



Subject:	Boxing Strategy Quarterly Update
Date:	10 November 2020
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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 Belfast Boxing Strategy for July to September 2020.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">note progress to date – that achievement of targets has been significantly impacted by Covid-19 restrictions, however that IABA are hopeful that full implementation of the majority, if not all, of the agreed KPIs can be achieved by year end (subject to regulations being lifted/relaxed as planned).

3.0	Main report
	<p>Background</p> <p>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) for delivery of an agreed annual action plan supporting the Belfast Boxing Strategy.</p> <p>3.2 The IABA provided SP&R with a detailed breakdown of programmes to be delivered under six main areas. Salary – Development Officer and Coaches, Pathways, Events, Coach Education, Club Support, Governance.</p> <p>3.3 Following this decision the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly, with the most recent meetings held online. This Steering Group is chaired by the Director of Neighbourhood Services with Council Officers, IABA Officers and Officials and Co. Antrim Board Officials attending. Small variations to the budget across the six areas have been agreed to assist prioritisation in line with the agreed annual action plan.</p>
	<p><u>Monitoring</u></p> <p>3.4 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.</p>
	<p><u>Performance</u></p> <p>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 2021 Q2 is at Appendices 1. As can be noted, achievement of targets in-year to date (Qtrs 1 & 2) has been significantly impacted by Covid-19 regulations and restrictions as imposed by NI Executive with many now deferred to take place within Qtrs 3 and 4. 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. IABA have also submitted some relevant case studies showing delivery to underrepresented groups within the city.</p>
	<p>3.6 Much of the focus has been on availing of online training and workshops for both committee members and coaches, as well as delivering online workout sessions, and supporting clubs with accreditation or reaccreditation.</p>
	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.7 A total of £200,000 is available within the current financial year to support the Action Plan.</p>

3.8	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>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 20/21 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.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1. IABA 2021 Q2 Performance Report