



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
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Relevant Background Information

Each year, Belfast City Council support a range of community based summer play schemes throughout the city (Appendix A). The schemes offer a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities appropriate to the ages and stages of development of children and young people within the 5-14 year old age range. Summer Schemes are organised in directly managed Community Centres, supported by our revenue budget. Grant funding is also available to the Voluntary & Community Sector, subject to the submission of a broad based programme of activities which meet established qualifying criteria as outlined in Appendix B.

This policy, and the associated criteria, was agreed by Community & Leisure sub-committee on 31 March 2003.

Key Issues

Community Services provide quality play and development opportunities for the children of Belfast over the summer holiday period.

Resource Implications

Financial

An allowance of £94,590 is allocated within revenue budgets of Community and Play Centres for Seasonal Play Schemes.

An amount in the region of £175,000 has been included in the revenue estimates in respect of grant aid awards to community groups running Summer Play Schemes in the community sector. Based on agreed assessment criteria these awards are graded to a maximum of £1000, £1800, or £3000.

Resources are included to meet the cost of the launch and marketing of the schemes.

Human Resources

Subject to the nature of the programme offered at each site, summer schemes are organised using Belfast City Council officers supported by the short term use of agency staff, for the duration of the scheme.

Recommendations

It is recommended that

- Committee note that a range of Summer Scheme programmes will operate in directly managed Community Centres
- Committee grant authority for awards to be allocated to qualifying Community Groups in the community sector following assessment based on established criteria. These awards are graded to a maximum of £1000, £1800, or £3000 and to the maximum overall budget of £175,000

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 - List of directly managed Community Centres and Play Centres offering Summer schemes

Appendix 2 - Summer Scheme criteria

Community Centres and Play Centres offering Summer Schemes:

Ardoyne, Butler Street	Ligoniel, 144 Ligoniel Road
Concorde, 36 Alliance Road	Markets, Market Street
Dee Street, 12-16 Dee Street	Morton, Lorne Street
Divis, 9 Ardmoulin Place	North Queen Street, 46a Victoria Parade
Donegall Pass, Apsley Street	Olympia, Boucher Road
Duncairn, Upper Mervue Street	Sandy Row, Sandy Row
Finaghy, Geeragh Place	Suffolk, Carnamore Park
Glen Road, 2 Carrigart Avenue	Whiterock, Whiterock Road
Hammer, Agnes Street	Woodvale, Ohio Street
Highfield, High Green	Avoniel, Avoniel Road
Horn Drive, 44a Horn Drive	Ballysillan/Benview, Benview Avenue
Inverary, 41a Inverary Avenue	Loop River, Ladas Way
Knocknagoney, 41a Knocknagoney Drive	North Queen Street, Henry Street
Travellers' Summer Scheme	

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SUMMER SCHEME CRITERIA

Appendix 2

1. The submission of a wide-ranging and varied programme of activities appropriate to the ages and stages of development of the Children and Young People involved.
2. Information submitted by the group detailing premises, time-scale, activities and the ratio of volunteers and children and young people involved in the scheme.
3. Agreement to comply with the review and monitoring procedures.

In applying for Summer Scheme funding groups must demonstrate:-

4. A high level of organised, local community involvement
5. The ability to properly account for funding.
6. Recent experience within the group of planning and organising a play scheme for children and young people.
7. That the group is providing a play scheme which is meeting the needs and responding to a demand that is not adequately addressed by other groups in the same area or neighbourhood.
8. A Child Protection Policy & related procedures.

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