



Subject:	Boxing Strategy Quarterly update
Date:	7 December 2021
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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 2021.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the progress to date.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Background 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.

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.
3.3	Following this decision the Belfast Boxing Strategy Steering Group has met quarterly. 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.
	Monitoring
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.
	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 2021 – 2022 for Q2 alongside year to date performance is included at Appendices 1. 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. Whilst the performance reports indicate significant underperformance against most targets, it is important to note that participation in boxing, as a full contact indoor, has been heavily restricted under the Covid19 restrictions. IABA have mitigated against this by modifying delivery of many elements to online methods. Members should also note that the 2021 – 2022 action plan was developed to take account of restrictions and with this in mind many of the indoor contact-based elements are programmed into Q3 and Q4 of this financial year.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.6	A total of £200,000 is available within the current financial year to support the Action Plan.
	<u>Equality Impact/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
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

	<p>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 – 2022 Q2 and YTD Performance Report