

## **Belfast City Council**

**Report to:** Parks and Leisure Committee

**Subject:** Support for Sport Development Grants

Date: 13 September 2012

Reporting Officer: Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure

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# 1 Relevant Background Information

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.

At April 2012 committee, members agreed to the proposed recommendations including a grant for sports clubs achieving the Clubmark quality standard. Funds are to come out of the small grant allocation.

## 2 Key Issues

The Director and relevant officer met on Thursday 30 August to discuss Small Development and Hospitality applications received during August 2012 under delegated authority.

22 Small Development Grants and 5 Hospitality applications were received for August.

To date 19 clubs have achieved the Clubmark Quality standard at various levels from bronze to gold. 6 more clubs have now received the Bronze standard of Clubmark and will be awarded £500 each.

The Small Development applications for August are listed in Appendix 1. Hospitality applications for August are listed in Appendix 2 and Clubmark clubs listed in Appendix 3.

Detailed applications are held in the Parks and Leisure Department and

can be forwarded to Members on request.

A copy of each application will be available at Committee.

# 3 Resource Implications

#### Financial

The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2012/2013 budget.

Area	Total available	Allocated to date	Proposed allocation for August 2012	Remaining after allocation
			£15,324	
			+£3,000	
Small			(Clubmark	
Development	£120,000	£114,182	grants)	£- 12,506
Hospitality	£25,000*	£19,195	£4,000	£1,805

<sup>\*</sup>following review hospitality reduced to from £31,000 to £25,000 (P&L Committee 12 April 2012)

With all applications assessed up to the end of August 2012 the amount awarded to clubs through the Small Development Grant Scheme is £132,506 which exceeds the amount available by £12,506. Based on previous years programmes clubs do not draw down all funding allocated to them and there is an annual under spend on the programme. This will allow for the £12.506 over allocation.

Following the allocation of funding for August 2012 the Support for Sport Small Development Grant Scheme for 2012/2013 is now closed.

## **Human Resources**

There are no human resource implications other than officer time to process the applications.

# Asset and Other Implications

Not Applicable.

## 4 Equality and Good Relations Considerations

All applications have been assessed in line with the current Support for Sport scheme.

The Support for Sport Scheme has been completed; the revised Scheme and award framework will be screened through the Council's equality screening process.

#### 5 Recommendations

That members note the content of this report with regard to Support for Sport Development and Hospitality applications.

6	Decision Tracking
	The Sports Development Officer to arrange the award of all Support for
	Sport Small Grants by 30 September 2012.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8	Documents Attached
	Table of Recommendations
	Appendix 1: Small Development Applications August 2012 Appendix 2: Hospitality Applications August 2012 Appendix 3: Clubmark accredited sports clubs.