

Report on	Leisure Participation
Date of Meeting	10 th November 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the progress and the continuation of the Active Recreation Plan which encompasses the Active Leisure Programme and Summer Programmes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Leisure Programme Sept 2022 – March 2023 • Summer Programme July – Aug 2022.
2.0	Background
2.1	Previously in September 2021, Members considered the Council's Participation team ongoing activity and resolved to approve a new pilot programme as part of the annual Active Lifestyle Plan (minute reference: D161/21)
2.2	The over-arching aim is to ensure that targeted increases in active participation are achieved across the Mid Ulster District among traditionally underrepresented groups.
2.3	This Active Lifestyle Programme incorporates a range of activities targeted at Older People, those Living with a Disability and Pre and Post Natal.
2.4	The activities will take place across the District throughout 22/23 with opportunities to develop further programmes and initiatives that seek to provide greater opportunities to get physically active.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Participation unit within Health Leisure and Wellbeing service area wishes to increase opportunities for Mid Ulster District Council residents to participate in a range of scheduled structured and non-structured recreational activities and to meet objectives as set out with the Council's Community Plan 2017-2027 along with contributing towards the Council's Anti-Poverty Action Plan and continuing to encourage more residents to get active.
3.2	During Summer 2022, the £1 summer activity programme for under 18's was re-introduced during July and August with 6,040 participants availing of discounted swims, soft play, teen gym, athletics track, tennis, sports pitches, golf driving range and short par 3 course. Further details are enclosed within the appendix.

3.3	Due to the success of these initiatives that target poverty, community healthy and cost of living crisis, discussion regarding continuing these discounted activities throughout the rest of the year are to take place.
3.4	Summer camps and summer schemes were held during July and August 2022 with 1,300 spaces available over the summer.
3.5	Members are reminded that any customers that are currently enrolled in the Council's leisure household membership scheme can avail of 1 week's attendance at their chosen summer camp for their children as part of their membership. Also available where, golf lessons, water-based activities including swimming lessons and NPLQ qualifications. Further details are enclosed within the appendix.
3.6	Overall summer activities created 11,000 activity opportunities and generated income of approx. £30,000.00.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Planned activity from existing revenue budgets for 2022/2023.
	Human: Officers time to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the planned activities. Delivered within existing resources with support from specialised coaches via appointed activity providers (costs of which can be derived via existing revenue budgets for 2022/2023 and within Council procurement guidelines).
	Risk Management: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.
	Rural Needs Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the progress of the Active Recreation Plan Sept 2022 – March 2023 and Summer 2022 programmes and the planned continuation of these type of activities for 2023.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Detailed Active Recreation Plan Sept 2022 – March 2023 and Summer 2022