



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport – Event Funding
Date:	9 March 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 during the 2010-11 financial year.

Key Issues

Support for Sport Scheme

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

These applications have now been assessed, with queries clarified, and are now 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 3).

Due to the unprecedented number of applications, it is recommended that the funding during this period be subject to a 30% reduction after assessment. This reduction will ensure that there is available funding for the next instalment of events between 1st October 2010 and 31 March 2011.

A list of the applications, summary information and officer recommendations (inclusive of 30% reduction) for funding is attached as Appendix 1.

Members are asked to note that three applications referring to events taking place during the month of April were brought forward for approval at February's Committee. It is recommended that on the basis of fairness that these three applications are subject to the same 30% reduction due to the unprecedented demand, and that Committee agrees to rescind their decision of 10 February. Members should note one applicant has withdrawn from the process (see Appendix 2).

Resource Implications

Financial

The total Support for Sport Scheme (Events Funding) for 2010/2011 is £97,500.

The officer recommendation for funding for the first instalment is £66,680.95 leaving a total of £30,819.05 funding for the remainder of the financial year. The amounts recommended are the maximum amount pending post event information which includes invoices and receipts. Payment is not issued until these checks are finalised.

Recommendations

Members are asked to agree the officer recommendations for Event Funding as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 and approve the payments totalling £66,680.95 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.

Time line: March 2011

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Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Table of Events Funding applications with officer recommendations

Appendix 2 – Table of Events Funding for applications previously agreed at February Committee with revised officer recommendations

Appendix 3 – Agreed Assessment Criteria