



<b>Subject:</b>	Update on Aquatics Strategy
<b>Date:</b>	22 June 2018
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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>Some time 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	The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval of the draft 'An Aquatics Strategy for Belfast' and agree the proposed approach and timeline for public consultation.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree the draft strategy and the proposed approach and timeline for public consultation.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Members will be aware that Belfast City Council, Active Belfast Limited and Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) are partners in delivering the leisure service for Belfast. As partners,

	<p>they have committed to developing a strategy for aquatics for the period 2018 – 2030. Following pre-consultation last summer with key stakeholders including schools, swimming clubs and other water based sport clubs who use our facilities the partners have drafted a strategy which is attached as appendix 1. Throughout the development process of the draft strategy it has been agreed at key stages by the Active Belfast Board and reported through this Committee.</p> <p><u>Next steps</u></p>
3.2	<p>The next stage in the process is to undertake a public consultation on the draft strategy. Subject to Council approval it is proposed that the public consultation would take place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The public consultation would include the use of the Council’s online platform Citizen Space and public information sessions. The consultation would be publicised through the usual Council communication channels and the information sessions will be held towards the end of the consultation period (after the main holiday period) to ensure maximum participation.</p>
3.3	<p>It is anticipated that the findings from the public consultations and the final strategy with any proposed amendments as a result of the consultation will be brought to the November meeting of this committee for consideration and final approval.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>There are no additional financial or other resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>The draft policy will be equality screened in line with the Council’s policy</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Draft strategy</p>