



Report to: Development Committee

Subject: Support for Sport – Event Funding

Date: 7 February 2012

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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Support for Sport Scheme has funded clubs and organisations for the past eight 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.

2	Key Issues
2.1	27 applications have now been received for events taking place from April 2012 to March 2013.
2.2	The applications have been assessed by City Events officers, alongside the Development Department's Grants Unit, 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.
2.3	Due to the number of applications, it is recommended that the funding allocations are subject to a reduction (after assessment) to bring the total allocation in line with available resources. A similar action was taken with allocations in March 2010 and February 2011.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> The total Support for Sport Scheme (Events Funding) for 2012/2013 is £97,500.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	As with all major civic events, public events like this have the potential to bring together people from a wide range of backgrounds and therefore promote good relations in the city.

5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are asked to agree the officer recommendations for Events Funding and approve the payments totalling circa £97,500 as detailed.

6	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.	
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7	Documents Attached
Appendix 1 – Table of Events Funding applications with officer recommendations Appendix 2 – Agreed Assessment Criteria	