



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Support for Sport – Event Funding
<b>Date:</b>	15 February 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John McGrillen, Director of Development, ext 3470
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Tim Husbands, Head of City Events & Venues, ext 1400

<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The Support for Sport Scheme has funded clubs and organisations for the past six 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.
1.2	The Support for Sport Scheme (Events Funding) totals £97,500 and is allocated to sports events being organised in Belfast.
1.3	At the Development Committee held on 15 September 2010, Members approved an officer recommendation to promote and call for applications for the Council's Support for Sport scheme once per annum in order to ensure equity to applicants.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	At Committee in January 2011, Members agreed to defer this report.
2.2	Twenty-eight applications have now been received for events taking place from April 2011 to March 2012.
2.3	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.

2.4	Due to the unprecedented number of applications, it is recommended that the funding allocations are subject to a 38.5% reduction (after assessment) to bring the total allocation in line with available resources. A similar action was taken with allocations in March 2010.
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<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	Financial The total Support for Sport Scheme (Events Funding) for 2009/2010 is £97,500.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
	None.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to agree the officer recommendations for Events Funding and approve the payments totalling £96,408.88 as detailed. Remaining funds will be used to promote the scheme for 2012/13.

	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
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: February 2012	Reporting Officer: Tim Husbands

	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix 1 – Table of Events Funding applications with officer recommendations Appendix 2 – Agreed Assessment Criteria	