



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport – Event Funding
Date:	10 February 2010
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Relevant Background Information

The Support for Sport Scheme has funded clubs and organisations for the past seven years. The scheme has four main elements, Development Grants, Large Development Grants and Hospitality Funding (all of which are allocated by the Sports Development Unit through the Parks and Leisure Committee) and Events Funding which is allocated by the Events Unit through the Development Committee.

The Support for Sport Scheme (Events Funding) totals £97,500 and is allocated to sports events being organised in Belfast.

Key Issues

Support for Sport Scheme

Following a public notice, a large number of Events Funding applications have now recently been received. These 25 applications refer to events taking place during the period 1 April 2010 – 30 September 2010.

Four applications refer to events taking place during the month of April, and in order to provide adequate notice on any decision to support, these have been assessed for approval at February's Committee. All remaining applications are currently being assessed, with queries being clarified, and these will be submitted for approval in March.

The applications have been assessed by officers using the assessment criteria agreed by the Development Committee in March 2008 (see Appendix 2). A list of the applications together with summary information and officer recommendations for

funding is attached as Appendix 1.

Resource Implications

Financial

The total Support for Sport Scheme (Events Funding) for 2009/2010 is £97,500. This is the first instalment for financial year 2010/2011.

The officer recommendation for funding for the first instalment is £13,255 leaving a total of £84,245 funding for the remainder of the financial year. The amounts recommended are maximum pending post event information including invoices and receipts. Payment is not issued until these checks are finalised.

Recommendations

Members are asked to agree the officer recommendations for Events Funding and approve the payments totalling £13,255 as detailed.

Decision Tracking

Officers will monitor funding and evaluate outcomes post-project delivery. These outcomes will be presented to Members as part of the City Events Unit key performance indicators.

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Table of Events Funding applications with officer recommendations
Appendix 2 – Agreed Assessment Criteria