

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

LEISURE AND CULTURE SCRUITINY COMMITTEE

22nd November 2018

**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 2017-18**

**Purpose of the Report**

To update Members on the outcomes from the Local Authority Partnership Agreement 2017 - 18 (LAPA). This document is the authority's annual Strategic funding agreement with Sport Wales. In 2017 - 18 the total Sport Wales Grant was £480,527

**Background**

Whilst the Local Authority Partnership Agreement (LAPA) is the strategic agreement for core funded programmes such as the Active Young People programme (A.Y.P.), Community Chest, 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 2017 -18 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:-

## **Mountain Biking**

Funding was received to expand the mountain bike project. The Afan Valley and Margam Park were targeted for development, due to their excellent trails, and accessibility to local community mountain bike clubs, who assisted in delivering the project.

Festivals were held, with 543 children attending taster sessions, linking them to the two community clubs, the Afan Valley Bike Shed and Margam Park Adventure.

Afan valley Bike shed delivered sessions weekly on a Thursday evening, a total of 18 club nights were delivered with 108 participations.

Margam Park Club sessions were delivered on a Sunday morning during July and August 2017; unfortunately the club did not attract as many participants as was hoped. But since the AYP team have relocated to Margam Country Park in June 2018, a mid-week junior mountain bike club has been established at the park.

Eight trail cycle leaders have been trained, and the Afan Valley Bike Shed and Margam Park Adventure are now accredited British cycling centres.

## **Netball:**

During 2017-18 the Swansea Bay Netball League which was established by the AYP team, has expanded to 34 teams from 8 different clubs, entering teams in the under 13, 15, 17 and 21 leagues.

A further 10 clubs have entered the under 11 festivals held, with 26 teams playing.

In total that equates to 500 girls regularly playing netball in the leagues on Friday evenings between October and April.

All established clubs are now fully self-sustained and constituted. The most impressive aspect of this project is not just the improved playing standard, and the contribution to the performance pathway. But there are many girls

that would not be playing sport, and would be inactive if it wasn't for the expansion of the community clubs and league structure.

### **Badminton.**

Badminton has proven to be more of a challenge. The AYP team are working with schools to deliver taster sessions linking in with community clubs. Competitive opportunities are being developed. 4 clubs are currently running with under 11 and under 16 age groups.

### **Table Tennis-**

Community clubs have been established in four areas in NPT. Some areas having more success than others but all clubs are well attended and fixtures held within the community clubs.

### **Basketball**

Four community clubs have been developed in Neath Port Talbot. The target age group was 13+ boys; this was based on the data from the school's sports survey. The clubs are currently still being developed, and competitive fixtures are being planned.

### **Hockey**

Hockey is a sport that has not been developed in Neath Port Talbot for a number of years. A new successful club has been established at Ysgol Bae Baglan, with over 40 children participating on a regular basis. A strong link was formed with the URDD to help deliver this club, and they are now in the process of developing the club further, and competing with other clubs in the area.

### **Street Games**

To target areas of poverty the AYP team has worked in partnership with Street Games to organise a door step sport provision. They delivered 17 door step sport sessions to establish four new door step sport clubs. These clubs have been developed in areas of deprivation in Neath Port Talbot. Sessions are run in the Western Valleys, Afan Valley, Aberavon and Neath / Briton Ferry areas.

Due to the success of this initiative, Street Games has provided a grant of £4k which has funded a £1k delivery budget per area.

## **Women and girls**

The AYP team has delivered the US Girls project over the last year; there has been some success and some failure. In the Dulais Valley the Us Girls session has been successful in sustaining a club, which has been constituted and a community chest grant received to support the club.

The AYP team will be delivering a project targeting the inactive 14+ girls in their schools and communities, consultation is underway and girls only sessions are will be established.

## **Disabled People**

The disability sport officer is working with clubs to support them through the insport process, which is Disability Sport Wales quality assurance accreditation. Although we consider our community sport clubs to be fully inclusive, we also recognise the need for specific targeted disability clubs.

Seven extracurricular disability clubs have been established across the local authority, these clubs are the festival of sport club, pan disability football, disability rugby club, dance club, SNAC Taibach club.

Sessions are being developed for a specific group in the Afan Valley, and a session linking with the physio team at the hospital has also been established.

The annual weeklong festival of sport held in August, attracted over 100 children per day, who took part in different sports / activities in Margam Park.

## **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**

1. Total Grant Funding received from Sport Wales 2017 -18 £480k  
Total Grant Funding received from Disability Sport Wales 2017 - 18 £21k  
Total grant funding for NERS via public health Wales £121k  
Funding for COPD programme from ABMU £34k  
Community Chest Grant received from Sport Wales 2017 -18 £85k

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

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

### **Workforce Impacts**

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

### **Legal Impacts**

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

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Consultation**

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

### **Appendices**

None.


## List of Background Papers

7. Copies of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Local Authority Partnership Agreements are Available from the Operations Coordinator.

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