

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE CABINET BOARD**

9 November 2017

**Report of Mr Andrew Thomas Head of Transformation**  
**Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning**

**Matter for Information**

**Wards Affected:** "All wards"

**LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**  
**PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2016-2017**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Members on the outcomes from the Local Authority Partnership Agreement 2016 -17 (LAPA). This document is the authority's annual Strategic funding agreement with Sport Wales. In 2016-17 the total Sport Wales Grant was £556,452

**Background**

Whilst Local Authority Partnership Agreement (LAPA) is the strategic agreement for core funded programmes such as the Active Young People programme (A.Y.P.), it also allows for additional programmes to be delivered that meet the specific needs of Neath Port Talbot.

The Physical Activity & Sport Service (P.A.S.S), delivers the LAPA, and is committed to developing and promoting a better life for the population of Neath Port Talbot through active living. The bespoke programmes delivered in 2016-17 via the LAPA, were provided 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:-

### **Multi Skills:**

In partnership with local community organisations and Celtic leisure a range of multi skills / play 2 learn sessions have been established and supported, at The Aberavon leisure and Fitness Centre, Bulldogs and Pontardawe Leisure sessions. The feedback from these sessions has been positive as the emphasis of the session is on improving confidence along with the physical skills of the children. To date 3 clubs have been established, delivering 30 sessions with 42 regular attendees, resulting in 654 participations

### **Community Netball Clubs:**

Netball has once again been a real success with more teams and age groups than ever attending the new Swansea Bay netball league. The league was developed via LAPA funding; it operates on a Friday evening at 3 venues across the County Borough with in excess of 400 girls participating.

### **Community Badminton Clubs and Table Tennis:**

Badminton and table tennis clubs have been established across the County Borough, the development of these clubs has proved to be more challenging. We are looking to continue to progress and develop these sports this academic year. To date 4 clubs have been established delivering 55 sessions with 45 regular attendees, resulting in 523 participations

### **Inclusive Sports Clubs:**

Disability Sport Wales provide a 100% grant of £21,000 to fund a part time officer. A priority for the LAPA in 2016-17 academic year was to develop new opportunities for children with disabilities. At first attendance was slow, but through positive feedback between parents, the clubs have grown.

The festival of sport club that links to the annual summer festival has a regular attendance of 7-12 participants. A disability football club has been set up with regular attendance of 7-10 participants. Working with the local special needs education centre, there is now a weekly special needs multiskills activity club with an average of 11 participants.

This year's annual weeklong festival of sport held at Margam Park which is supported by Admiral Insurance attracted 211 children per day. The festival offers children with disabilities the opportunity to participate in variety of sports during the week.

### **Community Basketball Clubs:**

4 new basketball clubs have been developed, and are located at Pontardawe, Neath, Port Talbot and the Afan Valley. It has been a challenging project trying to engage with 14+ boys as a target. It has taken time but all clubs are now attended well enough to play competitively in festivals. There is a demand from girls to play and this is something we plan to develop this academic year. To date 62 sessions have been delivered with 36 regular attendees, resulting in 496 participations

### **Active Young People Programme:**

The Active Young People Section (A.Y.P.) is 100% funded by Sport Wales. Whilst officers are attached to a Comprehensive School, this academic year the focus has been based on the 3 outcomes identified by Sport Wales to deliver their new Regional Sport Approach which are:-

Tackling inequalities - creating sporting pathways - hooked on sport.

The AYP officers have each developed and executed an operational plan, the team has changed approach this year to focus more time on the development of community activities, by delivering taster sessions in schools, and linking directly with community clubs.

We now have 33 community sport clubs that are being supported weekly by the team, 31 of these clubs are new clubs, which the team have set up via the LAPA. From January to April 3rd we have had over 3500 attendances at these community clubs.

A new link has been forged with a national organisation "Street Games" The link with street games has provided the team with the opportunity to deliver new programmes targeting girls in Years 9 and above. The "US Girls" programme has delivered a variety of different sessions, such as girls football sessions in Fairfield in Port Talbot, sports sessions in Seven Sisters. To date 6 clubs have been established, 73 sessions delivered resulting in 584 participations.

At Croeserw community enterprise centre a new weekly multi sports club and dodgeball session have been introduced, these sessions are run in partnership with Neath Port Talbot Group, with an average of 45 attendances per session per week.

### **School Holiday Sports Camps:**

The team this year have delivered new week long school holiday sports camps. The Easter Camp at Ysgol Bae Baglan attracted 35 children per day. The summer camp at Ysgol Bae Baglan attracted 115 children per day, and a summer camp held at Margam Country Park attracted 65

### **Park Lives:**

ParkLives delivers supervised instructed sessions for children and adults from multiskills and general sports, too nature and bush craft .In excess of 15 parks in the local authority have hosted a total of 347 sessions, and the programme has attracted 5,262 participants in total to date..

### **Sport Wales National School Sports Survey.**

In 2015 Sport Wales carried out the second all Wales school sport survey; it is pleasing to report that Neath Port Talbot retained its position of number 1 out of 22 Local Authorities for children's participation in physical activity. 55% of children participate in extracurricular sport 3 or more occasions in a week, the average for Wales is 48%.

### **National Exercise Referral Scheme:**

The P.A.S.S. team also deliver the National Exercise Referral Scheme (N.E.R.S) which is a Welsh Assembly Government initiative to promote physical activity in those people who are currently inactive or who have certain medical conditions. Programmes and exercise classes are delivered for clients with pre and post cancer, back injuries, trips and falls, stroke, diabetes, phase 4 cardio rehabilitation and weight management. The programme is 100%, grant funded. An additional grant of £34,000 has also been secured from A.B.M.U.to deliver a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (C.O.P.D.) programme on their behalf.

## **Financial Impact**

2. Total Grant Funding received from Sport Wales 2016-17 £556k  
Total Grant Funding received from Disability Sport Wales 2016-17 £21k  
Total grant funding for NERS via public health Wales £121k  
Funding for COPD programme from ABMU £34k

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

3. There are no equality impacts associated with this report, the report is for information only

## **Workforce Impacts**

4. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

## **Legal Impacts**

5. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

## **Risk Management**

6. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

## **Consultation**

7. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Appendices**

None.


## **List of Background Papers**

8. Copies of the 2016-17 and the 2017-18 Local Authority Partnership Agreements are Available from the Operations Coordinator.

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