

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 January 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
For discussion In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Citizens will have access to a range of leisure, recreational, green and play environments which support better physical and mental health and wellbeing
Lead Officer	Head of Sport & Wellbeing

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	n/a
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	n/a
Code	n/a
Staffing Costs	n/a

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	N/A
Legal Opinion Obtained	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Correspondence for Members consideration.

2.0 The following are listed:

2.1 Correspondence from the Department for Communities regarding the annual Celebration of Sport event (Dated 18 January 2024)

The Department for Communities has policy responsibility for sport and physical activity in Northern Ireland and as part of this delivers an annual Celebration of Sport event which promotes sporting and physical activity opportunities and encourages young people of all abilities and from different backgrounds to participate in and appreciate the wider benefits of sport.

The 2024 event is due to be held in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough and a request has been made for Council to partner the Department for the event and to consider complimentary use of Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre for the event.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Members note the contents of the correspondence and consider the request to partner the Department for the event.



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18 January 2024

Dear Wendy

You will be aware that the Department for Communities has policy responsibility for sport and physical activity in Northern Ireland and as part of this delivers an annual Celebration of Sport event which promotes sporting and physical activity opportunities and encourages young people of all abilities and from different backgrounds to participate in and appreciate the wider benefits of sport.

The Department intends to run a Celebration of Sport event in your Council area in 2024 and would like to offer you the opportunity to become involved in partnership with us. Since 2013, the Department has hosted one event in each of the Council areas, at which young



people from the local schools have been able to try approximately 30 indoor and outdoor sporting activities, including boxing, football, cricket, GAA, hockey, rugby, martial arts, netball, volleyball, canoeing and wheelchair basketball. Each year has successfully seen between 600 and 1500 children (depending on the location) attend these events, and they have universally proved immensely popular, as well as providing an excellent day out and opportunity for the young people to experience a new sport or activity.

In 2024, the Department intends to host the Celebration of Sport at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney and I would like to invite you, as the Council for the local area, to support the Event in partnership with the Department.

If Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are willing to partner with the Department in this event, I would ask that consideration is given to provide the venue free of charge. This will enable us to maximise the impact of the event and may result in offering a larger range of sports disciplines for local school children to experience and enjoy.

The Department's delivery team will cover the necessary arrangements including the requisite insurances for the event, provision of all sports coaches (unless your council have specific coaches or sports you would like to invite to participate) and liaise with local schools to secure their attendance.

It is also the norm at the Celebration of Sport events for the Department to provide branded merchandise. This year it is proposed to provide water bottles and drawstring bags to all attendees and as a delivery partner the councils logo would be added to these items.

In addition, through the Department's working partnerships with sport governing bodies and Sport NI we aim to secure the attendance of a number of local world class athletes to act as role models for the school children. It is expected that as at previous events the athletes will attract press attention providing a great opportunity for press coverage for both the council and Mayor.

We are currently in the early planning stages for the Celebration of Sport and I understand that our event co-ordinator, Patrick Wood from [TheEventsPros](http://TheEventsPros.com), has already been in touch with some of your team to suggest ways in which the Council could help support the Event.

I would ask that you consider my invitation for the Council to become involved in this fantastic event and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this in more detail with you.

A short video of one of our previous events can be found here -
<https://www.theeventspros.com/celebration-2019>.

Please feel free to e-mail me via the Department's Sports Branch mailbox –
sports@communities-ni.gov.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Kathryn Hill
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