



Subject:	Partner Agreements Update
Date:	7 September 2021
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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 April – June 2021.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the progress to date at the Partner Agreement sites.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Legal Agreements Council agreed to enter into Partner Agreements at the following sites with the clubs identified below. The Agreements are for a period of 5 years with option to extend for up to a further two

years. The Department has extended all of the Agreements beyond the initial 5 year period and up to March 22.

3.2

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, Health and Safety and Governance have been completed at all sites. The reporting documents were amended in accordance with audit requirements and sent to partners one month in advance of reporting deadlines.

All partners are compliant on these matters with the exception of East Belfast FC who are outstanding a financial report at the time of writing. A non-compliance notice has been issued.

Financial Support to deliver Sports Development Plans

3.4

Successful applicants submitted their plans in early 2021 to improve sports development outcomes at each site in the 2021 – 2022 financial year. Funding of up to £20,000 per annum is available for each partner to deliver a programme supporting their Sports Development Plan. Letters of offer to all partners are based on approved sports development plans for the financial year. Partners must submit Sports Development plans annually which are aligned to the financial planning calendar for the incoming year.

Monitoring

3.5

Given the current Covid19 restrictions the usual end of quarter monitoring meetings have not been held face to face with partners. However parks management and sports development have kept in contact via phone calls for updates on site management and bookings, health and safety, finance and their sports development plan. Action plans are reviewed and agreed with the partners during these discussions to ensure that planned outcomes are achieved and improvements identified where required.

Sports Development Impact

3.6

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 despite the Covid19 restrictions.

The table below indicates outputs at the sites as reported by the 7 partners for Quarter 1 (April-June) 2021/22.

A. Participation type	
1. Members of different codes	3047 people
2. People with a Disability	37 people
3. People from a minority ethnic background	2670 people
4. Females	3433 people
5. Older people	3445 people
6. Schools / youth organisations	4 schools /groups
B. Participation usage	
Number of full pitch/adult matches on site	250 matches
Number of full pitch/adult match participations	3736 users
Number of small sided/youth match bookings on site	235 bookings
Number of small sided/youth matches on site	442 matches
Number of youth match participations	12,380 users
Number of training sessions held on site	495 sessions
Number of training session participants	34,321 participants
Number of other bookings / activities on site	45 bookings
C. Partnership working	
1. Working with Belfast City Council	All reported partnership working
2. Sports Governing Bodies	8 engaged
3. Other teams / groups in your sport	13 teams / groups
4. Other teams / groups in different sports	3 teams / groups
5. Community / voluntary groups	3 community groups

	D. Social value 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	1737 people 3007 people 2908 people 6184 people 45 people 33 people	
3.7	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> A total of £140,000 per annum is available within revenue estimates to support annual Sports Development Plans at the Partner Agreement sites.		
3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None.		
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached		
	None		