

3. Schools Focus: One of the main tasks for the committee is to initiate a schools programme for the sport. In this regard, we would endeavour to run a pilot scheme in 1 or 2 schools this year. Transition year students would be targeted and we would offer the class the opportunity to play bowls as part of their sports class. The details of logistics of this in terms of location, supervision, structure, equipment, coaching etc would have to be discussed if agreed with a school. The short term goal is to engage 1 or 2 schools for pilot scheme, medium term is to roll out in further schools and long term goal is to engage the governing bodies to include playing bowls on the curriculum for PE classes.

4. Policy Review: There are various different pieces of constitution in both BLI and LBLI which may need to be examined in terms of youth development and the committee will strive to review these in the coming year. The main focus for this year is to simply investigate the possibility and merit of having a mixed under 18's championship as a joint venture between the BLI and LBLI. Although there would be no equivalent at national level, we feel this is perhaps the way forward for encouraging youth development in the championships. Currently the entries are so low in the men's under 18's and non-existent in the ladies that providing a platform to play competitive matches in a mixed environment might be the solution.