

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Leisure & Development Committee

Sport NI's Intervention and Investment Programme 2016-2020

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For Information

Report to Committee

Linkage to Interim Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Health & Wellbeing
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The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information relating to the provision of programmes designed to get “everybody active”, in association with Sport NI and the funded programme referred to as EveryBody Active 2020.

Background

Since 2010 Sport NI has worked in partnership with local councils in the development and delivery of the Active Communities Programme. The success of the programme is characterised by more than 3.5 million participation opportunities realised with the key target areas of women/girls, over 50's, people with a disability and participants from the most disadvantaged wards across Northern Ireland being met.

The four legacy councils of Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady and Moyle operated as a consortia in delivering the Active Communities project and activities were delivered by 8 coaches across the four areas. The programme was 100% funded by Sport NI.

Active Communities comes to an end on 31st March 2016 and Sport NI have announced their new intervention and investment programme which is aimed at a continued prioritisation of women and young girls, people with a disability and those living in areas of high social need on the basis of continued under-representation in sport.

EveryBody Active 2020

The EveryBody Active 2020 programme aims to provide four engagement elements which seek to deliver increases in participation among target groups. The aim is to develop and sustain participation in sport across key life-course transition points, from primary to post primary education, and working life to retirement. The four key elements of the EBA 2020 programme are;

Opportunities – providing a range of physical activity and multi-sport programmes.

Workforce development – developing the technical and tactical skills of coaches, officials and volunteers.

Outdoor spaces – establishing more places for self-guided activity e.g. walking trails, cycle routes and pump tracks.

Small grants – supporting grassroots sports clubs, community, voluntary and charity groups.

The Opportunities element will contribute towards the achievement of a number of Sport NI's Corporate Plan priorities for 2015-20 in relation to Sporting Communities. Sporting Communities aims to increase and support the number of people adopting and sustaining a sporting lifestyle. Through Sporting Communities Sport NI will;

- Lead, co-ordinate and invest in the development and delivery of grassroots sport, extending choice and quality sporting opportunities which engage all;
- Increase participation in grassroots sport with a target on young people, disabled people, women, older people and people living in areas of greatest need.

Officers are currently working on developing an Action Plan for submission to Sport NI which will set out the focus for delivery of the opportunities element of EveryBody Active 2020.

This action plan will operate over the four year period from April 2016 to March 2020 and is funded by Sport NI through a grant allocation of £373,458 over the four year period. The plan must be submitted in February for approval with a Letter of Offer to be made by Sport NI for 1st April 2016. The content of the plan will link with the Community Plan for Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Council's Corporate Plan.

The implementation of the action plan may require a coaching delivery element which will be funded from the grant. Current Active Community coaches have been given notice that funding for their posts comes to an end as of 31st March 2016. The appropriate employment legislation guidelines will be followed in respect of this.

Any financial contribution from council towards the programme will be in the form of officer time in coordinating the programme activities across the new borough. Officer involvement will primarily be from within the Sports Development section of Sport & Wellbeing.