



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Review of Support for Sport
Date:	12 April 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The purpose of this report is to present to Members the revised Support for Sport grant scheme for their approval with a view to implementation from May 2012.</p> <p>At the Parks and Leisure Committee meeting on 12 January 2012, Members requested party briefings on the proposed revision of Support for Sport before approving the scheme.</p> <p>The Party briefings took place throughout February and March and the table below summarises the final version of the revised Support for Sport Scheme which takes onboard feedback from Members with regard to the hospitality fund, contingency fund and proposed fund for individuals.</p>

2	Key Issues												
	<p>A summary of the present scheme and the key proposed revisions are presented in the following table:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Current Support for Sport Scheme</th> <th>Proposed revised Support for Sport Scheme</th> <th>Revised Allocation of Funds</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Payment process</td> <td>Small grants - funding is retrospective on submission of final report and receipts</td> <td>Funding is 50% up front and 50% on submission of final report and receipts</td> <td>No change</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Categories</td> <td>Funding covers coach education, <i>Kick</i></td> <td>Categories will remain the same, however the</td> <td>No change</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	Current Support for Sport Scheme	Proposed revised Support for Sport Scheme	Revised Allocation of Funds	Payment process	Small grants - funding is retrospective on submission of final report and receipts	Funding is 50% up front and 50% on submission of final report and receipts	No change	Categories	Funding covers coach education, <i>Kick</i>	Categories will remain the same, however the	No change
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	<i>Start/Try-it</i> events, development competitions and equipment.	allocation will be prioritised with the highest percentage going towards coach education and lowest towards medals/certificates etc	
Support provided	Officers work with clubs to assist with applications	Officers will continue to provide this service	No change
Individuals	Individuals are not supported	15 high level athletes to be supported by £1000 each	£15,000
Hospitality	Requests only supported if visitors from outside NI travel to Belfast for event.	Level of support to be staggered. Minimum number of visitors funded: 50	No change
Hospitality	Current allocation £31,000	Reduced to £25,000 and targeted at larger sporting events. £6,000 redirected to Individuals.	£25,000
Application process	Applications submitted hard copy or electronically	Application to be developed for online use.	No change
Reward scheme	No incentive for clubs to develop and provide a quality service.	Provide a grant for clubs achieving ClubMark Quality standard	No change – to be allocated from overall S4S scheme
Contingency	Currently £14,000	£9,000 redirected to individuals	£5,000

Associated with the above proposals are a number of revisions to the allocation of the budget. There is no increase in total budget proposed, simply a re-distribution of the existing budget as follows (key areas of change are in italics);-

Current Support for Sport Scheme		Revised Support for Sport Scheme	
Large Grants	£60,000	Large Grants	£60,000
Small Grants	£120,000	Small Grants	£120,000
Individual Grants	£0	Individual Grants	£15,000
Hospitality	£31,000	Hospitality	£25,000
Contingency	£14,000	Contingency	£5,000
Total	£225,000	Total	£225,000

The review has mainly impacted on the following aspects of the scheme;-

- On-line application/evaluation
- Advanced payment
- Hospitality
- Individuals
- Clubmark

	It is proposed that a management plan will be implemented by the Leisure Development Unit to ensure effective implementation of all changes to the scheme. It is also proposed that further consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders at six months after implementation of the above changes.
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3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> It is expected that the development of a web-based application/reporting facility will be developed internally by ISB.</p> <p>The overall scheme budget for awards will remain the same at £225,000, but there will be a re-allocation of £15,000 from the Hospitality Grant and Contingency budgets to grants for individuals.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u> There will be no additional human resources required at this stage.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None at this stage</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	There are no implications at this stage. However, equality screening of the recommended changes will be undertaken, internally, in line with the Council's existing procedures.

5	Recommendations
	<p>Committee is asked to approve the proposed changes to the Support for Sport scheme for subsequent implementation by 1 May 2012 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance Payment of 50% of total funding • An on-line application form being developed • Hospitality grant being re-focused and reduced to £25,000 • An Individual grant of £15,000 being developed with relocated funds from hospitality (£6,000) and contingency (£9,000) • An award system being developed and implemented for accredited ClubMark.

6	Decision Tracking
	Report to committee in November 2012 providing the results of further

.	consultation undertaken at six months after implementation of the proposed changes to the scheme
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7	Key to Abbreviations
	None.

8	Documents Attached
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