

<p><b>Title of Report:</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Renewal Active Citizenship through Sport 2017-18 update</b></p>	<p><b>Officer Presenting: Director of Health &amp; Community</b></p> <p><b>Author: Head of Community Development &amp; Leisure</b></p>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is update Members on the funding secured to implement the Neighbourhood Renewal Active Citizenship through Sport Project.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The project involves the delivery of a range of accredited sports and generic coaching courses that will allow local people to deliver and add value to new or existing coaching, physical activity and exercise programmes within the five local Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.
- 2.2 The Active Citizenship Programme aims to enhance the levels of physical activity programmes being developed in the five Neighbourhood Renewal areas through promoting volunteering and active citizenship to support programme development and delivery.
- 2.3 The Active Citizenship Programme is delivered through a partnership approach, working with the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships in each of the delivery areas.
- 2.4 The Department for Communities provided grant aid of £18,197.25 to Derry City and Strabane District Council towards this project for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The Department for Communities has now confirmed grant aid totalling £69,789.00 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, broken down as follows:

Programme Costs	£49,789
Training Costs	£20,000

3.2 Due to cost efficiencies the Department have not provided any administration or printing costs for the current financial year, which results in a reduction of £3,000.00 on the previous year's funding.

3.3 The proposed programme costs per area are as follows:

Triax NRA	£14,225.42
Outer North NRA	£14,225.42
Outer West NRA	£7,112.72
Waterside NRA	£7,112.72
Strabane NRA	£7,112.72

3.4 Each of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have appointed organisations within their areas to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Council to deliver the programme and they remain the same as previously reported to Council in June within the Triax, Outer North, Outer West, and Waterside Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. (HC134/17)

3.5 However within the Strabane NRA none of the Partnership's members are willing to act as nominated lead organisation because they are unwilling to accept liability on behalf of other Community groups participating on the Programme. Furthermore the Partnership is an un-constituted body which precludes it from making formal contractual agreements.

3.6 Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Secretariat currently sits within DCSDC structures and therefore within this context it is more practical for DCSDC to take direct responsibility for the management and delivery of the programme within the Strabane NRA.

#### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications**

4.1 There are no issues from an insurance and risk perspective as Council is responsible for the overall management and delivery (including procurement of facilities and services), and any liabilities associated with the delivery of the Programme will be covered under Council's insurance, including official's indemnity.

4.2 The programme costs of £69,789.00 are funded 100% from the Department for Communities and so there are no other financial implications for Council.

4.3 The Strabane NRA Secretariat within Council will take direct responsibility for the management and delivery of the programme.

## **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That Members note the new levels of funding secured to implement the Neighbourhood Renewal Active Citizenship through Sport Project and approve the delivery of the Strabane allocation of £7,112.72.

### **Background Papers**

None