



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport – Event Funding
Date:	9 June 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 City 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. In March 2010 Committee agreed to fund events being staged between April and September to the sum of £68,266.45. This left £29,233.55 for events planned between October 2010 and March 2011.

Key Issues

Support for Sport Scheme

Following a public notice, seven Events Funding applications have been received. These applications refer to events taking place during the period 1 October 2010–31 March 2011.

These applications have now been assessed, with queries clarified, and are now submitted for approval. The applications have been assessed by officers using the assessment criteria agreed by the Development Committee in March 2008 (see Appendix 1). A list of the applications together with summary information and officer recommendations for funding is attached as Appendix 2.

Resource ImplicationsFinancial

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

The officer recommendation for funding for the final instalment is £29,233.55 leaving a zero balance 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

The Committee is asked to agree the officer recommendations for Events Funding and approve the payments totalling £29,233.55 as detailed. The Committee is requested also to note that the overall amounts stated in Appendix 2 have been reduced by 30%. This is in line with projects presented as part of the first tranche in March 2010 to Councillors.

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.

Timeframe: March 2011

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Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Agreed Assessment Criteria

Appendix 2 – Table of Events Funding applications with officer recommendations