PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



Subj	ect:	Boxing Strategy Quarterly update			
Date	:	2nd April 2019			
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Restricted Reports					
Is thi	s report restricted?	Yes Yes	No X		
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?					
After Committee Decision					
	After Council Decision				
	Some time in	the future			
Never					
Call-in					
Is the	e decision eligible fo	or Call-in?	No		
1.0	Purpose of Report	or Summary of main Issues			
1.1	This report is to pro	rovide an update on progress on implementation of the Belfa	ast Boxing		
	Strategy for October	r – December 2018.			
2.0	Recommendations	3			
2.1	The Committee is as	sked to			
	 note quarterly 	ly progress to date.			

3.0 Main report

Background

- 3.1 Council agreed, through the January 2018 Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, to provide £200,000 to the Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ulster Branch (IABA) in the current financial year for delivery of an agreed action plan supporting the Belfast Boxing Strategy.
- The IABA provided SP&R with a detailed breakdown of programmes to be delivered under six main areas.

Salary – Development Officer and coaches	£75,000
Pathways	£38,000
Events	£37,000
Coach Education	£15,000
Club Support	£25,000
Governance	£10,000
Total	£200,000

Following this decision the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly. The Steering Group is chaired by the Director of Neighbourhood Services with Council Officers, IABA Officers and Officials and Co. Antrim Board Officials attending.

Monitoring

The Leisure Development Unit works directly with IABA officials to verify reporting on performance and finance and provides detailed reports for discussion at the Steering Group.

Performance

3.5 Council agreed a total of 37 Indicators with IABA to monitor delivery of the programmes. IABA have complied with reporting requirements and their performance report is at Appendix 1. 6 of the KPIs have data attached to them based on programme delivery in Q3. The levels of delivery of the non-contact programmes is due to a vacancy in the community coaching post which is yet to be filled. Due to the seasonal nature of the sport many of the programmes are not delivered in Q3. IABA have provided narrative against each of the KPIs to describe progress against each indicator and plans to ensure that all targets are achieved at year end.

Financial & Resource Implications

A total of £200,000 is available within the current financial year to support the Action Plan.

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Equality Impact or Good Relations/Rural Needs Assessment

3.7 The strategy was equality screened in line with the Council's equality process. The screening showed that there were potential adverse impacts on a number of groups including females and people with a disability and mitigating actions were added to the strategy. Members agreed that an equality screening be undertaken prior to a decision being made in relation to funding for 19/20. Officers have finalised this screening and initial findings show that progress has been made in increasing the participation of underrepresented groups and this has been reported separately through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. The IABA continue to target underrepresented groups in its delivery of the 18/19 programme with particular focus on the events and non-contact programme. IABA have also advised that the three Belfast clubs which had been affiliated to the Northern Ireland Boxing Association (NIBA) have re-joined the IABA and are now in a position to be fully supported through the Strategy action plan and Council Sports Development funding.

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

Appendix 1. IABA Q3 Performance Report