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Paper Title	Sport Sustainability Fund – Investment Decisions	Security Categorisation	Official
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Status		Tick as appropriate
For Approval	<i>Approve the recommendation made in the paper</i>	X
For Decision	<i>Conclusion or resolution reached after consideration of 'options' presented in the paper</i>	
For information	<i>Facts conveyed about an area of work that will increase the Executive Team's understanding and knowledge</i>	

SUMMARY

Issue	To approve sports awards =>£500,000 in the Sport Sustainability Fund
Business plan ref(s)	R1.5 - To co-design and deliver integrated investment programmes that meet the specific needs of the sporting sector in order to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic ... R1.6 - To implement the DfC Sports Hardship Fund
Financial implications	Programme budget: £25m (DfC ring-fenced) Decision requested in this paper: £10,866,537
Funding source	DfC/Exchequer
Timescale	For immediate decision
Dependencies	n/a
Presentational Issues	Speed of response to support sports sector during Covid-19
Risk	Significant exchequer underspend at 31 March 2021 Failure to support sports' sector
Paper cleared by CEO	Yes
Section 75 completed	Yes (Business case & S75 screening completed by DfC; copy provided to SNI and retained for audit purposes)
Partners involved	DfC, governing bodies of sport, sports clubs
Recommendation	That Board members: a) Note the assessment process undertaken to date; b) Note the awards already approved to sports in line with SNI Scheme of Delegation; and c) Approve the SSF award recommendations =>£500,000

1.	BACKGROUND
1.1	Members previously considered and approved SNI/21/03 - Sports Sustainability Fund awards to Irish Football Association, the Ulster Council GAA and Ulster Branch IRFU (Ulster Rugby). Members were advised that the SSF assessment process was ongoing in respect of GAA club awards, UBIRFU club awards and Golf Ireland club awards.
1.2	This paper provides members with an update on the Sports Sustainability Fund programme and builds on the previous body of knowledge presented in SNI/21/03.
1.3	Members will recall that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNI has been assessing 37 eligible governing body applications; • Applications from four sports (football, GAA, rugby & golf) requested cumulative sums >£500,000 and required a Board decision, as per SNI Scheme of Delegation; • All other applications were processed and approved in line with the SNI Scheme of Delegation.
2.	UPDATE
2.1	Over the last eight weeks, the Sport Sustainability Fund project team have assessed and verified applications in line with all relevant SNI policies and programme-specific procedures.
2.2	As of close of business Tuesday 16 March, SNI had: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issued Letters of Offer to the value of £11,495,980 - Issued payments to the value of £10,822,170 following receipt of Forms of Acceptance from governing bodies. - Completed >81% of all assessments (30/37 governing bodies) in line with the programme risk management framework – remaining LOOs are subject to governing body responses to queries and it is hoped that these will issue by 23 March 2021.
2.3	Members will recall that SNI accrues SSF grant expenditure at the date of the applicants' Letter of Offer. Based on work completed to date, officers are forecasting a programme underspend of approx £2m - £1.8m arising from inability of sports to evidence requested need and £200,000 under-subscription at the closing date. One sport (golf) accounts for >61% of the underspend, with a second sport (cycling) accounting for a further 21%.
2.4	As noted in SNI/21/03, SNI has worked closely with Ernst & Young (EY) during the assessment process. This support has been particularly critical in processing the volume of applications from GAA clubs. The Project Team have also been able to avail of financial expertise from other staff within SNI – this has been invaluable as a 'critical friend' challenge function in considering a number of queries with sports.
2.5	Officers have undertaken 100% vouching for GAA (clubs), UBIRFU (clubs) & Golf Ireland (clubs) on the basis of the comments outlined previously in SNI/21/03 and in line with the Programme Risk Management Framework.
2.6	Table 1 provides an overview of assessments completed and approved to 16 March 2021.

Table 1: Award decisions <£500,000

Governing body	No. of clubs included	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount	Status
American Football Ireland	1	£4,027	£9,652	Approved
Archery NI	0	£2,797	£2,797	Approved
Association Irish Indoor Bowls	2	£45,706	£43,540	Approved
Athletics NI	6	£225,631	£225,631	Approved
Basketball NI	3	£71,681	£51,015	Approved
Canoe Association NI	3	£3,421	£3,421	Approved
Cricket Ireland	23	£325,687	£330,119	Approved
Cycling Ireland	0	£400,000	£14,518	Approved
Ice Hockey UK	2	£407,565	£407,565	Approved
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	7	£37,871	£62,417	Approved
Irish Bowling Association	4	£49,605	£49,593	Approved
Irish Football Association	77	£6,563,211	£6,555,593	Approved
Irish Indoor Bowling Association	0	£28,824	£13,470	Approved
National Coarse Fishing Federation Ireland	1	£991	£994	Approved
National Ice Skating Assoc UK	1	£3,376	£1,802	Approved
Netball NI	0	£34,893	£34,892	Approved
NI Billiards & Snooker Assoc	0	£1,343	£1,343	Approved
NI Judo Federation	0	£30,499	£31,075	Approved
NI Tenpin Bowling Association	0	£2,966	£2,966	Approved
NI Volleyball	7	£14,666	£8,913	Approved
Royal Yachting Association NI	7	£189,186	£174,343	Approved
Swim Ulster	17	£244,173	£244,173	Approved
Triathlon Ireland	2	£91,362	£89,707	Approved
Ulster Badminton	1	£27,381	£27,381	Approved
Ulster Council GAA (gov body only)	0	£1,448,122	£1,448,122	Approved
Ulster Hockey Union	10	£369,261	£151,399	Approved
Ulster Rugby (gov body only)	0	£1,509,539	£1,509,539	Approved
British Sub Aqua Club	1	£2,000	£0	Declined
NI Table Tennis Assoc	0	£0	£0	Declined

3. INVESTMENT DECISION

3.1 Officers have completed 100% pre-payment vouching on the three governing body components noted in Table 4 below.

Table 2: Recommended governing body awards

Governing Body	No. of clubs	Requested amount	Verified Amount
GAA (clubs only)	180	£5,926,031	£5,932,260
UBIRFU (clubs only)	27	£716,154	£725,991
Golf Ireland (clubs only)	29	£5,135,733	£10,866,537

* Golf Ireland did not request a governing body award

3.2 On the basis of the information presented above, members are asked to approve the following awards for GAA (club element), IBIRFU (club elements) and Golf Ireland (club element):

Table 3: Recommended awards

SSF Applicant	Recommended club element total
GAA	£5,932,260
Ulster Branch IRFU	£725,991
Golf Ireland (*)	£4,208,286
TOTAL	£10,866,537

* Golf Ireland applied on behalf of 29 clubs. At the point the Board paper issued, SNI had completed vouching on 28 of the 29 clubs awaiting a Golf Ireland response in respect of Castlerock Golf Club (requested amount £33,671). The overall award to Golf Ireland may therefore increase by this amount (<1%); officers expect to have the query addressed in advance of the Board meeting on 19 March and an oral update will be provided at that time for the purposes of recording a decision.

3.3 For comparison purposes, Table 4 provides an overview of awards to the four sports that collectively requested >86% of total funding available.

Table 4: Sport overview

Applicant	Governing Body element	Club element	TOTAL
GAA	£1,448,122	£5,932,260	£7,380,382
Ulster Branch IRFU	£1,509,539	£725,991	£2,235,530
Golf Ireland	Nil requested	£4,208,286	£4,208,286
Irish Football Association	£1,715,431	£4,840,162	£6,555,593

3.4 A full breakdown of requested amounts from individual clubs in each of the three sports is provided in Appendices 1-3. SNI will publish details of individual awards to clubs on its website. SSF grants to clubs are administered via the recognised governing body of sport; sports governing bodies are also required to publish details of club awards on their website/social media.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that Board members:

- Approve SSF awards noted in paragraph 3.2 Table 3

APPENDIX 1: ULSTER COUNCIL GAA CLUBS/AFFILIATED ENTITIES AWARDS

Total No.	County No.	County	Club/Entity Name	Total	County sub-total
1	1	Antrim	Aldergrove St James'	25,383	
2	2	Antrim	All Saints Ballymena	4,138	
3	3	Antrim	Antrim GAA	210,750	
4	4	Antrim	Armoy Camogie Club	447	
5	5	Antrim	Armoy Glen Rovers	46,215	
6	6	Antrim	Ballycastle McQuillan's	13,696	
7	7	Antrim	Cardinal O'Donnell's	52,061	
8	8	Antrim	Carey Faugh's	14,212	
9	9	Antrim	Cargin Erin's Own	12,885	
10	10	Antrim	Creggan Kickhams	39,110	
11	11	Antrim	Dunloy Cúchulainn's	108,185	
12	12	Antrim	Éire Óg Derriaghy	6,262	
13	13	Antrim	Glenariffe Oisin's	6,020	
14	14	Antrim	Glenarm Shane O'Neill's	14,225	
15	15	Antrim	Glenavy St Joseph's	37,120	
16	16	Antrim	Glenravel Con Magee's	46,652	
17	17	Antrim	Gort na Móna	83,363	
18	18	Antrim	Latharna Óg Larne	8,887	
19	19	Antrim	Loughgiel Shamrocks	25,455	
20	20	Antrim	Michael Davitt's	62,616	
21	21	Antrim	Moneyglass St Ergnat's	13,459	
22	22	Antrim	Naomh Éanna	29,281	
23	23	Antrim	Naomh Padraig (North Antrim)	2,990	
24	24	Antrim	North Antrim GAA	6,281	
25	25	Antrim	O'Donovan Rossa Belfast	11,980	
26	26	Antrim	Patrick Pearse's Belfast	3,131	
27	27	Antrim	Patrick Sarsfield's	114,003	
28	28	Antrim	St Gall's Belfast	13,904	
29	29	Antrim	St John's Belfast	26,211	
30	30	Antrim	St Mary's Rasharkin	14,728	
31	31	Antrim	St Paul's Belfast	72,806	
32	32	Antrim	Tír na nÓg Randalstown	39,049	
33	33	Antrim	Ulster University GAA	1,769	
		County total			1,167,274
34	1	Armagh	Armagh GAA	15,689	
35	2	Armagh	Armagh Harps	27,227	
36	3	Armagh	Armagh LGFA	14,646	
37	4	Armagh	Ballyhegan Davitts	4,454	
38	5	Armagh	Carrickcruppen	53,135	
39	6	Armagh	Clonmore Robert Emmets	25,507	

40	7	Armagh	Collegeland O'Rahillys	32,785	
41	8	Armagh	Craobh Rua Camlocha	10,153	
42	9	Armagh	Crossmaglen Rangers	44,271	
43	10	Armagh	Crossmaglen Rangers Ladies	6,819	
44	11	Armagh	Culloville Blues	20,440	
45	12	Armagh	Derrynoose	48,132	
46	13	Armagh	Keady Lamh Dearg	7,409	
47	14	Armagh	Lissummon	9,489	
48	15	Armagh	Maghery Sean McDermotts	11,872	
49	16	Armagh	Middletown	8,568	
50	17	Armagh	Mullaghbawn Camogie Club	3,464	
51	18	Armagh	Mullaghbawn Cúchulainns	9,210	
52	19	Armagh	Na Piarasigh, Eanach Mór	13,583	
53	20	Armagh	Naomh Mhuire CC, An Port Mor	3,679	
54	21	Armagh	O Neills, An Port Mor	19,236	
55	22	Armagh	O'Connells, Tullysaran	10,042	
56	23	Armagh	O'Donovan Rossa, Mullabrack	11,467	
57	24	Armagh	Peadar O' Doinin's, Forkhill	27,137	
58	25	Armagh	Round Towers, Ballymacnab	6,867	
59	26	Armagh	Sarsfields	14,071	
60	27	Armagh	Sean Treacy's, Lurgan	758	
61	28	Armagh	Silverbridge Harps	54,762	
62	29	Armagh	St. Brenda's Camogie Club, Ballymacnab	7,885	
63	30	Armagh	St. Comcille's, Grange	21,502	
64	31	Armagh	St. Killian's, Whitecross	9,703	
65	32	Armagh	St. Laurence O'Toole's, Belleeks	11,061	
66	33	Armagh	St. Malachy's, Portadown	4,330	
67	34	Armagh	St. Moninna's, Killeavy	15,312	
68	35	Armagh	St. Patrick's, Cullyhanna	88,186	
69	36	Armagh	St. Paul's, Lurgan	27,297	
70	37	Armagh	St. Peter's, Lurgan	23,516	
71	38	Armagh	Tír na nÓg, Portadown	63,155	
72	39	Armagh	Wolfe Tone, Derrymacash	47,322	
		County total			834,141
73	1	Derry	Ballerin GAA	51,552	
74	2	Derry	Ballinderry Shamrock's	55,589	
75	3	Derry	Banagher, St Mary's GAC	20,348	
76	4	Derry	Bellaghy Wolfe Tones	8,144	
77	5	Derry	Castledawson	4,042	
78	6	Derry	Derry GAA	122,693	
79	7	Derry	Desertmartin	34,648	
80	8	Derry	Doire Trasna, Na Piarasigh	2,418	
81	9	Derry	Drum, St Colm's GAC	1,999	
82	10	Derry	Eoghan Rua Coleraine	48,808	

83	11	Derry	Faughanvale GAC	17,442	
84	12	Derry	Foreglen, O'Briens GAC	27,512	
85	13	Derry	Glack, O'Connors GAC	4,053	
86	14	Derry	Glen Maghera, Watty Grahams	40,624	
87	15	Derry	Greenlough GAC	11,892	
88	16	Derry	Kevin Lynch's	69,022	
89	17	Derry	Kilrea GAC	3,377	
90	18	Derry	Limavady Wolfhounds GAC	58,966	
91	19	Derry	Lissan, St Michael's GAC	56,779	
92	20	Derry	Loup, St Patrick's Camogie	6,086	
93	21	Derry	Loup, St Patrick's GAC	58,411	
94	22	Derry	Magherafelt, O'Donovan Rossa	31,607	
95	23	Derry	Newbridge Sean O Learys	1,374	
96	24	Derry	Slaughtneil, Robert Emmets GAC	8,249	
97	25	Derry	St Finbarr's Hurling	1,555	
98	26	Derry	Swatragh, Michael Davitt's Camogie	4,253	
		County total			751,443
99	1	Down	Aghaderg GAC & Ballyvarley HC	22,167	
100	2	Down	An Riocht	60,365	
101	3	Down	Annaclone GAC	35,975	
102	4	Down	Ballygalget GAC	49,943	
103	5	Down	Ballymartin GAC	14,250	
104	6	Down	Carryduff GAC	73,367	
105	7	Down	Clann na Banna CLG	21,152	
106	8	Down	Clonduff Camogie Club	8,009	
107	9	Down	Down GAA	493,102	
108	10	Down	Dromara GAC	18,200	
109	11	Down	Dundrum GAC	3,451	
110	12	Down	Glenn John Martin's GAC	41,295	
111	13	Down	Kilclief Bean Dearg GAC	36,826	
112	14	Down	Kilcoo Owen Roe's GAC	45,057	
113	15	Down	Longstone GAC	34,681	
114	16	Down	Loughinisland GAC	15,849	
115	17	Down	Newry Mitchell's GAC	5,599	
116	18	Down	Russell Gaelic Union GAC	60,825	
117	19	Down	St John's Drumnaquoile	6,502	
118	20	Down	St Joseph's GAA Ballycran	10,760	
119	21	Down	St Malachy's Castlewellan	61,591	
120	22	Down	St Mary's GFC Burren	94,064	
121	23	Down	St Michaels Magheraghlin	12,452	
122	24	Down	St Patrick's Portaferry	27,079	
123	25	Down	St Peter's Warrenpoint	13,777	
		County total			1,266,338
124	1	Fermanagh	Belcoo O'Rahillys GAC	8,375	

125	2	Fermanagh	Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs GAC	76,813	
126	3	Fermanagh	Brookeborough GAA	8,340	
127	4	Fermanagh	Derrygonnelly Harps GFC	72,401	
128	5	Fermanagh	Enniskillen Gaels	16,915	
129	6	Fermanagh	Fermanagh GAA	191,630	
130	7	Fermanagh	Heber MacMahon Ladies Brookeborough	2,758	
131	8	Fermanagh	Kinawley Brian Borus GAA	31,706	
132	9	Fermanagh	Knockinney Gaels Derrylin & Teemore Ladies	5,045	
133	10	Fermanagh	Knocks Grattans Hurling Club	12,666	
134	11	Fermanagh	Lisbellaw St. Patrick's	2,687	
135	12	Fermanagh	Lisnaskea Emmetts GAC	14,619	
136	13	Fermanagh	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	44,061	
137	14	Fermanagh	Roslea Shamrocks GAC	121,837	
138	15	Fermanagh	St. Marys GAC Maguiresbridge	11,401	
139	16	Fermanagh	St. McCartans GAC Aughadrumsee	14,541	
140	17	Fermanagh	St. Molaises GFC Irvinestown	25,401	
141	18	Fermanagh	St Patricks GAA Donagh	24,004	
142	19	Fermanagh	Tempo Maguires GAC	66,079	
		County total			751,279
143	1	Tyrone	Achadh Lú Ui Néill CLG	24,276	
144	2	Tyrone	Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC	79,054	
145	3	Tyrone	Beragh Red Knights	35,060	
146	4	Tyrone	Carrickmore Eire Og	40,321	
147	5	Tyrone	Carrickmore GFC	32,777	
148	6	Tyrone	Castlederg St Eugene's GAC	57,985	
149	7	Tyrone	Clougher Eire Og	21,992	
150	8	Tyrone	Cookstown Fr Rocks	16,849	
151	9	Tyrone	Derrytresk Camogie Club	796	
152	10	Tyrone	Donaghmore St Patricks GAA	33,653	
153	11	Tyrone	Drumquinn Wolfe Tones GFC	33,197	
154	12	Tyrone	Drumragh GFC	7,331	
155	13	Tyrone	Dungannon Clarkes	34,303	
156	14	Tyrone	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	52,261	
157	15	Tyrone	Eglish St patrick's GFC	21,837	
158	16	Tyrone	Eirrgal Ciaran GAC	53,540	
159	17	Tyrone	Eskra Emmets GFC	21,094	
160	18	Tyrone	Fr Shields Camogie Club	1,640	
161	19	Tyrone	Glenelly GFC	21,249	
162	20	Tyrone	Greencastle Football Club	2,964	
163	21	Tyrone	Greencastle Handball Club	867	
164	22	Tyrone	Kildress Wolfe Tones	18,699	
165	23	Tyrone	Kileeshil St Mary's	19,893	
166	24	Tyrone	Killyclougher St Mary's	22,392	

167	25	Tyrone	Moortown St Malachy's	56,112	
168	26	Tyrone	Moy Tir Na Og	7,446	
169	27	Tyrone	Naomh Colm Cille	12,681	
170	28	Tyrone	Omagh St. Enda's GAC	31,630	
171	29	Tyrone	Owen Roe O'Neill's GAC	18,455	
172	30	Tyrone	Rock LGFA	6,494	
173	31	Tyrone	Rock St Patricks GAA	128,042	
174	32	Tyrone	St Malachys Edendork	26,026	
175	33	Tyrone	Tattreagh GAA Club	34,552	
176	34	Tyrone	Trillick GFC	106,723	
177	35	Tyrone	Tyrone LGFA	18,776	
		County total			1,100,967
178	1	Ulster	Ulster Camogie	22,614	
179	2	Ulster	Ulster Ladies Gaelic	2,935	
180	3	Ulster	Ulster Schools GAA	35,269	
		Sub total			60,818
COUNTY OVERVIEW		Antrim			1,167,274
		Armagh			834,141
		Derry			751,443
		Down			1,266,338
		Fermanagh			751,279
		Tyrone			1,100,967
		Ulster			60,818
		County total			5,932,260
			TOTAL	£	5,932,260

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APPENDIX 2: ULSTER BRANCH IRFU CLUBS/AFFILIATED ENTITIES AWARDS

Club/Entity Name	Total
Academy RFC	£ 12,404
Ards RFC	£ 44,446
Ballyclare RFC	£ 32,494
Ballymena RFC (whole club)	£ 39,500
Ballymoney RFC	£ 27,191
Ballynahinch RFC	£ 37,726
Banbridge RFC	£ 51,961
Belfast Harlequins (whole club)	£ 39,423
Belfast High School Former Pupils RFC	£ 6,840
City of Armagh RFC	£ 63,364
City of Derry RFC	£ 6,158
Civil Service RFC	£ 18,106
CIYMS RFC	£ 19,767
Clogher Valley RFC	£ 13,820
Cooke RFC	£ 39,690
Donaghadee RFC	£ 34,316
Dromore RFC	£ 3,575
Grosvenor RFC	£ -
Larne RFC	£ 13,764
Lurgan RF&CC (whole club)	£ 43,827
Malone RFC	£ 28,443
Newry RFC	£ 13,912
Omagh Accies RFC	£ 30,725
Portadown RFC	£ 78,459
Rainey Old Boys RFC	£ 6,586
Randalstown RFC	£ 14,511
Ulster University, Coleraine RFC	£ 4,983
TOTAL	£ 725,991

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APPENDIX 3: GOLF IRELAND CLUBS/AFFILIATED ENTITIES AWARDS

Club	Requested (revised)/£	Recommended Amount/£	% change
Ardglass	£ 140,656	£ 128,558	-9%
Ballyclare	£ 53,288	£ 7,439	-86%
Balmoral	£ 116,480	£ 105,109	-10%
Cairndhu	£ 47,237	£ 51,016	8%
Carrickfergus	£ 70,905	£ 81,049	14%
Castlerock	£ 33,671	£ -	-100%
City of Derry	£ 35,224	£ 16,566	-53%
Clandeboyne	£ 353,337	£ -	-100%
Co Armagh	£ 171,992	£ 141,180	-18%
Dunmurry	£ 15,702	£ -	-100%
Enniskillen	£ 20,254	£ 21,686	7%
Fortwilliam	£ 52,953	£ 44,272	-16%
Galgorm Castle	£ 142,539	£ 142,539	0%
Greenisland	£ 25,605	£ 7,107	-72%
Hollywood	£ 267,287	£ 267,287	0%
Kilkeel	£ 70,733	£ 70,733	0%
Kirkistown Castle	£ 24,163	£ 82,622	242%
Malone	£ 459,314	£ 330,433	-28%
Massereene	£ 7,235	£ -	-100%
Moyola Park	£ 80,573	£ 36,903	-54%
Newtonstewart	£ 5,651	£ 5,651	0%
Omagh	£ 56,860	£ 56,660	0%
Portstewart	£ 240,496	£ 154,957	-36%
Rathmore	£ 25,749	£ 20,420	-21%
Royal County Down	£ 1,699,019	£ 1,562,452	-8%
Royal Portrush	£ 745,211	£ 757,638	2%
Scrabo	£ 81,967	£ 55,560	-32%
Spa	£ 48,372	£ 41,984	-13%
St Patricks	£ 43,260	£ 18,465	-57%
Total	£ 5,135,733	£ 4,208,286	

**Note: Castlerock Golf Club figures were still being finalised (subject to Golf Ireland query response) when Board paper issued and will be updated/advised at Board meeting on 19 March 2021. Overall golf award is therefore likely to change within the +/- 1%*

RECOMMENDED (APPROVED) AMOUNTS TO BE PUBLISHED ON SPORT NI WEBSITE