

FROM THE MINISTER

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Mike, a chara,

I wish to offer further information and point of clarification to my answer to your supplementary question to Oral Question AQO 6023/11-15 regarding sports facility complexes in Derry, Dungiven and Coleraine. You asked:

“ In her keynote legacy speech at the Gasyard in Londonderry last November, she referred to developing modern sports facilities, including complexes in Derry, Dungiven and Coleraine. I would appreciate being given a knowledge of what those are and the timeline for their completion”

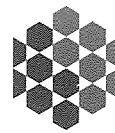
In my answer I stated that **“.A total of £2.5 million has been identified, through Limavady Borough Council, for a new sports complex in Dungiven and £1.5 million for Coleraine Showgrounds.”**

By way of further information and clarification I would like to advise that as part of the City of Culture capital legacy projects in 2014/15, Coleraine Borough Council has been allocated £1.5m to develop the first phase of a multi-sport 'sports village' in Rugby Avenue, Coleraine. Phase 1 of this project will provide provision of two synthetic pitches and ancillary facilities and is due to be operational by September 2014.

Other City of Culture capital legacy projects which are at the initial stages of development and planning; and which are subject to securing Executive funding, will see DCAL investment of:

- at least £2m towards the Daisyfield/Showgrounds element of the Foyle Valley Gateway Masterplan. Derry City Council is currently developing a business case for the project; and
- £2.5m to develop a sporting hub in Dungiven. Limavady Borough Council is currently developing a business case for the project.

I will arrange for a copy of this letter of update and clarification to be provided to the Speaker, Committee Chair, Members, Business Office and Assembly Library.



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