



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport Development Grants
Date:	15 November 2012
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<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>At committee in May and July 2012 members were asked to note a number of Small Development applications that were deferred pending the submission of further information.</p> <p>At September 2012 committee, members agreed that, due to the over-subscription of applications, to close the Small Development grant. The grant closed with an over allocation of £17,506.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>The Director and relevant officer met on Tuesday 6 November to discuss previously deferred Small Development applications received during September and October under delegated authority.</p> <p>Three Small Development Grants have been re-submitted with the requested information and appropriate amendments made to meet our criteria.</p> <p>Due to the commitment given to assist these clubs following their deferment it would seem unreasonable to not award them. Based on previous years trends clubs regularly do not draw down all funding allocated to them leaving a potential annual under spend of approximately £30,000.</p>

Based on this pattern of under-claiming, officers believe that supporting these three additional grants will not place the fund in an overspend at the end of the financial year.

The resubmitted Small Development applications are listed in Appendix 1

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 November 2012	Remaining after allocation
Small Development	£120,000	£137,506	£3,250	£- 20,756
Hospitality	£25,000*	£19,195	£0	£1,805

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

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.

Following the review of Support for Sport, the revised scheme has undergone equality screening in accordance with Council requirements. This process has 'screened out' the revised scheme, identifying only minor, positive equality impacts, and determining that there is no requirement to proceed to Equality Impact Assessment.

5 Recommendations

That members note the content of this report with regard to funding previously deferred Small Development applications.

6 Decision Tracking

	The Sports Development Officer to arrange the award of all Support for Sport Small Grants by November 2012.
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7	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Small Development Applications November 2012 – Deferred.