

Report on	Sport NI Community Planning Investment Programme
Date of Meeting	16 th January 2025
Reporting Officer	Kieran Gordon, Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on the 2024/25 Sport NI Community Planning Investment Programme
1.2	To provide Members with the list of activity approved for funding by Sport NI.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The 2024/25 Sport NI Community Planning Investment Programme invited expressions of interest (EOI) from Councils in line with their Community Plans.</p> <p>The core features of Sport NI's investment programme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the delivery of the Community Plan. • Support the delivery of Sport and Physical Activity projects within each council area, (Projects MUST be developed and delivered by 31st March 2025) in line with the Community Plan. • Share knowledge to help Sport NI understand more about who is physically active or taking part in sport in Northern Ireland and where this activity takes place. • Target (evidence based) support to cohorts of the population who Sport NI know, are generally those most inactive in Northern Ireland, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Women & girls; ➢ People with disabilities; ➢ Children & young people especially those aged between 11-18 years; ➢ Older people aged over 65; ➢ Ethnically diverse communities; ➢ LGBTQ+ communities; ➢ People living in areas of greatest need (quartile1 - based on NISRA NI Multiple Deprivation Measures) and ➢ People living in rural areas (based on NISRA NI urban/rural classification).
2.2	Sport NI wrote to all councils on the 22 nd October 2024 and advised that they were seeking to invest between £30,000 and £50,000 to a maximum of four councils and noted an intention that if more funds become available during the year, further awards may be made. Sport NI advised that they would be seeking to make awards across all councils, but this will be dependent on state of readiness of the projects, the level of partnership funding and the potential impact on the community through sport and physical activity.
2.3	Sport NI required a completed expression of interest form to be returned by 12 noon on Monday 25th November 2024.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council's Health Leisure & Wellbeing team submitted an EOI to Sport NI ahead of the stipulated deadline. Details of proposed activity to be delivered before the 31 st March 2025 is enclosed within the appendix.
3.2	On 17 th December 2024, Sport NI wrote to MUDC Officers advising that the MUDC application had been successful, enclosed a 'Letter of Offer' and asked that the Form of Acceptance should be completed and returned no later than Friday 10th January 2025.
3.3	Officers have reviewed the letter of offer and standard terms and conditions associated with this grant award and are therefore satisfied to recommend acceptance and delivery of the proposed activity as outlined within the initial expression of interest application and the ability to deliver the designated activities ahead of the funding deadline of 31 st March 2025.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Projects submitted are required to provide matched funding and where relevant this requirement can be met from within the existing budgets within the Health, Leisure & Wellbeing department. Sport NI value of funding is £37,880
	Human: Staff time and staff resource allocated to delivering projects. This can be met from within existing resources within the Health, Leisure & Wellbeing department.
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant Council Policies and Procedures. All projects approved for funding by Sport NI will be required to be completed by 31 st March 2025.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Considered in line with relevant Council Policies and Procedures.
	Rural Needs Implications: Considered in line with relevant Council Policies and Procedures.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the contents of the report and due to the Sport NI deadline, give retrospective approval for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing of the Sport NI Community Planning Investment Programme Letter of Offer as enclosed within the appendix.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Expression of Interest

	Appendix B: Letter of Offer Appendix C: Acceptance of Award Form Appendix D: Pre-Programme Survey
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