

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, LEISURE AND LIFELONG LEARNING

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SECTION A – MATTER FOR INFORMATION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT PROGRESS REPORT.

Purpose of Report

To report on the progress being made in relation to the Local Authority Partnership Agreement (LAPA) with the Sport Wales that is strategically addressing the inactivity and health problems of the population in Neath Port Talbot including children, young people and adults.

Background

Sport Wales (SW) currently funds a variety of programmes and initiatives in Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. These programmes are delivered by the Physical Activity and Sport Service. Nationally it was agreed the need to have an over-arching agreement with individual Local Authorities that co-ordinates the diverse range of programmes currently being delivered and in doing so raising the profile of sport and physical activity across the Local Authority area.

The LAPA allows for programmes to be delivered that meet the specific needs of Neath Port Talbot. To deliver these bespoke programmes £30,042 additional grant funding via LAPA was awarded in 2014-15.

2014-15 Local Authority Partnership Agreement:

In 2014 – 15 after consultation with Schools, Celtic Leisure and local clubs via the District Sports Council and Governing Bodies of Sport, the priority programmes identified to increase participation in Physical Activity were:-

- Windsurfing
- 16 + and Back to Netball
- Community Badminton Club Development
- Community Table Tennis Club Development
- Workforce Development

All the programmes were delivered and the outcomes are shown in **Appendix 1**

The Active Young People Programme:

The Active Young People programmes in schools, 5x60 in comprehensive and Dragon Sport in primary are also funded via the LAPA.

5x60 is changing the face of provision of sport in secondary schools, and pupils are experiencing a new dimension in the way sport and physical activities are delivered.

5x60 is rising to the challenge by helping to create the environment necessary for children and young people to take part in extra curricular sport and physical activity on a regular basis.

Dragon Sport clubs in the primary schools promote fair play and are open to children of all abilities. Dragon Sport is designed to offer 7-11 year olds fun and appropriate sporting opportunities. There are 8 Dragon Sports – Athletics, Golf, Cricket, Tennis, Hockey, Netball, Rugby and Football.

In Neath Port Talbot, we work very closely with primary schools to support extra-curricular sports clubs. We provide training and support to parents, teachers and volunteers who lead or help at Dragon Sport clubs.

The outcomes for both programmes in 2013 -14 academic year, are shown as **Appendix 2.**

2015 -16 Local Authority Partnership Agreement:

To deliver the bespoke programmes in 2015 -16, despite the economic climate, £25,532 additional grant funding via LAPA was awarded to Neath Port Talbot. This funding will allow for the continued development of our focus sports, and additional activities such as Foundation Phase, Physical Literacy and Wheel Chair Rugby in 2015 – 16.

Wind Surfing:

Building on the success of the 2014 -15 Windsurfing Development, it is proposed to provide Windsurfing taster sessions to NPTCBC School pupils as a pre-cursor to interested pupils attending an RYA approved course/club at TATA.

Netball:

Building on the success of Netball development in both school and the community, it is proposed to increase the opportunity for participation by 16 years + and those ex players wanting to return to the sport as a social participant.

Our research also shows that there is within the County Borough a clear a gap in provision for key stage 1 children. It is proposed to develop three Netball tots clubs in Neath, Port Talbot and the Afan Valley. In addition, Celtic Leisure are developing a club

in the Swansea Valley. It is further proposed to develop 2 more under 19 teams, 1 Back to Netball in Neath, thus offering further participation opportunities and extending the netball pathway.

Badminton:

Building on the success of new 5x60 and community Badminton clubs it is proposed to further develop two more clubs during 2015-16. This will be delivered in partnership with Welsh Badminton, PASS and Celtic Leisure

The long term plan in 2015 – 16 is to develop a junior badminton league within Neath Port Talbot.

Table Tennis:

Building on the success of new 5x60 and 4 community Table Tennis clubs it is proposed to further develop two more clubs during 2015-16. This will be delivered in partnership with Welsh Badminton, PASS and Celtic Leisure. The long term plan in 2015 – 16 is to develop a junior league within Neath Port Talbot. During 2015 -16 it is proposed to develop a junior club in the Afan Valley and at the new Aberavon Leisure and Fitness Centre.

Foundation Phase:

Following on from the successful roll out of community clubs over the County Borough, it has become clear that there is a gap in provision for foundation phase children. This project will be developed in partnership with Celtic Leisure. We will target 4 cluster areas over the 3 year plan. In house training will be given to all Leisure centre staff and coaches for the community clubs.

Physical Literacy:

This project is designed to engage with children and young people who have developed basic skills through the Play to Learn National Framework and are ready to apply their skills into any environment and become a multi-skilled individual. We aim to align the Multi – skill sessions with the facility specific adult sessions to provide opportunities for families to access Sport and Physical Activity services together. This project will be developed in partnership with Celtic Leisure.

Wheel Chair Rugby:

Building on the success of the wheelchair rugby taster sessions and collaborative partnership working, it is proposed to increase the opportunity for both children and adults to participate in the sport. We will be developing a new club as well as providing coach education for volunteers to become trained in the delivery of Wheelchair rugby; we will also provide disability inclusion training for volunteers.

A full copy of the 2015-16 Local Authority Partnership agreement is available, from the Physical Activity and Cultural Services Manager if any Member requires a copy.

Appendices

LAPA Annual Report 2014-15 Appendix 1

Neath Port Talbot Active Young People Programme Academic Year 2013/14 – Appendix 2

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1.

Sports Wales LAPA ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15.

PLANNED OUTCOMES	PROGRESS TO DATE
Strategic & Governance	<p>The Neath Port Talbot LAPA is submitted to our Economic, Community, Regeneration Board as part of our business planning and monitoring process. There is also a strategic link to our service area RBA Score Card.</p>
Active Young People Programme	<p>A large focus this year has been the US Girls project and community badminton / table tennis clubs, this has seen a small shift in resources to the community setting and secondary school setting.</p> <p>We have been successful in engaging 44 primary schools to sign up to the bronze ambassador programme. We now have over 150 ambassadors across Neath Port Talbot. Ambassadors have been helping to promote local community activities by holding assemblies / presentations. Ambassadors have run their own lunchtime and after school sports clubs.</p> <p>A range of work has been done with primary schools to improve physical literacy; they have received training, mentoring and support with multi skills.</p> <p>Nearly all schools are offering Dragon Sport clubs and we have organised festivals in netball, football, tennis, beach football, multi skills, fun running. Over the next year we will be focusing on community multi skills and play 2 learn in partnership with our leisure trust.</p> <p>5x60 plans are rolling out over the 11 schools with all schools providing a variety of inclusive activities. The 74 silver ambassadors in our schools are helping to develop the 5x60 project and promote sessions. Another priority this year was to target key stage 4 girl's participation; all schools have delivered taster sessions or provided funding to ensure there are more variety / options during lesson time. All schools have offered a new extra curricular activity. A community fitness class has been organised and delivered in each of the 4 community first areas as a partnership with Communities 1st and Street Games. We are hoping to see a positive shift in participation captured on the school sport survey and management information.</p>

	<p>The team has worked together to deliver holiday activities, a big focus this year in the community has been badminton and table tennis schools have attended badminton sessions / festivals and table tennis has been promoted in partnership with Swansea City FC.</p> <p>We have strengthened links with Street Games and are currently looking at opportunities to deliver sessions across our 4 community first cluster areas. There is funding for door step club opportunities and we are looking to make full use of this by working in partnership with communities first.</p>
<p>Free Swimming</p>	<p>Swimming summary over time - 16 and under (2014 – 15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Public Swims – 9,320 • Free Structured Swims – 789 <p>Swimming summary over time - 60 and over (2014 – 15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Public Swims – 23,815 • Free Structured Swims – 405 <p>A key area of success under the FSI has been the Key Stage 2 ‘Top- Up’ provision which has been delivered in partnership with NPT schools. Children in academic years 5 and 6 who do not achieve the Key Stage 2 Swimming outcomes during their school allocation are invited, through school links, to attend a crash course of free swimming lessons during the half term holidays to support them to achieve the required standard. Not only is this a fantastic opportunity for the children to further develop their aquatics skills but, this also supports the authority to enhance its overall attainment figures for Key Stage 2 attainment.</p> <p>During the February half-term Celtic experienced the highest demand to date for this provision and, 68% of those who participated subsequently went on to achieve the required standard to pass the Key Stage 2 Swimming outcomes successfully.</p>
<p>2014-15 Additional Projects Windsurfing:</p>	<p>All windsurfing equipment identified in the LAPA schedule has been purchased.</p> <p>Windsurfing lessons commenced in April 2014 as scheduled and continued until the end of September. Children have attended blocks of 4 week lessons.</p> <p>13 children attended a half day taster event in July. 20 participants attended a windsurfing open day on Sunday 27th July. TATA Sailing Club Windsurfing section has become an official RYA training centre. 111 Total Participants = 62 NPTCBC children and 49 others</p>

Netball:

Competitive league structure has been established in 2014/15. The 4 clubs are now fully sustained and offering teams at u11, u13, u15 and u17 with approximately 300 girls involved. All clubs are fully inclusive and are signed up and playing in the league structure. 17 teams are playing in the NPT League from across the 4 clubs and all clubs have put at least 2 teams to the u11 festivals. The Ystrad Angels from Powys have played friendly fixtures and are invited to our cup competitions.

Celtic Leisure launched back to Netball at Pontardawe Leisure Centre at 4.30pm on 29th March 2015 with 25 women attending the first session. The age of participants ranged from 19-50+years and none of the ladies had participated in Netball type activities since leaving school. Feedback from the ladies has been extremely positive and the early indication is that they would like to be involved in the development of a local social Netball league.

Badminton:

The Badminton project has created 2 strong sustained badminton clubs at Cimla and Port Talbot. Each club has a regular attendance of 15-20; clubs have their own badges, kit and identity. The children have really enjoyed taking part in competitive fixtures and festivals to represent their club. In the recent Easter festival a Welsh International came along to give a talk and hit with the children.

We are still working to re-launch Pontardawe, it has been agreed to change the pricing structure and for the club to attend our festivals. This will be great for all the participants as it should provide further competition.

Next year we will be looking to ensure that Pontardawe are fully integrated into our program, develop a new club in Neath and create a new club in the new Aberavon facility. Attendance for the year – **Cimla badminton**- 20 sessions- 173 attendances - **Pontardawe**- 15 sessions – 63 attendances **Port Talbot Badminton**- 20 sessions- 151 attendances

Table Tennis:

Table tennis clubs have developed and grown over the last year. The project has been a huge success this year with the development of clubs across the borough. Clubs at Pontardawe, Briton Ferry and Neath are now fully sustained with a consistent number attending. Port Talbot is due to start early in May and everything is in place for the club to begin. **Pontardawe** 11 sessions- 198 attendances **Briton Ferry**- 9 sessions- 141 attendances- **Neath**- 7 sessions- 103 attendances.

The link to Swansea City Premier League for Sport has given the clubs further promotion with a player visit and an article in the match day programme. It has also created competitive opportunities and the chance for our players to represent Swansea City at events.

The clubs were set up with a fully inclusive approach from the start. We have had some children with disabilities attend the clubs. A competitive festival was held over Easter with the winners getting Swansea City tickets.

Workforce Development:

Windsurfing - delivered

Disability Training-

Delivered.

Netball - 2 Qualified levels 2 - Delivered.

Table Tennis. Delivered.

Tennis - Delivered

Appendix 2:

Neath Port Talbot Active Young People Programme Academic Year 2013-14

5x60 Programme:

% of pupils attending 5x60 clubs.	Outcome	Position out of Authorities in Wales
% of Pupils attending 1 session	71%	7th
% of Pupils attending 5 sessions	50%	6th
% of Pupils attending 20 sessions	21%	7th
% of Pupils attending 30 sessions	13.2%	8th
% of Pupils attending 50 sessions	5%	6th
Total school attendances	87,782	6th
Total number of sessions delivered	4,831	5th
Boys registrations	13,011	5th
Girls attending clubs	8,182	7th

Dragon Sport:

The Dragon Sport Programme in primary schools also continues to show increased participation levels.

Academic Year	Participants
2010/11	4,949
2011/12	6,285
2012/13	9,255
2013/14	10,872
Children with a disability participation 2013/14 were the highest in Wales.	1,224