# SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND PRESENTATION TO SMMG

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### **PRESENTATION CONTENT**

SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY PROJECT

 Update from Strategic Leisure Ltd

# 2. SPORTS FACILITIES FUND - £17.5M



# **1. SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY PROJECT**

#### Background:

- Strategic approach to facility development needed
- Sport NI in partnership with Councils will deliver:
  - Sports Facilities Strategy for Northern Ireland
  - 11 District Council Area Reports
- Tender opportunity awarded to a consortium led by Strategic Leisure Ltd.
- Contract started October 2014
- Project funded 50% by District Councils and 50% by Sport NI



# **PURPOSE & TIMESCALES**

#### PURPOSE

- Framework for the prioritisation & development of facilities
- Prioritise investment by a range of investors in sports facility provision

#### TIMESCALES

- Strategy and Reports will be delivered in two phases:
- Phase 1: The Facilities Strategy for Northern Ireland:
   completed by July/August 2015;
- Phase 2: The 11 associated District Council Area Reports:
   completed by November/December 2015 (Subject to input from District Councils)



### WHAT WILL THE STRATEGY & REPORTS LOOK LIKE

The Facilities Strategy will identify the strategic need for:

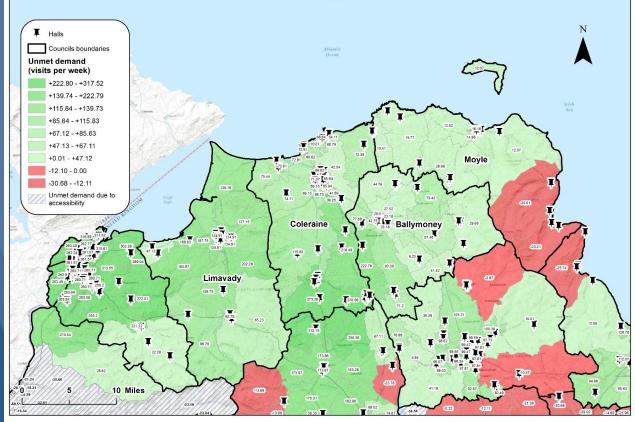
- Sports facilities of Northern Ireland wide significance;
- Sports facilities that are of cultural importance;
- High performance training and competition sports facilities;
- Local sport facility needs (i.e. District Council areas)

#### **District Council Area Reports will**:

- Flow out of the Sports Facilities Strategy
- Be consistent in structure
- Identify strategic need for local facilities
- Recommend locations for development/refurbishment



### **EXAMPLE FROM CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS**



### SPORTS HALLS

Unmet demand (visits per week) for halls facilities within a 20 minutes drive time catchment





### **KEY ISSUES EMERGING FROM THE WORK**

- Access to education-based facilities
- Poor pitch quality (grass pitches)
- Unmet demand for High Performance Facilities
- Need for evidence based investment
- Not always new build, consider refurbishment
- Improved/different partnerships
- Links to public health and community planning
- Impact of RPA on District Council engagement



### **NEXT STEPS?**

- Complete Governing Body consultation
- Draft Northern Ireland wide Strategy Completion July/Aug
- Data Hub completion by District Councils ASAP
- Confirm Council leisure contacts & re-engagement ASAP:
  - Undertake local consultation
  - Complete data analysis
  - Complete supply and demand assessment
  - Develop 11 District Council Reports



# 2. SPORTS FACILITY FUND

#### 1. SINGLE Facilities

 To develop sports facilities or purchase sporting equipment for community groups and individual sports clubs.

#### 2. MULTI Facilities

 To develop new, or open-up access to existing multi-sport environments with four or more different sports facilities located at the one site.

#### 3. PERFORMANCE Facilities

 Integrate the facility needs of community participants and high performance athletes within the same multi-sport environment.



# 1. Single Facilities (Budget c£2m)

To develop sports facilities or purchase sporting equipment for community groups and individual sports clubs.

**Eligible Applicants:** 

Award Levels: % of Project Costs Funded:

**Process for Selection:** 

**Current Position:** 

Next Stage:

Community Groups, Sports Clubs, Schools and Education Authorities.

Between £10k - £100K

95% - High Social Need 85% - All Other Applicants

 Simple 'Tick Box' Application Form
 Sports Development Need (template plan & example initiatives provided for guidance)

11 workshops completed

Closing date for applications – 15<sup>th</sup> July Application assessment



# 2. Multi-Facilities (Budget c£6.75m)

To develop new, or open-up access to existing multi-sport environments with four or more different sports facilities located at the one site.

**Eligible Applicants:** 

Award Levels: % of Project Costs Funded:

**Process for Selection:** 

**Current Position:** 

District Councils, Community Groups, Sports Clubs, Schools and Education Authorities.

Between £100k - £1M

40% - Councils 80% - High Social Need 60% - All Other Applicants

- 1. Expression of Interest
- 2. Sports Development Plan
- 3. Project Identified in DC Area Report

Awaiting Facilities Strategy & Reports to ensure investment is strategic



# 3. Performance Facilities (Budget c£8.75m)

Integrate the facility needs of community participants and high performance athletes within the same multi-sport environment.

Eligible Applicants:

Award Levels:

Partnership Funding:

**Process for Selection:** 

**Current Position:** 

**Next Steps:** 

**Prioritised Governing Bodies.** No Upper Limits **Delivery Partners will be required Prioritisation of Sports Open call for delivery partners Prioritised Sports** One to one meetings with sports Sports beginning to document needs & specifications

Open Call for delivery partners



### **Investment Timescales**

Investment Strand	Process Begins:	Earliest Project Completion
SINGLE Facilities	Q2 2015	25 Months
EQUIPMENTAwards	Q2 2015	14 Months
MULTI Facilities	Q3 2015	30 Months
PERFORMANCE Facilities	Q2 2015	55 Months

