, Information Reporting from Partners and unauthorised/unlicensed use. Based on the audit opinion, officers seek permission to review management and reporting arrangements for both types of Agreements to regularise standards and ensure the appropriate levels of control are implemented in a timely fashion.

Legal Agreements

3.2 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

3.3 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.

Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans

3.4 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.

3.5 Full payments have been made to all the seven partners.

Monitoring

3.6 End of quarter monitoring meetings have been held with six 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. A meeting was held on 15th November with Rosario which covered a range of issues normally discussed at quarterly meetings, this meeting was held without parks operational management present or discussion of finance or performance reports.

Sports Development Impact

3.7 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.

3.8 The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by five of the seven partners for Quarter 2 (July – September 2017). Detailed information from Sirocco RC and Rosario FC has yet to be returned.

A. Participation type

1. Members of different codes	1230 people
2. People with a Disability	231 people
3. People from a minority ethnic background	536 people
4. Females	1601 people
5. Older people	1752 people
6. Schools / youth organisations	30 groups

	<p>B. Participation usage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matches held and numbers 2. Training sessions and numbers 3. Other bookings / activity details 	<p>165 matches and 8688 users 93 training sessions and 3480 users 2858 participants</p>
	<p>C. Partnership working</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>All reported partnership working IFA, GAA, Cycling Ulster, Ulster Rugby 104 teams / groups 7 teams / groups 11 community groups</p>
	<p>D. Social value</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young people at risk 2. Encourage participation of under-represented groups 3. Promote positive cross community relations 4. Promote health and wellbeing in socially deprived communities 5. Promote Volunteering skills 6. Develop skills that will improve employability 	<p>2450 people 3358 people 3296 people 4226 people 376 volunteers supported 128 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	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>	
	<p>None</p>	