



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Support for Sport Development Grants
<b>Date:</b>	11 August 2011
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Claire Moraghan, Sports Development Officer

<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
	<p>Members will be aware that delegated authority was given to the Director of Parks and Leisure for hospitality and development applications requesting up to £3,000 and £1,250 respectively – including a one off equipment grant of £250.</p> <p>Applications are sought for large development grants of £5,000 once annually. The department has a budget of £60,000 for this purpose so 12 league development grants can be awarded annually.</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• inform members of the decision taken by the Director of Parks and Leisure under delegated authority regarding support for sport small development and hospitality applications received during June and July 2011.</li><li>• seek approval to award grants for large development applications (£5,000)</li></ul>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
	<p>The Director and relevant officer met on Tuesday 2 August to discuss small development grants, hospitality and large grant applications received in July.</p> <p>The small development applications (delegated authority, June and July) are listed in Appendix 1, the hospitality grants (delegated authority, June and July) are listed in Appendix 2 and the large development grants (£5,000) are listed in Appendix 3.</p>

<p>The assessment of the large development grants is a comprehensive process against a range of criteria which take into account,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the club's development plan;</li> <li>• how the club's plan links to the sports governing body's plan;</li> <li>• the sustainability of the initiative; and</li> <li>• how it contributes to improving the quality of life, promoting good relations and increasing opportunities for participation particularly among children and young people, women and girls, ethnic minorities', people with a disability or older people.</li> </ul> <p>The standard of application was very high with 27 clubs surpassing the threshold for funding. The top 12 clubs are recommended for funding. Detailed applications are held in the Parks and Leisure Department and can be viewed by Members on request.</p>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>			
	<p><u>Financial</u> The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2010/2011 budget.</p>			
	<b>Area</b>	<b>Total available</b>	<b>Allocated to date</b>	<b>Proposed allocation for July/August</b>
	Small Development	£120,000	£50,623	£10,035
	Hospitality	£31,000	£21,145	£6,090
	Large Development	£60,000	£0	£60,000
				<b>Remaining after allocation</b>
				£59,342
				£3,765
				£0

<b>4.</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
	<p>All applications have been assessed in line with the current Support for Sport scheme.</p> <p>When the review of the Support for Sport Scheme has been completed, the revised scheme and award framework will be re-screened through the Council's equality screening process.</p>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	<p>That Members note the content of this report with regard to support for sport development and hospitality applications and approve the award of the 12 top scoring large development grants.</p>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	<p>Sports Development Officer to arrange the award of all Support for Sport Small Grants by 30 September 2011.</p>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	None

<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: Small Development Applications June/July 2011 Appendix 2: Hospitality Applications June/July 2011. Appendix 3: Large Development Applications July 2011.