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11 November 2020

Dear Janice

COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES INFORMATION REQUEST – SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR SPORT

At the Committee for Communities meeting on 22 October, the Committee requested further details on the package of support for the sports sector that has now been approved by the Executive.

Background

The Covid-19 pandemic represents one of the biggest challenges which the Executive has ever had to respond to. Its full impact on all aspects of society has yet to be quantified but it is already clear that the sports sector has been hit hard.

Sports Governing Bodies and clubs have played a leading role in keeping citizens engaged, active and competitive in various sporting disciplines over what has been a very challenging six months. These organisations have been greatly impacted and many need financial support to ensure survival or, as a minimum, to ensure their continued viability.

The Committee will be aware that the Minister secured Executive support for an allocation of £15m to sustain the sports sector. This will provide much needed financial relief for Governing Bodies and clubs, including those operating at elite level and grassroots, who have incurred losses due to Covid restrictions.

Update

The Department is now developing a business case in accordance with Managing Public Money and NICS guidance as well as working with SportNI on a programme that will deliver a needs based scheme to ensure that the funding is distributed quickly and to those who can evidence the financial losses incurred because of the Covid restrictions.

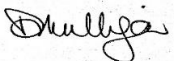
The aim is to ensure that the sports sector, which is representative of the diverse range of interests across our communities, is sustained during the ongoing challenges that Covid is presenting. The Covid-19 Sports Sustainability Fund will support this aim by providing financial support to sports Governing Bodies and clubs by ensuring:

- A timely financial intervention to prevent the loss of 'at risk' sports Governing Bodies and clubs;
- That the allocated funding is used to mitigate against some of the serious impacts Covid has had on the sports sector and ongoing delivery of key sporting provision;
- That financial need, defined as unavoidable expenditure to sports organisations experiencing significant reductions of income, is evidenced;
- That financial interventions complement rather than duplicate other national and regional support packages;
- That appropriate processes and checks are in place to mitigate the risk of fraud and/or misuse; and
- That a transparent process is in place that ensures that the scheme manages the distribution of the funding efficiently while cognisant of the need for cost controls based on affordability constraints of £15 million of available funding.

The Committee for Communities will be kept informed on the progress of the scheme as it develops and rolls out.

I trust you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely



Diane Mulligan
Departmental Assembly Liaison Officer

NI Assembly Briefing 10th November 2020

- '....outlining how Sport NI plans to administer phase 2 Covid-19 grants for sporting organisations. The Committee would like details of the application criteria and a breakdown of the funds distributed to date along with a list of the
 - organisations that have received funds'.
 - Correspondence 9th November 2020 Dr Janice Thompson

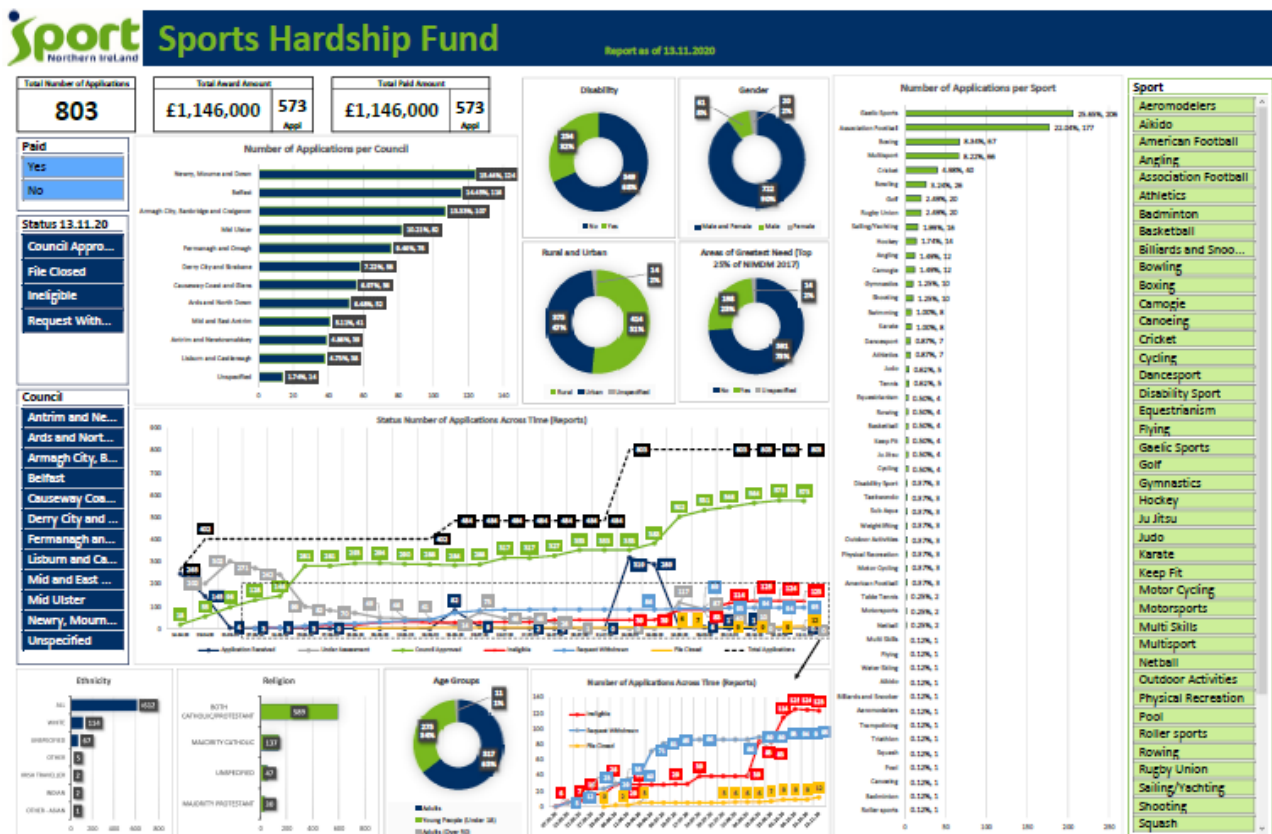
Sport NI's direct support to the sporting sector: Sports Hardship Fund £3.25M; Sustainability Fund £15M; Supporting Sport to Build Back Better £5M.

Sports Hardship Fund: budget £ 3.245M

The Sports Hardship Fund has two components; the Sports Hardship Fund small grants (budget £2.250M) and Covid Safe Sports Packs (budget £0.995m).



Sport NI has paid approximately £1.15m grant to date to 575 sports clubs. The third call has just closed on 5 November 2020 with 846 applications received (data cleansing underway). Sport NI has approximately £1.1M funding available for this third call. A summary analysis is detailed below and is available at the Sport NI website: [click here](#)



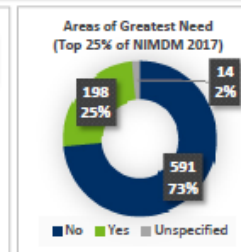
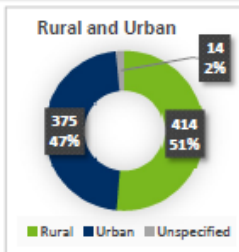
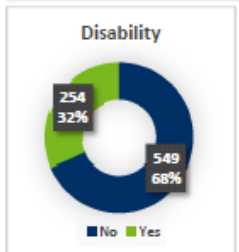
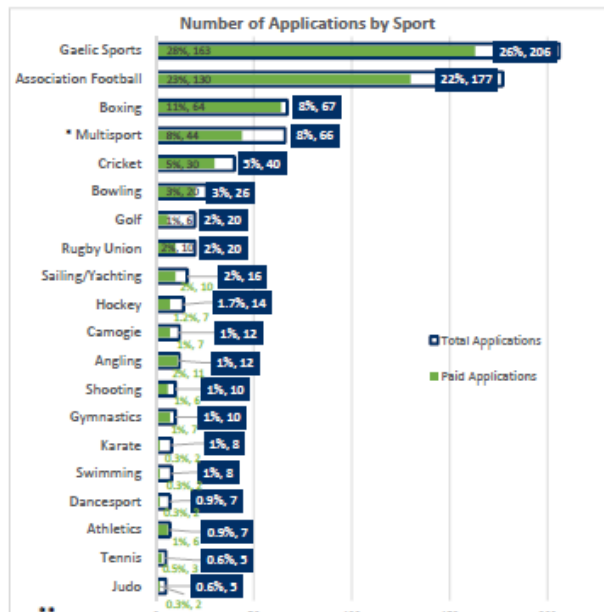
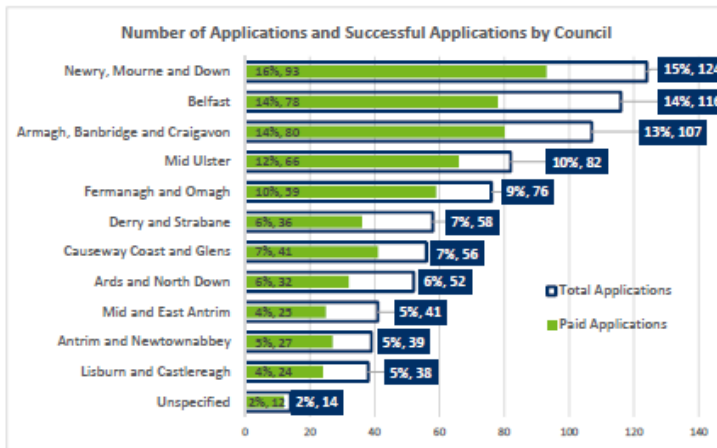
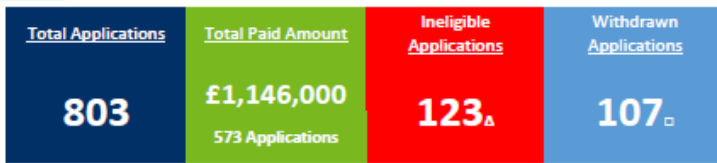
Sports Hardship Fund

Report as of 13.11.2020 – data valid on the date of export only

Note: Report will be updated once a week.

△ Assessed ineligible in line with published guidelines of SHF programme.

□ Majority eligible and successful in other DfE funding opportunities



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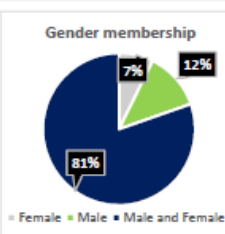
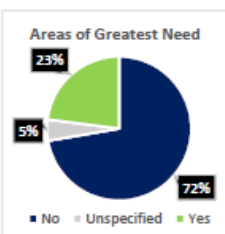
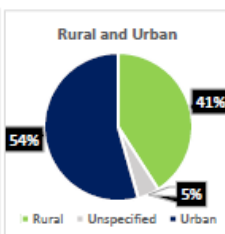
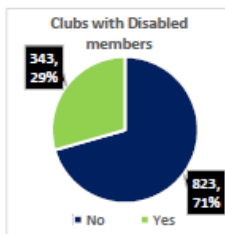
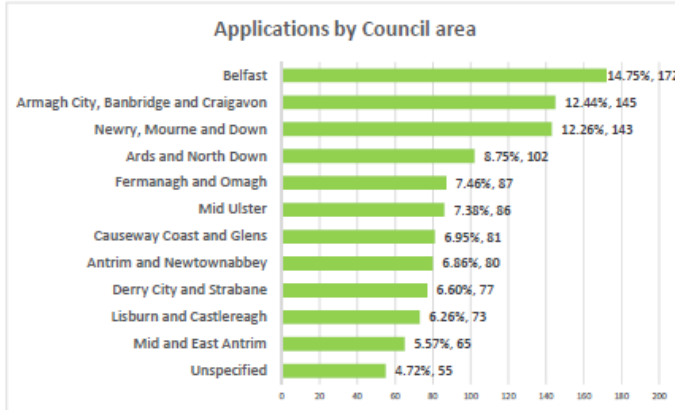
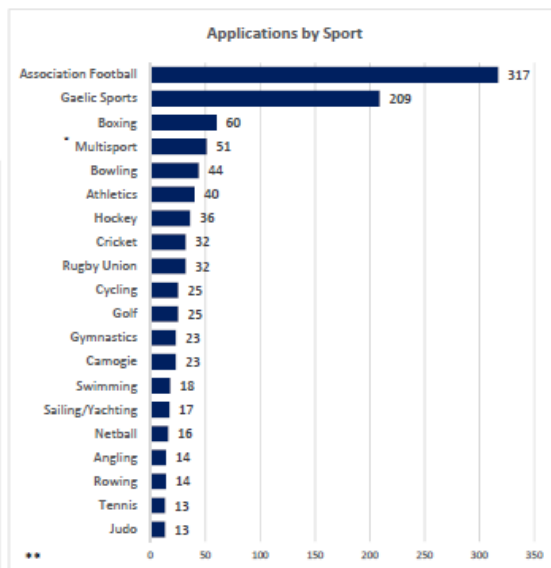
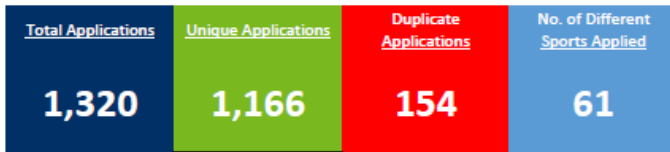
** Sports with four applications not shown (paid applications): Equestrianism (1), Rowing (4), Basketball (0), Keep Fit (3), Ju Jitsu (1), and Cycling (2).
 Sports with three applications not shown (paid applications): Disability Sport (1), Sub Aquas (3), Weightlifting (2), Outdoor Activities (2), Physical Recreation (2), Motor Cycling (2), Taekwondo (1), and American Football (2).
 Sports with two applications not shown (paid applications): Table Tennis (2), Motorsports (1), and Netball (1).
 Sports with one application (not shown in chart - underlined have been paid): Multiskills, Flying, Water Skiing, Aikido, Billiards and Snooker, Aeromodelling, Trampoline, Triathlon, Squash, Pool, Canoeing, Roller sports, and Badminton.

COVID Safe Sports Packs: budget £0.995M



This programme aims to provide sports clubs and community sports organisations with essential hygiene and sanitising resources to enable a safe return to sport for participants, coaches, officials and volunteers (subject to NI Executive/public health advice and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations (NI) 2020). Each CSS Pack contains essential items such as hand sanitiser & dispensing stations, disposable face masks, face shields, disposable aprons, signage, guidance and advice.

A call for expressions of interest (EOIs) closed on 2nd November and 1,320 EOIs were received. Procurement is completed, with support from CPD utilising new Dynamic Purchasing System. Logistics support (packing and distribution) has been provided by Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL); supporting people with disabilities or health conditions into employment. The pack distribution expected to commence December 2020. A summary dashboard is outlined next.



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** Applications also received from the following:
 Table Tennis (10), Disability Sport (10), Basketball (9), Equestrianism (7), Ju Jitsu (7), Badminton (7), Karate (6), Archery (6), Taekwondo (6), Rambling (5), Triathlon (5), Outdoor Activities (5), Mountaineering (5), Canoeing (5), Volleyball (4), Motor Cycling (4), Dance Sport (4), American Football (3), Tag of War (2), Fencing (2), Shooting (2), Motorsports (2), Multi Skills (2), Trampoline (2), Weightlifting (2), Sub Aqua (2), Skiing (2), Water Polo (1), Caving (1), Ten Pin Bowling (1), Wrestling (1), Mountain Rescue (1), Orienteering (1), Keep Fit (1), Highland dancing (1), Ice Hockey (1), Scottish Country Dancing (1), Dodgeball (1), Roller Sports (1), Yoga (1) and Physical Activity (1)

‘Sustainability Fund’ : £5M

In terms of ‘phase 2 Covid-19 grants for sporting organisations’ referred to, we assume this relates to the Sport Stability Fund announcement: <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/news/ps15-million-covid-relief-funding-sports-sector-announced>

COVID-19 UPDATE

SUPPORT FOR SPORTS SECTOR

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On the 27 October 2020 the NI Executive agreed a £15M fund to be used to support the sports sector. The aim of the Programme is to ensure that the sports sector including the Governing Bodies and clubs remain sustainable and are in place after the Covid-19 crisis has passed. The Covid-19 Sports Sustainability Fund will support this aim by providing financial support to the wider sector who are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to cover unavoidable costs as a result of Covid.

This investment will be underpinned by principles of diversity and inclusion, including support for the female game and those with disabilities. The Fund will complement the existing Sports Hardship Fund. A business case is currently being developed by the Department and DfC Officials are working with colleagues in SportNI to agree guiding principles and to design a scheme.

Other Sport NI COVID19 reponses:



Sport NI is rolling out a £5M National Lottery investment programme with a number of component strands to respond to the sporting sector needs, as they told us in the Club Survey ([click here](#)), the COVID19 Survey ([click here](#)) and the Build Back Better Survey ([click here](#)), and regular GB meetings. As part of this support, in September 2020, Sport NI Board approved investments totalling £2.1M; the Sporting Clubs 2021-22 extension provided £1,826,340 to 21 Governing Bodies, leaving £273,660 to be invested through the Governing Body Support Programme. This programme will strengthen the sports sector, improving resilience now and for the future and increasing capability within the sports sector.

These are the following sub-strands:

- Governing Body Support Programme - Support to recognised Governing Bodies to engage with clubs and the workforce in Northern Ireland using tactics and innovative practice to either sustain club membership at existing levels or to grow them.
- Capability - People Development: Supporting coach and volunteer learning, and assisting clubs to develop a heightened awareness of the experiences of their participants, parents, coaches and volunteers, leading to enhanced sports club experiences.
- Business Capability Support - To provide capability-building learning opportunities in business-related operations areas to all sporting organisations.
- Digital Connectivity - The development of a high quality digital framework to support communication and connectivity in the Northern Ireland sports sector.
- Innovation - A grant programme to support the delivery of new and innovative projects designed to get people back to sport.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Support – to enhance mental health and wellbeing capacity and capability across the sector through provision of:
 - (i) Addiction Education and Awareness workshops.
 - (ii) Mental Health First Aid Training.
 - (iii) A 24 hour Telephone support line and short term counselling programme to assist people transition into statutory and voluntary service agencies.



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GIVE

Kindness will help us through
Look after each other & look after YOURSELF

TAKE NOTICE

You are stronger than you think
STOP, BREATHE & then THINK
Pause, take a moment to be still
Stop, breathe - this too will pass

BE ACTIVE

Look after yourself physically
Eat Well
Drink Water
Move your body
Sleep

CONNECT

You are not alone
None of us have been here before & we are all a little afraid
SEEK HELP

KEEP LEARNING

Embrace the Challenge
We will all learn new things about each other, about how we work, about how we play, about how we live.

Public Health Agency
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Concerned about yourself or someone you know and need urgent advice call
Lifeline: 0808 808 8000

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Organisation Name**Primary Sporting Activity****Antrim And Newtownabbey Borough Council**

Antrim Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Ballyclare Comrades Football Club	Association Football
Ballyearl Squash Rackets & Social Club	Squash
Burnside Ulster-Scots Society	Association Football
Chimney Corner Football Club	Association Football
Cliftonville Academy Cricket Club	Cricket
Crumlin United FC	Association Football
East Antrim Harriers AC	Athletics
Elite Gym Academy CIC	Gymnastics
Erins Own Gaelic Football Club Cargin	Gaelic Sports
Evolution Boxing Club	Boxing
Fitmoms & Kids	Multisport
Glengormley Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Golift Weightlifting Club	Weightlifting
Monkstown Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Muckamore Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club	Multisport
Northern Telecom Football Club (Nortel FC)	Association Football
Old Bleach Bowling Club	Bowling
Ophir RFC	Rugby Union
Parkview Hockey Club	Hockey
Polish Anglers Northern Ireland - Community	Multisport
Spartans Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
St Comgalls GAC	Gaelic Sports
St Ergnats Moneyglass GAC	Gaelic Sports
St James GAC	Gaelic Sports
Templepatrick Cricket Club	Cricket
Tir-na-nÓg GAC	Gaelic Sports

Ards & North Down Borough Council

1st Bangor Football Club	Association Football
Abbey Villa Football Club	Association Football
Ards Bowling Club	Bowling
Ards Boxing Club	Boxing
Ards Cricket Club	Cricket
Ards Football Club	Association Football

Ards Rangers Football Athletic Recreational Social Club	Association Football
Asylum Weightlifting Club Ltd.	Weightlifting
Ballyholme Yacht Club	Sailing/Yachting
Bangor Abbey Boxing Academy	Boxing
Bangor Amateur Football Club	Association Football
Bangor FC	Association Football
Bryansburn Rangers Football Club	Association Football
Comber Bowling Club	Bowling
Comber Boxing Club	Boxing
Comber Rec FC	Association Football
Donaghadee Cricket Club	Cricket
Donaghadee Rugby Football Club	Rugby Union
Hollywood Cricket Club	Cricket
Hollywood Rugby Football and Cricket Club	Multi Skills
Hollywood Yacht Club	Sailing/Yachting
John Mitchels Ballygalget GAC	Gaelic Sports
Kircubbin Sailing Club	Sailing/Yachting
North Down Boxing and Fitness Club	Boxing
North Down Hockey Club	Hockey
Portaferry Coastal Rowing Club	Rowing
Portaferry Rovers Football Club	Association Football
Portaferry Sailing Club	Sailing/Yachting
Portaferry Town Sports Club	Association Football
Portavogie Rangers Football Club	Association Football
Portavogie Rangers Youth FC	Association Football
Rathgael Gymnastics and Tumbling Club	Gymnastics
St. Patrick's Racquets Club	Tennis

Armagh City, Banbridge And Craigavon Borough Council

AFC Craigavon Sports & Social Club	Association Football
Aghaderg GFC & Ballyvarley HC	Gaelic Sports
Annagh FC Youth	Association Football
Annagh United FC	Association Football
Annaghmore TKD Club	Taekwondo
Armagh City FC	Association Football

Armagh Fisheries Ltd Incorporating Armagh and District Angling Club	Angling
Ballela GAC	Camogie
Ballyhegan Davitts GFC	Gaelic Sports
Ballymacnab GFC	Gaelic Sports
Banbridge Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Banbridge RFC	Rugby Union
Banbridge Town FC	Association Football
Bourneview Mill Football Club	Association Football
City of Armagh Cricket Club	Cricket
Clann Eireann GFC & Youth Club	Gaelic Sports
Clann na Banna GFC	Gaelic Sports
Clomore Robert Emmets GAA Club	Gaelic Sports
Collegeland O'Rahillys GAC	Multisport
Craigavon City FC	Association Football
Cumann Luthchleas Gael Uladh	Gaelic Sports
Derrynoose Community Centre	Multisport
Dollingstown FC	Association Football
Donacloney Football Club	Association Football
Donaghcloney Mill Cricket Club	Cricket
Dromara Village Football Club	Association Football
Dromore Amateurs Football Club	Association Football
Dromore Rugby Football Club	Rugby Union
Dunbarton Bowling Club	Bowling
Dynamic Gymnastics Club	Gymnastics
Edenvilla Ltd	Multisport
Gilford Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Glenavon Football Club Academy	Association Football
Hanover Football Club	Association Football
Highmoss Sarsfields GFC	Gaelic Sports
Irish Disabled Fly Fishing Association	Angling
Keady Michael Dwyers GAA Club	Gaelic Sports
Lagan Rivers Trust	Angling
Laurelvale Cricket Club	Cricket
Loughbrickland Rifle & Pistol Club	Multisport
Loughgall FC	Association Football
Love Hockey Ireland	Roller sports
Lurgan Celtic FC	Association Football

Lurgan Town Football Club	Association Football
Mac's Boxing Academy	Boxing
Madden Raparees GAC	Gaelic Sports
Magherabeg Rural Community Association	Multisport
Maghery Community Gym	Multisport
Middletown GAA	Gaelic Sports
Moneyslane FC	Association Football
Na Piarsaigh Eanach Mór CLG (Annaghmore Peareses GAA)	Gaelic Sports
O'Donnabhain Rossa Mullabrack	Gaelic Sports
Oxford Sunnyside FC	Association Football
Portadown Boat Club	Rowing
Portadown Community Boxing Club	Boxing
Portadown Tennis Club	Tennis
Rathfriland Clay Pigeon Club	Shooting
Rathfriland Cross Community Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Rathfriland FC	Association Football
Rectory Rangers Football Club	Association Football
Redmond O'Hanlon GAC	Gaelic Sports
Seagoe FC	Association Football
Sean McDiarmada Maghery	Gaelic Sports
St Colmcilles Grange GFC	Gaelic Sports
St Jarlaths Amateur Boxing Club Blackwatertown	Boxing
St John's GFC (Naomh Eoin CLG)	Gaelic Sports
St Malachys Hurling Club Portadown	Gaelic Sports
St Mary's Camogie Club Granemore	Camogie
St Mary's GAC, Aghagallon	Gaelic Sports
St Michaels Gaelic Football Club	Gaelic Sports
Tandragee Rovers FC	Association Football
The Fitzone Foundation	Multisport
The Lifting Room Functional Fitness	Multisport
Tir Na nOg GFC	Gaelic Sports
Trustees of Kilcluney LOL 132	Association Football
TTBS Juniors	Association Football
Tullylish Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Tullysaran O'Connells GAC	Gaelic Sports
Victoria Cricket Club	Cricket
Waringstown Cricket Club	Cricket

Belfast City Council

Ardoyne Holycross Boxing Club	Boxing
Athletics Northern Ireland	Athletics
Ballynafeigh Tennis and Squash Club	Multisport
Ballysillan Swifts	Gaelic Sports
Belfast Aikido	Aikido
Belfast Celtic C.I.C.	Association Football
Belfast City Marathon Ltd	Athletics
Belfast Indoor Bowls Club	Bowling
Belfast 'KRONK' Boxing Gym	Boxing
Belfast Sub Aqua Club	Sub Aqua
Belfast Trojans American Football Club	American Football
Brantwood FC	Association Football
Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
City of Belfast Boxing Academy	Boxing
Cliftonville Bowling Club Ltd.	Bowling
Colin Valley Football Club	Association Football
Community Sports Network	Multisport
Community Watersports Co CIC	Water Skiing
Cooke Collegians Cricket Club	Cricket
Corpus Christi Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Creating Help In Local Districts t/a CHILD Training Academy	Multisport
Cregagh Sports Club	Multisport
Dockers Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Dundela Football & Athletic Club	Association Football
Dunmurry Football & Recreation Club	Association Football
Dunmurry Young Men's FC	Association Football
Emerald ABC	Boxing
Ethnic Minority Sports Organisation Northern Ireland (EMSONI)	Multisport
Ewarts Bowling Club	Bowling
Forthriver Bowling & Tennis Club	Bowling
Gleann Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Glentoran Academy	Association Football
Gortnamona Handball	Gaelic Sports
Greater Village Regeneration Trust -Fit4Life Centre	Multisport

Grosvenor Rugby Football Club	Rugby Union
Hawarden Tennis Club	Tennis
Holy Trinity Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Lenadoon Amateur Sports Community Interest Company	Association Football
Ligoniel Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
McCullagh's A.B.C	Boxing
Midland Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Naomh Gall CLG	Gaelic Sports
Netball NI	Netball
Newington Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Norman Whiteside Sports Facility	Multisport
North Belfast Play Forum	Multisport
North Belfast Working Mens Club/ Bowlers section	Bowling
Northern Ireland Cross Community Angling	Angling
Northern Ireland Karate-Do Wado-Kai	Karate
Oliver Plunkett Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Ormeau Road Boxing Club	Boxing
Ormeau Table Tennis	Table Tennis
Project Africa Athletics	Athletics
Rosario YFC	Association Football
Shaftesbury Bowling Club	Bowling
Shankill United FC	Association Football
Shorts FC	Association Football
Shorts Football Club Academy	Association Football
Sólás Special Needs Charity	Trampolining
Soul Studio- Belfast CIC	Dancesport
Sport Changes Life Foundation	Multisport
Springfield Star Football Club	Association Football
St Agnes Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
St Brigids GAC (Belfast)	Gaelic Sports
St George's Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
St James Swifts Community Football Club	Association Football
St John Bosco Amateur Boxing Club, Belfast	Boxing
St Michael's Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
St Pauls Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Star ABC	Boxing
Street Soccer NI	Association Football

Strength Militia
Studio 5 NI CIC
Suffolk football club
TAMHI
Templemore Users Trust
The Church of Ireland Young Men's Society
TW Braga
Ulster Men's Hockey Union
Willowfield Bowling Club
Woodvale Cricket & Tennis Club
Woodvale Football Club

Physical Activity
Dancesport
Association Football
Multisport
Swimming
Multisport
Association Football
Hockey
Bowling
Cricket
Association Football

Causeway Coast And Glens Borough Council

3C's Snooker Club
Ballerin GAC
Ballycastle Bowling And Social Recreation Centre
Ballymoney Bowling Club
Ballymoney United FC
Ballyspallen Cricket Club
Bann Rowing Club
Bushmills And District Motorcycle Club
Carey Faughs GAC
CLG An Glaic, O Connors Glack GAA
Coleraine Bowling Club
Derry GAA
Donegal Derry Vipers
Drummond Cricket & FC
Dungiven Celtic Youth Football Club
Dunloy GAA Club
Eagle Glen Community Partnership Ltd
Errigal Amateur Boxing Club
Glen Rovers GAC
Glenariffe Ossians GAA Club
Gortnaghey Community Association
Greysteel Community Enterprise
Kevin Lynch Hurling Club
Kilrea Golf Club
Limavady Recreation Club

Disability Sport
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Gaelic Sports
Multisport
Boxing
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Golf
Multisport

Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC	Gaelic Sports
Portrush FC Youths	Association Football
Portrush Hockey Club	Hockey
Portstewart Football & Community Club	Association Football
Route Gun Club	Shooting
Ruairi Og CLG Cushendall	Gaelic Sports
St Brigids GAC (Cloughmills)	Gaelic Sports
St Canices ABC Dungiven	Boxing
St Colms GAC Drum	Gaelic Sports
St Mary's GAC (Faughanvale)	Gaelic Sports
St Matthew's Gaelic Athletic Club	Gaelic Sports
St. Canices GAA	Gaelic Sports
St. Marys GAC, Rasharkin	Gaelic Sports
St.Marys Banagher GAC	Gaelic Sports
Star of the Sea ABC	Boxing
Triangle Judo Club	Judo
Ulster Seaplane Association Ltd	Flying

Derry City & Strabane District Council

Ardmore Cricket Club	Cricket
Ardmore Football Club	Association Football
Ardstraw Youth & Community Forum	Association Football
Brigade Cricket Club	Cricket
Burndennett Cricket Club	Cricket
CAD Developments Limited	Multisport
Castlederg St. Eugene's GAA Club	Gaelic Sports
Churchill United Football Club	Association Football
Creggan Country Park Enterprises Ltd	Multisport
Dennett Anglers Association	Angling
Dergview Football Club ltd	Association Football
Donemana Cricket Club	Cricket
Eglinton Cricket Club	Cricket
Elite Community Fitness Gym	Multisport
Eoghain Rua Ui Neills Leckpatrick GFC	Gaelic Sports
Fox Lodge Cricket Club	Cricket
Glenelly Saint Joseph's GFC	Gaelic Sports
Institute FC	Association Football
John Mitchels GAC Claudy	Gaelic Sports

Killen Rangers FC	Association Football
Killyclooney Cricket Club	Cricket
Learmount Community Development Group Ltd	Association Football
Na Magha Doire GAC	Gaelic Sports
Naomh Eoghan GAA	Gaelic Sports
Newbuildings ABC	Boxing
Newbuildings Cricket Club	Cricket
Newbuildings United FC	Association Football
North West Cricket Union Limited	Cricket
Oak Leaf Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
River Faughan Anglers LTD	Angling
Rochester's Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Rosemount & District Welfare Rights Group	Keep Fit
Shooting Starz Gymnastics Community Interest Group	Gymnastics
Sion Mills Cricket Club	Cricket
Sion Swifts FC	Association Football
St Mary's Gaelic Athletic Club (GAC)	Gaelic Sports
Strabane Mini and Youth Rugby	Rugby Union
Two Castles ABC	Boxing
Urney St.Columbas	Gaelic Sports

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

Aghadrumsee St Macartan's GFC	Gaelic Sports
Altamuskin Community Association Ltd	Multisport
Ballinamallard Fisher Park	Association Football
Ballinamallard Youth Soccer Development	Association Football
Belcoo O'Rahilly's GAC	Gaelic Sports
Belnaleck Art McMurrags	Gaelic Sports
Beragh Clay Target Club	Shooting
Beragh Swifts Community Group	Association Football
Brian Borus GFC	Gaelic Sports
Brookeborough Heber Mac Mahons GAC	Gaelic Sports
Camowen Community Anglers	Angling
Carrickmore Handball Club	Gaelic Sports
Clann na nGael GAC	Gaelic Sports
Clogher Valley Golf Club	Golf
Clogher Valley Rugby Football Club	Rugby Union

Coa GAA Club	Gaelic Sports
Derrylin O'Connells GAA	Gaelic Sports
Drumquin Wolfetones	Gaelic Sports
Éire Óg An Charraig Mhór Hurling and Camogie Club	Gaelic Sports
Enda Dolan Foundation	Athletics
Enniskillen Athletic ABC	Boxing
Enniskillen Rangers FC	Association Football
Erne Gaels GAC	Gaelic Sports
Erne Paddlers	Canoeing
Errigal Ciaran GAC	Gaelic Sports
Eskra Emmetts GAA Club	Gaelic Sports
Fermanagh Scout Association	Outdoor Activities
Fr. Shields Camogie Club	Camogie
Greencastle Handball Club	Gaelic Sports
Greencastle St Patricks GAC	Gaelic Sports
Killycurragh Regeneration Group	Association Football
Lisnarick FC	Association Football
Loughmacrory & Murrins District Angling Association	Angling
Loughmacrory Handball Club	Gaelic Sports
Maguiresbridge Football Club	Association Football
Maguiresbridge Pitch Development and Management Committee	Association Football
Mountjoy United FC	Association Football
Naomh Padraig An Ghoirtin	Gaelic Sports
Newtownbutler First Fermanagh GFC	Gaelic Sports
NFC Kesh FC	Association Football
North Fermanagh Cricket & Association Football Club	Multisport
Omagh Boxing Academy	Boxing
Omagh Hockey Club	Hockey
Omagh St Enda's Gaelic Athletic Club	Camogie
Portora Boat Club Limited	Rowing
Share Discovery Village	Multisport
St Joseph's GAC (Ederney)	Gaelic Sports
St Macartan's GAC	Gaelic Sports
St Mary's GFC (Devenish)	Gaelic Sports
St Molaise GFC Irvinestown	Gaelic Sports
St. Patrick's Hurling Club, Lisbellaw	Gaelic Sports
St.Marys Maguiresbridge GFC	Gaelic Sports

Strathroy Harps FC	Association Football
Tattyreagh St Patrick's GAC	Gaelic Sports
Teemore Shamrocks GAA club	Gaelic Sports
Tempo Maguire's GAC	Gaelic Sports
Trillick Enterprise Leisure Ltd	Multisport
Tummery Athletic FC	Association Football
Tyrone GAA	Gaelic Sports
Youth Sport Omagh Ltd	Multisport

Lisburn And Castlereagh City Council

Ballymacash Rangers Football Club	Association Football
Ballymacash Sports Academy	Association Football
Broomhedge - Maghaberry FC	Association Football
Canal Amateur Boxing Academy	Boxing
Carryduff GAC	Gaelic Sports
Crewe United Football And Social Club	Association Football
Derriaghy C C Football Club	Association Football
Derriaghy Cricket Club	Cricket
Dolphins Sub-Aqua Club	Sub Aqua
Downshire YM Football Club	Association Football
Dundrod and District Motorcycle club	Motorsports
Dungoyne Boys FC	Association Football
Hillsborough Boys Football Club	Association Football
Hillsborough Village Community Centre Ltd	Multisport
Lisburn Bmx Club	Cycling
Lisburn Cricket Club	Cricket
Lisburn Racquets Club	Multisport
Lisburn Rangers FC	Association Football
Naomh Pádraig - St Patrick's Gaelic Athletic Club	Gaelic Sports
Rainbow Gym Club C.I.C	Gymnastics
Santos Football Club	Association Football
St Joseph's GAC (Crumlin)	Gaelic Sports
Townland Boxing Club	Boxing
UB Irish Table Tennis Association	Table Tennis

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council

All Saints Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
All Saints GAC	Gaelic Sports

Ballymena Bowling Club	Bowling
Ballymena United FC	Association Football
Barn United Football, Social and Recreation Club	Association Football
Carrick Rangers FC	Association Football
Carrick Rangers FC Academy	Association Football
Carrickfergus Boxing Academy	Boxing
Carrickfergus Cricket Club	Cricket
Carrickfergus Sailing Club	Sailing/Yachting
Castle Boxing Club	Boxing
Con Magee's GAC	Gaelic Sports
County Antrim Yacht Club	Sailing/Yachting
Greenisland Football Club	Association Football
Islandmagee Football Social and Recreation Club	Association Football
Kells Rifle And Pistol Club	Shooting
Larne Tech Old Boys Association	Association Football
Latharna Og GAC Brustin Braes	Gaelic Sports
Minnesota Snooker Club	Pool
Roger Casements GAC	Gaelic Sports
Shane O'Neill's GAC	Gaelic Sports
Team Tetsu	Multisport
The Dojo Juniors	Ju Jitsu
Wellington Recreation FC	Association Football
Whitehead Bowling Club	Bowling

Mid Ulster District Council

An Maigh Tir Na nOg GAC	Gaelic Sports
Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC	Gaelic Sports
Aughintober Regeneration	Multisport
Ballinascreen Camogie Club	Camogie
Ballinderry Shamrocks G.A.C	Gaelic Sports
Brackaville Owen Roes GFC	Gaelic Sports
Brockagh Emmetts GFC	Gaelic Sports
Caledon Rovers Football Club	Association Football
CLG Naomh Colum Cille Oilean agus Cluain	Gaelic Sports
Clogher Eire Og GAC	Gaelic Sports
Clonoe Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Clonoe O'Rahilly's GFC	Gaelic Sports
Clonoe Rural Development Agency	Multisport

Coagh Sports Centre	Multisport
Coagh United Football Club	Association Football
Coalisland Fianna GFC	Gaelic Sports
Cookstown & District Motorcycle Club (Road Racing) Limited	Motor Cycling
Cookstown Fr Rock's GFC	Gaelic Sports
Cookstown RBL Football Club	Association Football
Cycul	Cycling
Derrytresk GFC	Gaelic Sports
Donaghmore & District Community Association	Gaelic Sports
Dungannon Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Dungannon Thomas Clarke GFC	Gaelic Sports
Dungannon Tigers FC	Association Football
Dungannon United Youth CIC	Association Football
Edendork GAC	Gaelic Sports
Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club	Gaelic Sports
Fivemiletown District Cultural and Sports Association	Association Football
Fivemiletown United FC	Association Football
Galbally ABC	Boxing
Galbally GAA	Gaelic Sports
Henry Joy McCracken GAC Moneymore	Gaelic Sports
JumpNI	Physical Activity
Kildress Wolfe Tones GAC	Gaelic Sports
Killeeshil St Marys GFC	Gaelic Sports
Logue's Hill CPC	Shooting
Loughshore A.B.C	Boxing
Loup Boxing Club	Boxing
Magherafelt Sky Blues FC	Association Football
Moortown St Malachys GAC	Gaelic Sports
Moyola Angling Association	Angling
Moyola Clay Target Club	Shooting
Naomh Mhuire Camogie Club, An Portmor	Camogie
Ogra Colmcille GFC	Gaelic Sports
PG Performance	Multisport
Pomeroy District Sports and Cultural Association.	Multisport
Pomeroy Plunketts GAC	Gaelic Sports
Rainey Old Boys RFC	Rugby Union
Sean O'Learys GAC (Newbridge)	Gaelic Sports

St Finbarrs Hurling Gaa Club	Gaelic Sports
St John's Boxing Club	Boxing
St Malachy's GAC	Gaelic Sports
St Martins GAC	Gaelic Sports
St Mary's GFC	Gaelic Sports
St McCartans GAC	Gaelic Sports
St Oliver Plunkett's GAC (Greenlough)	Gaelic Sports
St Patrick's GAC (Loup)	Gaelic Sports
St Patrick's GFC Donaghmore	Gaelic Sports
St Patrick's GFC Rock	Gaelic Sports
St Trea's GFC Ballymaguigan	Gaelic Sports
St. Columba's Camogie Club Greenlough	Camogie
Stewartstown Harps GAC	Gaelic Sports
Tobermore United FC	Association Football
Tri Limits Triathlon Club	Triathlon
Upperlands Cross Community Football Club	Association Football
Watty Graham's GFC	Gaelic Sports

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

An Riocht GAC	Gaelic Sports
Annalong FC	Association Football
Annsborough handball club	Gaelic Sports
Ardglass GAC	Gaelic Sports
Ballyhornan & District Community Association	Association Football
Ballykinlar GAC	Gaelic Sports
Ballymartin GFC	Gaelic Sports
Ballynahinch Olympic FC	Association Football
Ballynahinch RFC	Rugby Union
Ballynahinch United FC	Association Football
Ballyvea Football Club	Association Football
Belleeks GFC	Gaelic Sports
Bright GFC	Gaelic Sports
Bryansford Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Camlough Rovers FC	Association Football
Carlingford Lough Yacht Club	Sailing/Yachting
Castlewellan & Annsborough Angling Club	Angling
Castlewellan Town FC	Association Football
Celtic Bhoys FC	Association Football

Clonduff GAC	Gaelic Sports
Craobh Rua Camlocha	Gaelic Sports
Crossgar Golf Club	Golf
Culloville GFC	Gaelic Sports
Cumann Pheadair Naofa CLG Warrenpoint	Gaelic Sports
Damolly United FC	Association Football
Dorsey Emmetts GAC	Gaelic Sports
Down GAA County Board	Gaelic Sports
Downpatrick Bowling Club	Bowling
Downpatrick Cricket Club	Cricket
Dromara GAC	Gaelic Sports
Drumaness Snooker Club	Billiards and Snooker
Drumaness Super Kings Cricket Club	Cricket
Dundrum Cricket Club	Cricket
Dundrum GAC	Gaelic Sports
Dunnaman Football Club	Association Football
East Down Athletics Club	Athletics
Glasdrumman GAC	Gaelic Sports
Glenn John Martin GAC	Gaelic Sports
Infinity Swim Academy	Swimming
Kilclief Ben Dearg GAC	Gaelic Sports
Kilkeel Golf Club	Golf
Kilkeel Hockey Club	Hockey
Killough FC	Association Football
Killyleagh FC	Association Football
Killyleagh Yacht Club	Sailing/Yachting
Kilmore Recreational Football Club	Outdoor Activities
Lifbuilders Gym	Keep Fit
Lissummon G.A.A.	Gaelic Sports
Loughinisland GAC	Gaelic Sports
Magheradroll Bowling Club	Bowling
Massford Project Association	Multisport
Mayobridge Golf Club	Golf
Mourne All Blacks Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
Newcastle Football Club	Association Football
Newcastle Kids Karate Club	Karate
Newcastle Yacht Club Ltd	Sailing/Yachting
Newry & Mourne Sub Aqua Club	Sub Aqua

Newry City AFC Disability Club	Multisport
Newry City AFC Special Olympics Gymnastics Club	Gymnastics
Newry Mitchels GFC	Gaelic Sports
Newry Olympic Hockey Club	Hockey
Newry RFC	Rugby Union
Newry Shamrocks GAA	Gaelic Sports
Northern Ireland Polo Club	Equestrianism
Owenbeg Bowling Club	Bowling
Peadar O Doirnín GAA Club	Gaelic Sports
Phoenix Health & Fitness Community Gym	Keep Fit
Quoile Yacht Club	Sailing/Yachting
Russell Gaelic Union	Gaelic Sports
Sacred Heart Boxing Club Newry	Boxing
Saintfield BOWling Club	Bowling
Saintfield Cricket Club	Cricket
Saintfield Sports Club	Multisport
Saintfield United FC	Association Football
Shane O'Neills GFC	Gaelic Sports
Shinken Shobu Ryu	Judo
Silverbridge Boxing Club	Boxing
Sokol Gymnastics Academy	Gymnastics
Spa Golf Club	Golf
St Colmans GAC Drumaness	Gaelic Sports
St John Bosco GAC	Gaelic Sports
St Killian's GFC	Gaelic Sports
St Michael's GAC	Gaelic Sports
St Monica's Boxing Club Newry	Boxing
St Patrick's Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing
St Patrick's GAC (Cullyhanna)	Gaelic Sports
St Patricks GAC Saul	Gaelic Sports
Teconnaught GFC	Gaelic Sports
Thomas Davis GAC	Gaelic Sports
Tollymore United FC	Association Football
Trainors Boxing Academy	Boxing
Tullyvallen Rangers FC	Association Football
Valley Rangers Football Club	Association Football
Valley Rangers Youth	Multisport



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LAUNCH OF SPORTS SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Following my successful bid for £25M Covid support for the sports sector, I would like to advise the Committee that I intend to launch the Sports Sustainability Fund during week commencing 30 November.

I met with the Sports Governing Bodies on Friday 27 November to discuss how my Department and Sport NI intend to deliver the Fund and to seek their support in the process. As such, the Governing Bodies have welcomed that they will play an important part in ensuring that the scheme delivers funding to those most in need and they will also provide a critical assurance check which will strengthen the governance and protect the integrity of the scheme.

I have asked that the Governing Bodies ensure that all clubs, including women and girls teams and disabled clubs, from their respective sports are aware of the scheme and how to apply.

I have also agreed that the Sports Hardship Fund will continue to be available to small clubs and organisations who have benefited from small grants to cover essential maintenance costs, unavoidable utility bills and increased venue hire costs.

The scheme will open on 4 December, with a closure date of 11 January, to allow Governing Bodies and clubs time to gather the necessary information and complete a validated application as well as collate the necessary evidence to support their

claim for assistance. It is planned that the assessment and verification phase will take place during January with payments commencing in February.

To further support the sector, SportNI will hold a number of clinics for applicants to provide advice and guidance on how to make a successful claim for financial assistance for their Covid related losses.

My Department and Sport NI will continue to engage with the sports Governing Bodies as the process moves through the different phases.

I trust you find this helpful.

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Carál Ní Chuilín MLA
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10 December 2020

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Dear Diane

**Request for further information on a number of matters following the
Committee meeting on 10 December 2020:**

Covid-19 Funding for Sports Clubs

The Committee has been made aware that sports clubs that have applied to the Covid-19 fund to cover loss of income from their bar have been advised by the Department of Finance that, as a sports club, they had to apply to the Department for Communities. There seems to be a level of confusion for sports clubs as to where to apply for such funding and members would like clarity on this issue and ask that the Department issues guidance to sports clubs to help them identify the fund they should be applying to.

Yours sincerely

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14 December 2020

Dear Janice

Covid-19 Funding for Sports Clubs

At the Committee meeting on 10 December, the Committee requested clarity around how sports clubs could apply for Covid-19 funding, for loss of income from sports clubs bars.

Sport NI has confirmed that the Sports Sustainability Fund application (for eligible governing bodies and their affiliated clubs and entities) includes an analysis line for hospitality, for both income and expenditure, which will consider income and expenditure from bars and food provision. This recognises that hospitality is an important income stream for many sports clubs.

However, it should be noted that a separately constituted 'social club' would not be eligible in its own right for this scheme. More details on the Sports Sustainability Fund can be found on the Sport NI website at [Sports Sustainability Fund | Sport NI](#).

I trust the Committee will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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18 January 2021

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Dear Diane

Sports Sustainability Fund

At its meeting on 14 January 2021 the Committee considered a Departmental response to its queries on Covid-19 funding for sports clubs.

Members are still being contacted by a range of sporting clubs who are expressing confusion in relation to the application process. The organisations initially received funding from the Department for Finance to assist with the loss of income from their bar and/or restaurant but are now being redirected to the Department for Communities to apply for funding.

The Committee asked that I write to you for clarification on the application process for such organisations, specifically to confirm which department now has responsibility for the funds that these organisations need to apply to in order to replace lost income.

Yours sincerely

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29 January 2021

GM-0079-2020

Dear Janice

Sports Organisations Funding During Covid.

Thank you for your letter of 18 January, on behalf of the Committee, asking for clarification on funding for sports organisations which have lost income from their bar/restaurant because of the current impact of Covid-19.

By way of background, at the end of 2020 Interim Minister Ní Chuilín secured £25M for a Sports Sustainability Fund to provide financial support to the sports sector who are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to cover unavoidable costs as a result of Covid-19.

The Sports Sustainability Fund, which was opened for applications from 4 December until 20 January, is being administered by Sport NI and was open to recognised sports governing bodies and their affiliated clubs and entities.

The scheme recognised that hospitality is an important income stream for many sports clubs. With regard to providing support for losses relating to hospitality the application form for the Fund included provision for clubs to include information relating to income and expenditure from their social club bars and food provision. However, a separately constituted 'social club' would not be eligible in its own right for this scheme.

Officials have been in regular contact with other Government Departments in relation to access to the various Covid schemes and information has been provided via SportNI and the NI Sports Forum to the sector.

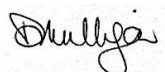
With regard to the support available through the Localised Restrictions Support Scheme (LRSS) the Department of Finance has advised that the scheme covers:

- an independent business, such as a restaurant or shop, which has been restricted by the Health Regulations and which occupies part of sporting premises; and
- social clubs which are associated with or affiliated to a sports club but which are legally separate and managed independently.

The NI Business Info website sets out the five phases of the LRSS and the eligibility criteria against each phase. From Phase 3 onwards (commencing from 27 November) the eligibility criteria sets out that sports clubs are not eligible and are referred to the Sports Sustainability Fund - [Coronavirus: Localised Restrictions Support Scheme \(nibusinessinfo.co.uk\)](https://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk)

I trust this is helpful to Members.

Yours sincerely



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4 February 2021

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Dear Diane

Sports Sustainability Fund

At its meeting on 4 February 2021 Committee discussed the Departmental reply to queries on the Sports Sustainability Fund

The fund closed to applications on 20 January 2021 and Members would like to know if there has been an underspend and, if it is available, requested a breakdown of the funding awarded.

Yours sincerely

**Janice Thompson
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22 February 2021

GM-0194-2020

Dear Janice

Sports Sustainability Fund

Thank you for your letter of 4 February requesting details of any underspend within the Sports Sustainability Fund and a breakdown of the funding awarded to date.

As Members will be aware, the Fund closed for applications on 20 January. A total of 38 Governing Bodies submitted applications for themselves and their registered clubs. The total value of those applications is £24.8m against the £25m allocated.

Whilst this is the current position, it is subject to change as applications are assessed and therefore the final total value of eligible claims cannot yet be confirmed.

Sport NI are working through the verification process prior to making payments to the Governing Bodies for the successful applicants. The payments element of the process should commence towards the end of February.

I hope this information will be useful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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8 February 2021

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Dear Minister

Sports Sustainability Fund

In recent months the Committee has been contacted by a range of sporting organisations regarding the severe financial impact that the pandemic has had on their income.

Recently I attended a Sport NI briefing to the All Party Group on Sports and Physical Recreation, which highlighted the number of clubs who do not meet the eligibility criteria for either the Department's Sports Sustainability Fund or the Department for Finance's Covid-19 Funding Programme.

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Communities asking what other financial support funds are available to sports clubs facing financial difficulties at this time, in particular, those that have lost income from their bar/restaurant.

At its meeting on 4 February, the Committee considered the enclosed response from the Minister regarding the Sports Sustainability Fund and its provisions for losses relating to hospitality.

Members noted that the fund application process provided for clubs to include information relating to income and expenditure from their social club bars and food provision. However, the Committee noted that a separately constituted 'social club' was not eligible in its own right for the scheme.

Members learned that the eligibility criteria for the support through the Department of Finance Localised Restrictions Support Scheme (LRSS), Phase 3 onwards, sets out that sports clubs are not eligible and are referred to the Sports Sustainability Fund.

The Committee are concerned that a number of clubs are falling through a gap in the schemes and agreed that I write to you to ask that the Department of Finance make funds available to any sports clubs that do not meet the criteria for the Sports Sustainability Fund.

The Committee looks forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Paula,

SPORTS SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Thank you for your letter of 8 February and copy letter of 29 January regarding support for Sports Clubs from the Sports Sustainability Fund (SSF) and Local Restrictions Support Scheme (LRSS).

The letter of 29 January accurately records my Department's advice regarding LRSS. Any separately constituted social club, in other words a club which is legally and managerially separate from a sports club irrespective of its position for business rates, which has not received support from the Sports Sustainability Fund, will be eligible to apply for support from LRSS.

On the issue of sports clubs who consider that they are falling through the gaps in schemes, officials from the Department for Communities and my Department are in communication on this matter to ensure that this does not happen. Clubs which have been unable to secure funding from the SSF should consider resubmitting their application to LRSS; my Department has a reconsideration process for all applicants where an application to LRSS has been turned down. This is in place for all applicants, including those who did not meet the criteria for the Sports Sustainability Fund.

I hope that this is helpful.

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MINISTER OF FINANCE**



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11 February 2021

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Dear Diane

Sports Organisations' Funding During Covid

At its meeting on 11 February 2021, the Committee considered a Departmental reply (GM-0079-2020) to queries on sports organisations' funding during the Covid-19 health emergency.

The Committee is not content that the response addresses its concerns in relation to the Sports Sustainability Fund and the Department of Finance's Localised Restrictions Support Scheme (LRSS).

Members have been contacted by sports clubs who have been informed that they have been successful with their applications to the LRSS only to then be advised that they were unsuccessful and that they should have applied to the Sports Sustainability Fund which had subsequently closed to applications. This has led to a great degree of frustration for sports clubs and puts their existence in danger as they have no longer have funding to continue.

The Committee urges the Department to do all it can to ensure that it bids for more Covid-19 funding from the Department of Finance to avoid a situation where money is being handed back to Treasury whilst local sports clubs are in dire need of support.

The Committee requested an urgent oral briefing by officials to address the issues outlined in this letter and I would be grateful if you could provide a date as to when this can take place.

Yours sincerely

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17 February 2021

GM-0221-2020

Dear Janice

SPORTS ORGANISATIONS FUNDING DURING COVID

Thank you for your letter of 11 February requesting an oral briefing from officials on the covid funding available for sports clubs through the DoF/LPS Localised Restrictions Support Scheme (LRSS) and the DfC/Sport NI Sports Sustainability Fund (SSF). The Committee have indicated that decisions relating to the administration of the LRSS fund and the SSF have caused confusion and created some significant frustration amongst sports clubs who generate income through bars and hospitality.

Officials from the Department are engaging with colleagues in Economy and Finance/Land and Property Services to ensure sports clubs have the opportunity to access covid-related financial support. Data sharing arrangements are now in place and checks will be carried out to ensure that sports clubs and social clubs, including those that are not affiliated to a Governing Body, can access an appropriate scheme.

With regard to the Sports Sustainability Fund Sport NI is currently assessing the applications and aim to commence making payments through the respective Governing Bodies from the end of February. It will be at this stage that officials will be in a position to start to provide details information on the recipients and the level of funding provided. That said the initial amount of funding requested through the Governing Bodies totals £24.9m against the allocation of £25m. This figure will change as the assessment process progresses.

Officials from the Department would welcome the opportunity to provide the Committee with an update on the progress of the SSF before the end of February but would advise that the

information will not be complete as the assessment process underway in SportNI will not be finalised.

Officials have advised that a representative from Sport NI would be available to attend the briefing to provide an update on their assessment process and the other support planned for the sector through the National Lottery Programme, if this was agreeable with the Committee.

I trust this is helpful to the Members.

Yours sincerely

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01 March 2021

Ms Ciara McKay
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Dear Ciara

Sports Sustainability Fund

At its meeting on 25 February 2021, the Committee considered a response from the Minister for Finance on the Sports Sustainability Fund (SSF).

The Committee welcomed confirmation that any separately constituted social club, which had not received support from the SSF, will be eligible to apply for support from the Local Restrictions Support Scheme (LRSS).

Members also welcomed that both Departments had committed to ensuring that no sports or social clubs fall through the gaps.

The Committee asked that I write to the Department of Finance to ask if there has been any directive issued to staff to ensure that they are aware of this change.

The Committee looks forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Janice

SPORTS SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2021 following your Committee's consideration of the letter dated 22 February 2021 from the Minister of Finance.

As the Minister explained, officials in the two departments are in regular direct communication on the interaction of the Sports Sustainability Fund and the Localised Restrictions Support Scheme (LRSS). Land & Property Services staff who are administrating LRSS continue to be fully briefed on its operation by senior officials.

I am copying this note to the Clerk of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely

Andy Monaghan

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Dear Antoinette

Breakdown of Sport Sustainability Funding

Thank you for your attendance at Committee yesterday and for the comprehensive briefing you provided on the Sport Sustainability Fund (SSF).

As you will recall from the meeting, you gave an undertaking to furnish the Committee with further information on how the £25 million fund was distributed amongst the various sporting organisations. The Committee would be grateful if you would expand on this by highlighting instances where funding was specifically provided to grassroots, disability and women's sporting organisations.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Janice Thompson
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BRIEFING PAPER

TO: COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES, 29/04/21
FROM: SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND
SUBJECT: SPORTS SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Committee for Communities request for additional information (02 April 2021)

SNI & DfC attended the Committee for Communities on Thursday 1st April to provide members with an update on the Sports Sustainability Fund. During the meeting, MLAs requested that Sport NI provide additional information on:

1. Funding to grassroots sports organisations;
2. Funding to organisations with a specific focus on women/girls and people with a disability

SNI response (29 April 2021)

Introduction:

Over the course of the last 12 months, discussions around 'sport' have typically centred on two typologies – 'elite sport' and 'grassroots sport'. Within Covid-19 discussions, an 'elite sports person' is defined as anyone who (i) derives all or the majority of their income from competing in sport, (ii) plays in a professional league or competition, (iii) is a senior representative nominated by a relevant sporting body, or (iv) is on an elite development pathway. For the purposes of the response, SNI has understood 'grassroots sport' to refer to any affiliated sports clubs or associated entities not covered by the 'elite' definition. Governing bodies of sport have also been excluded from the definition of 'grassroots sport' as they provide organisational governance & infrastructure services and support to the whole sport (grassroots and elite).

Background:

The Sports Sustainability Fund opened for applications on 4th December 2020 with an available budget (provided by the Department for Communities) of £25m. The programme closed to applications on 20 January 2021. Applications were received from 37 recognised governing bodies of sport. The total requested funding at that stage was £24.86m. SNI subsequently assessed all applications from governing bodies of sport and their affiliated clubs/entities.

Part 1: Funding to grassroots sport

At 31 March 2021, Sport NI had:

- Issued a 'Letter' of Offer to 35 governing bodies of sport and two 'Declination Letters' (table tennis & sub aqua)
- Issued Letters of Offer to a total value of £23.01m (450 awards)
 - Grassroots sport - £12.80m (56%) across 407 sports clubs
 - Governing Bodies of Sport (core costs) - £5.10m (22%) across 21 awards

- Elite sport - £5.10m (22%) across 22 awards (inc. Belfast Giants, NIFL Premiership clubs, GAA County Boards & Ulster Rugby)
- To note ref 35 LOOs to governing bodies and 21 awards for governing body core costs – some governing bodies did not seek funding for core costs and applied only for their clubs (e.g. golf)

A further analysis of the awards indicates the following:

- 92% (n=414) of all awards were ≤£100,000, to an award value of **£9.01m** (39%)
- 36 awards (8% of total) were >£100,000, representing **£14.00m** (61%) of total investment
 - Of these, 33 (£9.32m) were awards to sport clubs
 - 13 football clubs (inc. NIFL)
 - 9 GAA clubs (inc four County Boards)
 - 9 golf clubs
 - 1 ice hockey club (Belfast Giants)
 - 1 athletics club (Belfast City Marathon)
 - 3 governing body awards – Ulster Council GAA; Ulster Rugby; Irish FA representing £4.67m

Part 2: Women/girls & people with a disability

Over the last ten years (throughout the period of Sport Matters and latterly SNI's Corporate Plan 2015-20), Sport NI has worked closely with, encouraged and supported sports to work towards better inclusion, cohesion, integration, equality and diversity especially in terms of the representation of women/girls and people with a disability. For example, over the last ten years there has been a move towards integration of male/female sport within a single governing body of sport (e.g. golf & bowls). Over the same period, many governing bodies have been working to strengthen and improve support for people with a disability (e.g. football, swimming).

We recognise that whilst some progress has been achieved in relation to the inclusion of women and disabled people in sport, much more needs to be done. Our draft Corporate Plan 2020-25 is directly aligned to the draft Executive Strategy for Sport and Physical Activity and has a clear commitment to addressing inequalities in the game. In particular, we are taking forward a Women in Sport Strategy to ensure that there is focus in this area.

The Sports Sustainability Fund provided an additional opportunity to accelerate this policy of 'mainstreaming', as **all** applicants committed to the programme principles of equality, diversity and inclusion. SSF applicants were required to ensure that the needs of all parts of their sport (or club) were taken into consideration, and treated equitably, in submitting their application. In this respect it is difficult to put a definitive figure on the amount of SSF investment provided to women/girls and people with a disability as many clubs provide opportunities for male/female participants and participants with a disability, for example through targeted programmes or specific teams.

By way of comparison, an analysis of applicants (n=1642) to SNI's Sports Hardship Fund indicates that 4% of clubs describe themselves as 'female only', 10% as 'male only' and 86% as providing opportunities for male/female participants.

Notwithstanding the above, some analysis is possible in respect of **specific** SSF investment in women/girls in the following sports:

- Association Football
- Camogie
- Hockey
- Ladies GAA
- Netball

Details of these awards are set out in the table below. 19 awards were approved for 'female sport' to a total value of £173,977.

Sport	Club	Award
Association Football	Sion Swifts Girls & Ladies	£ 8,860
Camogie	Ulster Camogie	£ 23,465
Camogie	St. Brenda's Camogie Club, Ballymacnab	£ 7,885
Camogie	Clonduff Camogie	£ 6,678
Camogie	Loup Camogie	£ 6,086
Camogie	Swatragh Camogie	£ 4,253
Camogie	Mullaghbawn Camogie Club	£ 3,464
Camogie	Fr Shields Camogie	£ 1,538
Camogie	Armoy Camogie	£ 1,133
Camogie	Derrytresk Camogie	£ 796
GAA	Tyrone LGFA	£ 16,151
GAA	Armagh LGFA	£ 14,646
GAA	Crossmaglen Rangers Ladies	£ 6,819
GAA	Rock LGFA Tyrone	£ 6,494
GAA	Knockinney Gaels Derrylin & Teemore Ladies	£ 4,882
GAA	Ulster Ladies Gaelic	£ 2,935
GAA	Heber MacMahon Ladies Brookeborough	£ 2,758
Netball	Netball NI	£ 34,892
Hockey	CI Ladies HC	£ 20,242

Separate to the Sports Sustainability Fund, in the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, SNI had protected (DfC Exchequer) funding for disability sports organisations (Special Olympics Ireland and Disability Sport Northern Ireland) in 2020-21 totalling £1,107,063.

Finally, through other SNI Covid-19 interventions such as the Sports Hardship Fund and Covid Safe Sports Packs, approximately one third (31-33%) of all clubs indicated that they provide opportunities for people with a disability. It is reasonable to assume that this level of provision would also be reflected in clubs funded through the Sports Sustainability Fund.

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Dear Minister

Sports Sustainability Fund (SSF) Briefing

The Committee welcomed the comprehensive discussions on the SSF with your officials and with officials from Sport NI, at its meeting on 1 April 2021.

Members are fully aware of the tremendous pressure that you and your officials have been working under for the past year.

Members agreed that I write to you to express the Committee's confidence that the SSF is being administered appropriately, and to praise officials for detailing the governance arrangements for the fund and the and subsequent due diligence that is being carried out on the SSF.

The Committee would like to assure you, and your officials, that you have their continued support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

**Paula Bradley
Chairperson
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Committee for Communities

Minutes of Proceedings

Thursday 1 April 2021

Meeting Location: Room 30, Parliament Buildings, Belfast

Present: Ms Paula Bradley MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Andy Allen MLA
Mr Robin Newton MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Ms Kellie Armstrong MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Mark Durkan MLA
Ms Karen Mullan MLA
Ms Sinéad Ennis MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA

In Attendance: Dr Janice Thompson (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Sean McCann (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

In Attendance by Video or Teleconference:

Ms Antoinette Bowen (Clerical Supervisor)



Mr Oliver Bellew (Clerical Officer)

Ms Claire McCanny (Assembly Clerk, Bill Office)

The meeting commenced at 9.18 am in open session.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 March 2021.

3. Chairperson's Business

Robin Newton joined the meeting at 9.20 am.

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee had requested the Minister to brief on the Sports Sustainability Fund and that a number of days had been offered to allow for the Minister's attendance. However, due to prior diary commitments the Minister was unable to attend.

A number of Members expressed disappointment at the Minister's non-attendance.

4. Departmental/Sport NI briefing on the Sports Sustainability Fund (SSF)

Karen Mullen declared an interest as Chair of a Boxing Club.



The following Departmental Officials and Sport NI representatives joined the meeting:

Ms Kathryn Hill, Department for Communities

Mr Tony Murphy, Department for Communities

Ms Antoinette McKeown, Chief Executive Office, Sport NI

Mr John News, Interim Director of Participation & Facilities, Sport NI

The Officials briefed the Committee and took part in a question and answer session with Members.

The Chairperson thanked the Officials for their attendance.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to ask if capacity building for smaller organisations and clubs is being considered to ensure that all individuals/groups are aware and can apply for future funding opportunities.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister and to Sport NI to express its confidence that the SSF is being administered correctly and to praise the Officials for outlining the governance arrangements and the due diligence that is being carried out on the SSF.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask if there is ongoing work with the Department for the Economy in relation to Project Stratum and on rural outreach.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Sport NI asking that it provides a breakdown of funding under the SSF including grassroots, disability and women's sports.

The meeting was suspended at 11.22 am and restarted at 11.33 am

5. Committee Deliberations on the Clauses of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill

Mark Durkan declared an interest as family members own licensed premises.



Andy Allen left the meeting at 11.34 am.

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee would continue its deliberations on the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill.

The following Departmental Officials joined the meeting:

Mr Liam Quinn

Ms Carol Reid

The Chairperson informed Members that they had been provided with a recent press release from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) in relation to alcohol specific mortality in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the press release.

The Chairperson informed Members that they had been provided with further correspondence from the Society of Independent Brewers' Association which provided details of the social and economic impacts of taprooms in Great Britain. Members had also been provided with a tabled paper from the Independent Craft Brewers of Ireland on the operation of equivalent licensing legislation in the Republic of Ireland which allows for taprooms to operate.

The Chairperson informed Members that they had been provided with several letters of concern from publicans in relation to taprooms.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note all of the correspondence and to reconsider it during the closed session deliberations on clause 8.

The Chairperson informed Members that they had written to the Department with queries on several clauses following deliberations at the meeting on 25 March 2021.

The Chairperson informed Members that a Ministerial response had not yet been received, however the issues would be gone over again and the Departmental Officials would answer what they could today.

Clause 2: In relation to 'Permitted Hours' on Sundays

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee had agreed that the Minister should now take forward an amendment to bring the legislation relating to an Article



44 'Permitted hours' (late licence) on Sundays into line with the 'Permitted Hours' for the other late nights granted for premises.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to await the Minister's response on these issues.

Clause 7: Licensed race tracks: Sunday sales

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee had agreed to seek clarification from the Department as to whether this clause allowed the sale of alcohol at the venue on a Sunday if a race meeting was not taking place or if the sale was contingent on a race meeting taking place.

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee had also agreed to seek clarification on whether Drumbo Park was to be classified/categorised as an outdoor stadium in the near future.

The Chairperson informed Members that S.R 2021/81 - The Licensing (Designation of Outdoor Stadia) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 was made by the Department on 25 March 2021 and that the Committee would consider the Rule at its meeting on 15th April 2021.

Andy Allen re-joined the meeting at 11.39 am.

The Chairperson advised Members that under this Statutory Rule the Department has designated Drumbo Park as a stadium of importance to the whole of Northern Ireland. In doing so it will allow Drumbo Park Stadium to apply to the courts for a liquor licence for the venue.

Departmental Officials confirmed that Clause 7 was contingent on a race meeting, however, Drumbo Park could avail of a restaurant licence under Article 44 and apply for an occasional licence under Article 47.

Robin Newton re-joined the meeting at 11.41 am.

Clause 8: Licence for off-sales

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee had not yet reached an agreed position on clause 8 and agreed to discuss the clause further during closed session.



Clause 18: Occasional licences: conditions

The Chairperson informed Members that they had previously discussed the inclusion of a provision for an organisation to apply for an occasional licence in order to hold a festival or event without the need for an existing premises licence holder being involved.

The Chairperson informed Members that they had raised concerns that some local producers may find themselves worse off as they currently use occasional licences in order to hold occasional taproom events.

Clause 9: Requirement for Off-licence

The Chairperson informed Members that they had previously noted that the wording of the PSNI proposed amendment was not suitable and agreed to request that the Minister provides a suitably worded amendment to deal with the issue for the Committee's consideration.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to await the Minister's response on these issues.

Clauses 19 and 32: Code of Practice

The Chairperson informed Members that they had agreed to seek clarification on whether the clause as drafted allows for the existence of a number of codes of practice written by different sectors and approved by the Department.

The Departmental Officials confirmed that the Bill allows for more than one Code of Practice.

Members indicated that they were content with the Departmental Officials' response.

Clauses 12 and 28, 11 and 27: Underage Functions and Private Functions

The Chairperson informed Members that they were waiting for clarification from Counsel on the supervision of children at private functions and on the time that under 18's must leave the venue. The Officials thanked the Committee for highlighting these gaps in the Bill

Agreed: The Committee agreed to await the Minister's response on these issues.



Clause 29

The Chairperson informed Members that they had requested that the Minister make an amendment to extend the time period in 29(1) from 1st May to 30th September and the number of nights in 29(3) to “not more than three”.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to await the Minister’s response on these issues.

Clause 22

The Chairperson informed Members that they had previously noted that the Minister was minded to consider amendments and that the Committee had agreed to request that the Minister make amendments to address the anomaly identified between clubs and other licensed premises and to clarify 1-day memberships.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to await the Minister’s response on these issues.

New Clauses

Duty to Produce Guidance:

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee had agreed to request that the Minister forwards a proposed new clause for the Committee’s consideration.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to await the Minister’s response on these issues.

Review Clause:

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee had agreed to request that the Minister drafts a clause which contains a review of the implementation of the provisions of the Bill and a subsequent report to the Northern Ireland Assembly by the end of three years of the Bill getting Royal Assent and, following that first review, subsequent reviews and a report should happen within five years of the previous report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to wait for the Minister’s response on this issue.



Additional Measures:

Entertainment Venues:

The Chairperson informed Members that they had previously agreed that the Assembly Bill Office would bring a proposal to the Committee regarding a potential amendment in relation to cinemas.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the Assembly Bill Office proposal during the closed session.

Minimum Unit Pricing:

The Chairperson informed Members that, in closed session at the meeting on 25 March 2021, the Assembly Bill Office advised the Committee that the issue of Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) was potentially within the scope of the Bill.

The Chairperson informed Members that they had agreed that the Assembly Bill Office would work with the Committee on a potential for an amendment.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to discuss the proposals during closed session.

The Chairperson thanked the Officials for their attendance.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 April 2021 at 9.15 a.m. in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.



The meeting moved into closed session at 11.53 am to allow the Committee to be briefed by an Official from the Northern Ireland Assembly Bill Office.

The Chairperson informed Members that they would continue on from their deliberations at the meeting on 25 March 2021.

The Assembly Bill Office Official provided Members with a draft range of amendment options for Members to consider taking forward in relation to taprooms

The Assembly Bill Office Official advised Members that the proposed amendments made proposals for local producers' produce to be sold (on-sales) on a limited basis in exchange for a guided tour, an entrance fee, cash and at craft fairs.

Kellie Armstrong left the meeting at 12.00 pm.

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed each amendment in detail, including potential unintended consequences.

A Member raised concerns regarding a number of taproom type establishments being endorsed by NI Tourist Board and any possible unintended consequences regarding the advertisement of destinations that serve alcohol.

Robin Newton left the meeting at 12.17 pm.

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed correspondence received from the Independent Craft Brewers of Ireland.

Alex Easton left the meeting at 12.33 pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to reconsider the options again at its meeting on 15 April 2021.

The meeting was suspended at 12.42 pm and restarted at 13.17 pm.

The Committee Chairperson sought Members' agreement to forward a copy of the draft amendments to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward a copy of the amendments to the Department for comment.



The Assembly Bill Office Official provided Members with a draft range of options for amendments for Members to consider in relation to Drumbo Park, Licence for Cinemas, General Permitted Hours and Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP).

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed a range of options/amendments for Committee consideration in relation to Drumbo park.

Members discussed a range of issues and agreed to seek clarification from Departmental Officials during the closed session.

Licence for Cinemas:

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed a proposed amendment to include cinemas as a Place of Public entertainment to permit the serving of alcohol, similar to theatres etc.

General Permitted Hours:

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed proposed amendments to Article 42 the General Permitted Hours (Licensing Order 1996).

Members indicated that they were content with the proposed amendments.

Minimum Unit Pricing:

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed a potential amendment that would place a duty on the Minister for Health to introduce Minimum Unit Pricing within a certain timescale.

Members indicated that they were content with the proposed amendment.

Alex Easton re-joined the meeting at 1.46 pm.

Review Clause:

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed a potential amendment.

Duty to Produce Guidance:

The Assembly Bill Office Official discussed a potential amendment.



The following Departmental Officials re-joined the meeting during closed session to provide clarification on the issue of Drumbo Park:

Mr Liam Quinn

Ms Carol Reid

The Committee was content with the clarification provided by the Departmental Officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 14.44 pm.

Paula Bradley MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Communities