

COMMUNITY BOXING PILOT

Head of Service/Contact:	Rod Brown, Head of Housing & Community
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	N/A
Annexes/Appendices (attached):	No
Other available papers (not attached):	

Report summary

This report sets out the proposal for a Community Boxing Pilot within Epsom & Ewell.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee agrees as follows:

- (1) subject to securing all third party funding and entering into relevant agreement, approve the Community Boxing Pilot, as set out in this report;**
- (2) to delegate to the Head of Housing and Community in consultation with Chair and Vice-chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee and the Council's Chief Operating Officer any minor operational changes to the pilot.**

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

- 1.1 Supporting our Community – The Community Boxing proposal supports the priorities of the Council's Leisure Developments Strategy and Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 1.2 The Community Boxing Pilot will support opportunities that address the wider determinants of health to include education and employment.

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2 Background

- 2.1 There has been a significant move towards the role of sport in inspiring and positively influencing young people.
- 2.2 Boxing has been identified as the sport of choice for many young people experiencing adversity across the UK with positive and significant outcomes reported.
- 2.3 Epsom & Ewell's Health and Wellbeing Strategy has identified seven vulnerable client groups in our borough;
 - 2.3.1 Those from low-income households
 - 2.3.2 Those who have experienced domestic abuse
 - 2.3.3 Those who are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness
 - 2.3.4 Those who are carers
 - 2.3.5 Those in travelling community
 - 2.3.6 Those who do not speak English
 - 2.3.7 Those with learning difficulties or who have special educational needs
- 2.4 The health and wellbeing of these groups are identified as being significantly affected by the wider determinants of health such as housing, education, income deprivation and employment.
- 2.5 The proposed Community Boxing Pilot has the intention of engaging our more vulnerable groups, with specific focus on our younger residents.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 The Community Boxing Pilot will look to engage those young people who are experiencing adversity. It seeks to promote better physical and mental health, improve wellbeing and increase educational opportunities for our young residents.
- 3.2 The pilot will involve working in partnership with local schools specifically Epsom & Ewell High School and Blenheim due to their geographical location within deprived wards. It will also work in partnership with Surrey Police and Surrey's Targeted Youth Service to ensure targeted young people from all wards have the opportunity to engage with the pilot.

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- 3.3 Other key partners will include England Boxing, Active Surrey, Surbiton Amateur Boxing Club and Epsom and Ewell Amateur Boxing Club. Surbiton Amateur Boxing Club was recommended by England Boxing as being an accredited club with capacity to deliver the Community Boxing Pilot unlike other clubs within Epsom & Ewell.
- 3.4 The delivery will be over two phases with the first focused on young people aged 14-17 and then the second phase targeting young people aged 10-13.
- 3.5 The target group for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 are young people who are at risk of exclusion from school, those who have recently already been excluded, low level offenders and those at risk of offending.
- 3.6 Epsom & Ewell and Blenheim High Schools, Surrey Police and Surrey Targeted Youth Services will all refer young people into the Community Boxing Pilot.
- 3.7 Participants will follow the Boxing Awards programme over a 24 week period and will complete the three non-contact awards. During the weekly sessions participants will work towards achieving an Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) short course focusing on sport and fitness, as well as peer tutoring. All participants will complete a First Aid Qualification as part of the programme.
- 3.8 One individual from Phase 1 will have the opportunity to complete a funded Level 1 Boxing Qualification and one individual will have the opportunity to complete a funded Box Tutor course. Those two individuals can progress to the contact part of the Boxing Awards programme. These individuals will be selected via Surbiton Boxing Club.
- 3.9 The individuals who complete the Level 1 Boxing Qualification and Box Tutor Course will be required to commit to delivering voluntary coaching hours as part of Phase 2 alongside one Surbiton ABC coach, and this will be funded through the Community Boxing Pilot.
- 3.10 Students will be encouraged to think about their future and identify any area of work they would like to know more about. NESOT has agreed to attend one session to discuss educational opportunities for the students and to highlight their 'Achieve' programme which is for 14yrs+ young people who do not meet the qualification requirements of their Level 1 courses.
- 3.11 Although this is a community pilot to be delivered in partnership, the Council is expected to commit to the following responsibilities:
 - 3.11.1 Write and submit the two funding bids for phase 1 and 2 to external funding sources;

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- 3.11.2 Become the accountable body for the funding subject to successful bids – Adhere to modest funding conditions as set out in standard funding agreements by the funder.
 - 3.11.3 Register as an Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) centre this is a simple online registration process which will allow the short course focusing on sport and fitness to be run as part of the boxing pilot.
 - 3.11.4 Setting up a weblink for referrers. This page will not be accessible to the general public.
 - 3.11.5 The processing of student registration and of volunteer coaches
 - 3.11.6 Organise graduation awards ceremony (funded through the pilot)
 - 3.11.7 With our partners, evaluate the pilot outcomes
- 3.12 The implications of paragraph 3.11 can be managed within existing resources.

Sustainability of Pilot and Exit Strategy

- 3.13 Sustainability will be dependent on two students accessing the progression programme and being skilled-up to lead the sessions in Phase 2 alongside one Surbiton ABC coach.
- 3.14 In the event that there are no voluntary coaches identified, Epsom & Ewell Amateur Boxing Club will be offered the opportunity to put two of their own members forward on the understanding that they will then volunteer for phase 2. This will be funded through the Community Boxing Pilot.
- 3.15 If the Community Boxing Pilot successfully identifies one student to complete the Level 1 Boxing Qualification and one student to complete the Box Tutor Course these students will work with one coach from Surbiton ABC to deliver Phase 2, a 24 week non-contact programme for 10-13 year olds.
- 3.16 The Level 1 qualified coach will have the opportunity to progress to Level 2 and can apply for 50% funding via the Council's existing Coach Development Subsidy Scheme. This is subject to the funding remaining available from existing budgets.
- 3.17 Post Phase 2 the individual with the Level 1 qualification and the individual with the Box Tutor qualification will be in the position to coach non-contact boxing sessions independently.
- 3.18 The Council will look to hand over the responsibility of the ASDAN courses and funding of the pilot to the qualified coaches.

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4 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 4.1 Community Boxing will rely on external revenue for both Phase 1 and 2 of the pilot.
- 4.2 Please see table below for full budget details for Phase 1.

Item for Phase 1	Cost
Venue	£1,200
Boxing Coaches x 2 Incl. of travel for 24 weeks	£2,880
Marketing	£200.00
Equipment	£291
Boxing Programme Awards - Non contact x14	£280.00
Education:	
ASDAN Assessor award	£234.00 (incl. VAT)
ASDAN course material	£191.00 (incl. VAT)
First Aid x14	£420.00 (incl. VAT)
Progression:	
1x Box instructor course available to those who graduate by application	£100 (incl. VAT)
1 student to progress to L1 Boxing coach qualification	£140.00
2x Active Surrey Safeguarding & Protecting Children	£0.00
2x DBS (incl. those with box course training)	£12.00
Boxing Programme Awards – Contact x2	£40.00
Gym sessions at Surbiton ABC x2 x 1hr x 24weeks	£144.00
Expenses (subsidised by 50%) x 24 weeks	£168.00
Graduation ceremony for 50 people.	£200.00
	£6,500

(£3,500 has been agreed in principle from Active Surrey Satellite Club funding and £3000 has been agreed in principle from Maverick Stars).

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- 4.3 Continuation of the Community Boxing Pilot after Phase 1, will be dependent on securing further funding. Although the expected budget for Phase 2 is significantly reduced due to upskilling graduates of the programme to become volunteer coaches for the next cohort, the pilot is still dependent on the successful application of a funding grant or securing sponsorship from a 3rd party.
- 4.4 This proposal is intended to be entirely funded from external revenue sources. The external revenue for Phase 1 has been agreed in principle from Active Surrey Satellite Club funding (£3,500) and Maverick Stars Trust (£3,000). This is subject to a formal application process.
- 4.5 Phase 2 of the Boxing pilot requires approximately £2,500 of further external revenue which will also be subject to a successful funding bid application.
- 4.6 There are no staffing implications of the scheme, in that it can be delivered within existing resources.
- 4.7 ***Chief Finance Officer's comments: The pilot will only proceed if full external funding can be secured, with no use of the Council's budget.***

5 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 5.1 The partners involved in the Community Boxing Pilot are subject to all safeguards in relation to Child Protection, Public and Professional Liability Insurance, and DBS checks and are affiliated with England Boxing (a National Governing Body).
- 5.2 The Council's role will include registering with the education centre ASDAN and subsequently will be required to register all young people commencing in the Community Boxing Pilot. The Council and its partners will adhere to the General Data Protection Regulations and the Community Boxing Pilot shall ensure an Information Sharing Agreement is in place prior to commencing.
- 5.3 In targeting the more vulnerable residents, the Community Boxing Pilot will look to have a positive impact on elements of existing inequality in the Borough and an Equality Impact Assessment has been completed to ensure fair access.
- 5.4 The necessary funding agreements and registration to become an ASDAN Centre will need to be entered into before the pilot can go live,
- 5.5 ***Monitoring Officer's comments: none arising from the contents of the report.***

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6 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 The proposal set out in this report is designed to make a positive contribution to our vulnerable young residents, and by addressing the wider determinants of health in supporting them to reach their potential, is likely to positively impact on community safety.

7 Partnerships

- 7.1 The Community Boxing Pilot involves the following partners:

- 7.1.1 England Boxing
- 7.1.2 Active Surrey
- 7.1.3 Surrey Police
- 7.1.4 Targeted Youth Service
- 7.1.5 Surbiton Amateur Boxing Club
- 7.1.6 Secondary Schools
- 7.1.7 Epsom and Ewell Amateur Boxing Club

8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 The successful delivery of the Community Boxing Pilot will be dependent on the following factors:
- 8.1.1 The existing levels of staffing being sustained
 - 8.1.2 Availability of external funding
 - 8.1.3 Effective partnerships and positive engagement
 - 8.1.4 A participant from Phase 1 being willing to complete a Level 1 Boxing qualification to teach Phase 2 of the pilot. Or alternatively a suitable member of Epsom & Ewell ABC volunteering to undertake the qualification and then support delivery of Phase 2.
- 8.2 The Community Boxing Pilot will be subject to a comprehensive risk assessment prior to its commencement. There shall be a requirement for all parties to adhere to controls identified within this document.

9 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 9.1 The recommendation is that this Committee approves the Community Boxing proposal as set out in this report.

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- 9.2 In the interests of expediency, should minor operational changes be required that these are subject to agreement by the Head of Housing and Community in consultation with Chair and Vice-chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee and the Council's Chief Operating Officer.

Ward(s) Affected: (All Wards);