



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport Development Grants
Date:	8 August 2013
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
Contact Officer:	Claire Moraghan, Sports Development Officer

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	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.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Director and relevant officer met on Wednesday 31 July to discuss Small Development and Hospitality applications under delegated authority.
2.2	33 Small Development applications were received for July and 2 Hospitality applications.
2.3	Following the review of Support for Sport it was agreed that sports clubs achieving Clubmark accreditation should be rewarded with a one off grant.
2.4	To date 16 Belfast sports clubs have received the Clubmark certification. Ballysillan Gymnastics Club has recently achieved their Bronze award and is eligible for a grant of £500.
2.5	The Small Development applications are listed in Appendix 1. Hospitality applications are listed in Appendix 2. Clubmark accreditation awards are listed in Appendix 3.
2.6	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
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3.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2013/2014 budget.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Total available</th> <th>Allocated to date</th> <th>Proposed allocation for July 2013</th> <th>Remaining after allocation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Small Development</td> <td>£120,000</td> <td>£90,760</td> <td>£31,192</td> <td>-£1,952</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clubmark</td> <td>from small dev pot</td> <td>£10,000</td> <td>£500</td> <td>-£2452</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hospitality</td> <td>£25,000</td> <td>£22,040</td> <td>£3,250</td> <td>-£290</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	Total available	Allocated to date	Proposed allocation for July 2013	Remaining after allocation	Small Development	£120,000	£90,760	£31,192	-£1,952	Clubmark	from small dev pot	£10,000	£500	-£2452	Hospitality	£25,000	£22,040	£3,250	-£290
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3.2	With all applications assessed up to the end of August 2012 the amount awarded to clubs through the Small Development Grant Scheme is £21,952 with an additional £500 for a Clubmark grant. The overall total allocated from the Small Development fund is £122,452 which exceeds the budget by £2,452.																				
3.3	The Hospitality grants awarded also exceed the budget of £25,000 by £290.																				
3.4	Based on previous years applications, 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 £2,452 over allocation in the small grants and £290 in the hospitality awards.																				
3.5	Following the allocation of funding for July 2013 both the Support for Sport Small Development Grant and Hospitality award schemes for 2013/2014 are now closed.																				
3.6	Members, at the meeting of Parks and Leisure in June 2013 expressed concern that the budget was almost exhausted 3 months into the financial year. A report will be presented to committee in the Autumn to outline the range of options available to manage the fund in 2014/15.																				
3.7	<p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>There are no human resource implications other than officer time to process the applications.</p>																				
3.8	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>Not Applicable.</p>																				

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	All applications have been assessed in line with the current Support for Sport scheme.
4.2	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
5.1	That members note the content of this report with regard to Support for Sport development applications.

6	Decision Tracking
The Sports Development Officer to arrange the award of all Support for Sport Small Grants by 30 August 2013.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
None	

8	Documents Attached
Table of Recommendations Appendix 1: Small Development Applications August 2013. Appendix 2: Hospitality Applications August 2013 Appendix 3: Clubmark accredited sports clubs August 2013.	