

Belfast City Council

Report to: Parks and Leisure Committee

Subject: Support for Sport Development Grants

Date: 14 November 2013

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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.					
1.2	At September 2013 Committee Members agreed to reassign £25,000 of the unallocated large development Grant to the small grants increasing the fund to £145,000.					

2	Key Issues	
2.1	The Director and relevant officer met on Tuesday 29 October to discuss Small Development under delegated authority.	
2.2	15 Small Development applications were received for October.	
2.3	The Small Development applications are listed in Appendix 1.	
2.4	Detailed applications are held in the Parks and Leisure Department and can be forwarded to Members on request.	
2.5	A copy of each application will be available at Committee.	

3 Resource Implications

3.1 | Financial

The table below indicates the amounts allocated from the 2013/2014 budget.

Area	Total available	Allocated to date	Proposed allocation for October 2013	Remaining after allocation
Small				
Development	£145,000	£135,307	£11,463	-£1,770

- 3.2 With all applications assessed up to the end of October 2013 the amount awarded to clubs through the Small Development Grant Scheme is £146,132 which exceeds the budget by £1,770.
- Based on previous year's 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 £1,770 over allocation in the small grants.
- Following the allocation of funding for October 2013 the Support for Sport Small Development Grant scheme for 2013/2014 is now closed.

3.5 | Human Resources

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

3.6 Asset and Other Implications

Not Applicable.

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 November 2013.

7 Key to Abbreviations

None

8 Documents Attached

Table of Recommendations

Appendix 1: Small Development Applications October 2013.