

Date: January 2023

**To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 16th January, 2023

DCC Sports Plan 2023 – 2028: Update

Dublin City Council requires an overall Sports Plan for the City to cover the period 2023 – 2028. The Plan will run concurrently with, and align with, the *Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028* & the *National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027*.

Background

As the largest local authority in the country, serving over 530,000 people, Dublin City Council (DCC) is committed to making our great city the best place to be, to live, to work and to enjoy. Sport & physical activity plays a huge role in this.

Over the past 20 years, DCC has made steady improvement in our provision of opportunities to access sport & physical activity. During this time we have invested in facilities, infrastructure, programmes, services and sports events to enhance the daily life of people in our city.

In order to further improve how efficient & effective we are in this sphere, we have now come to the point that our core objectives, structures, services and partnerships need to be re-assessed and re-designed in order to reflect the best use of resources for an ever changing city and society.

With an annual revenue sports budget of €19.5 million, a substantial capital programme and a staff compliment of over 300, all specifically assigned to provision of sports & recreation programmes and services, the requirement for a well-defined Sports Plan for the organisation is clear to see.

Overview

There will need to be two distinct strands to the Sports Plan, namely:

- Sports Infrastructure Strategy
- Sports Policy & Programme Strategy

While these are separate, there will be a certain element of overlap and interdependence between each strand.

The DCC Sports Plan 2023 – 2028 will set out:

- a common vision for improving sport and recreation across Dublin City

- the actions that must be taken to achieve this vision
- the role the Council and other organisations will play

Dublin City Council proposes to award a contract for 5 years, for the provision of a fully developed Sports Plan 2023 – 2028, encompassing two distinct strategic strands as outlined above. Initial document to be completed by end of November 2023 and made ready for adoption by Dublin City Council.

Current Status

The notice to invite tender submissions for the development of the Sports Plan went live on the eTenders website on Monday 5th December. The closing date for receipt of tenders was Friday 13th January and we anticipate a quick turnaround in terms of evaluation and award of the contract. It is our attention to have a consultant in place and ready to commence work by mid-February.

The initial phase of the plan development will include extensive research on the current structures and significant consultation with a range of stakeholders. We will provide regular updates and opportunities for input to all stakeholders throughout the plan development process.

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