



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport Events
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Relevant Background Information

The 'Support for Sport' Scheme has funded clubs and organisations for the past five years. The scheme has four main elements:

- Development Grants, Large Development Grants, and Hospitality funding, all allocated by the Sports Development Unit through the Parks and Leisure Committee.
- Events Funding is the responsibility of the Events Unit, within Development.

The Events Fund, which totals £85k, is allocated in three tranches to events being organised in Belfast. The deadline for event applications was 20 April 2008.

Key Issues

New Applications

A number of event applications requesting funding have now been received. These applications have been assessed by officers, based on the assessment criteria agreed at the Development Committee in March 2008.

It was also agreed that events applications would receive a percentage of the (eligible) amount requested based on the assessment score:

Scoring between 80 – 100 marks	Full Amount Requested
Scoring between 70 – 79 marks	90% of amount requested
Scoring between 60 – 69 marks	80% of amount requested
Scoring between 50 – 59 marks	70% of amount requested
Scoring between 40 – 49 marks	60% of amount requested

A list of these requests together with summary information and officer recommendations for funding is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Resource Implications

Financial

The recommendations in **Appendix 1** total £51,480. The expenditure for 2008/09 was approved by the Development Committee in October 2007.

Members should note that in December 2007, the Committee adopted recommendations totalling £15,500 from the 2008/09 budget.

The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2008/2009 budget.

Area	Total available	Allocated to date	Proposed allocation for May 08	Remaining
Events	£ 85,000.00	£ 15,500	£ 51,480	£ 10,020

Recommendations

Members are asked to approve the recommendations on requests for Events attached at **Appendix 1**.

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 - Table of Events applications with recommendations of funding.