



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport Large Development Grants
Date:	13 September 2012
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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1.	Relevant Background Information
	<p>Members will be aware that 12 Support for Sport large development grants of £5,000 are awarded annually.</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award the grants as detailed in Appendix 1.</p>

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The Director and relevant officer met on Wednesday 5 September to discuss the large grant applications received in July.</p> <p>The large development grants (£5,000) are listed in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The assessment of the large development grants is a comprehensive process set against a range of criteria which take into account;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the club's development plan;• how the club's plan links to the Sports Governing Body's plan;• the sustainability of the initiative; and• 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

	<p>older people.</p> <p>The standard of application was very high with 24 clubs surpassing the 50% threshold for funding. The top 13 clubs are recommended for funding, due to 2 clubs tying at the same score for 12th position.</p> <p>The additional £5,000 required to fund this additional application will be allocated from the Small Development Grants.</p> <p>Although to date (August 2012) the amount awarded to clubs through the Small Development Grant Scheme is £132,506 which exceeds the amount available by £12,506, previous experience would show that clubs do not draw down all funding allocated to them and there is an annual under spend on the programme.</p> <p>This will allow for the £17,506 over allocation.</p> <p>Detailed applications are held in the Parks and Leisure Department and can be viewed by Members on request.</p>
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3.	Resource Implications				
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2012/2013 budget.</p>				
	Area	Total available	Allocated to date	Proposed allocation for August	Remaining after allocation
	Large Development	£60,000	£0	£65,000	£-5,000

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

5.	Recommendations
	<p>Members are asked to approve the award of the 13 top scoring Large Development Grants.</p>

6.	Decision Tracking
	Sports Development Officer to arrange the award of all Support for Sport Small Grants by 31 October 2012.

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8.	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Large Development Applications August 2012