



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Support for Sport Large Development Grants</b>
<b>Date:</b>	12 September 2013
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Claire Moraghan, Sports Development Officer

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Members will be aware that 12 Support for Sport large development grants of £5,000 are awarded annually.  The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award the grants as detailed in Appendix 1.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The Director and relevant officer met on Tuesday 13 August to discuss the large grant applications received in July.
2.2	The Large Development Grants (£5,000) recommended for funding are listed in Appendix 1.
2.3	The assessment of the large development grants is a comprehensive process set against a range of criteria which take into account; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the club's development plan;</li><li>• how the club's plan links to the Sports Governing Body's plan;</li><li>• the sustainability of the initiative; and</li><li>• 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 older people.</li></ul>
2.4	32 clubs applied in the first stage of the application process with 18 returning the second stage application. Of the 18 clubs only 7 passed the minimum threshold for funding. The standard of application was disappointing this year with many clubs

	<p>falling down because of weak club development plans and missing supplementary information which was required to support their application.</p> <p>Support was provided to clubs by officers from the Leisure Development Unit. However given the standard of the applications this year more work with clubs is required to increase their capacity to make applications to this grant programme.</p> <p>If Members accept the recommendations as outlined there will be £25,000 not allocated from the grant programme. It is proposed that this should be allocated to the Support for Sport Small Development Grants Programme which is currently closed to applications because the 2013/14 budget has already been allocated.</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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<b>3.0</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>										
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2013/2014 budget.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Area</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Total available</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Allocated to date</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Proposed allocation for August</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Remaining after allocation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Large Development</td> <td>£60,000</td> <td>£0</td> <td>£35,000</td> <td>£25,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	Total available	Allocated to date	Proposed allocation for August	Remaining after allocation	Large Development	£60,000	£0	£35,000	£25,000
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<b>4.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
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.

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Members are asked to approve the Large Development Grant awards to the 7 sports clubs scoring above the 50% threshold.
5.2	The remaining £25,000 be reallocated into the Small Development Grants Programme.

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
	Sports Development Officer to arrange the award of all Support for Sport Small Grants by 31 October 2013.

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
	None

<b>8.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1: Large Development Applications August 2013