

Report on	Grant of Access at Portglenone Angling Facility
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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Seek approval to establish partnership arrangements between Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation UCFF and Mid Ulster District Council in relation to operational effectiveness of Portglenone Angling Amenity.
2.0	Background
2.1	Annually, Mid Ulster Council District Council facilitate all forms of angling at Portglenone angling facility. The facility is at its busiest during the winter months when the Bann holds large stocks of Roach and Rudd. During this period, weekly league and club matches are a common occurrence, attracting groups of up to twenty anglers. Council currently facilitate access, requiring an ongoing and considerable casual staff resource. Parks Service reviewed the existing provision and in conjunction with UCFF wish to establish a new arrangement that has the capacity to introduce greater flexibility and reduce associated cost to the service.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Following consultation with the Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation (UCFF), the Council's Parks function are proposing to facilitate organised league / club events on the Bann by introducing a partnership and key holder agreement with the UCFF for the Portglenone Angling Facility.</p> <p>Key systems will be provided to the Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation, the Lower Bann Angling Club and the East Belfast Angling Club, these clubs and their members represent the majority of organised angling at the facility.</p> <p>Working in partnership with these angling organisations will afford Parks function the opportunity to manage costs associated to the facility and develop a closer relationship with user groups and identified stakeholders associated to angling activities.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>
4.1	<p>Financial: Parks Service annual budget allocation saving of £1,322.40 per annum.</p> <p>Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project.</p>

4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Greater flexibility in relation to access to angling facilities. Closer partnership with user groups.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Monitored and managed in accordance with council's operational risk assessment systems and procedures.</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
	<p>Seek approval to establish partnership arrangements between Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation UCFF and Mid Ulster District Council in relation to operational effectiveness of Portglenone Angling Amenity.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 Letter of request from the Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation (UCFF).</p>