



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport Interim Review 2013/14
Date:	13 February 2014
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will be aware that Support for Sport has been assisting sports clubs and community organisations develop sport and increase participation for over a decade.
1.2	Since 2005 the Director of Parks and Leisure has held delegated authority to approve support for sport hospitality, small development grant awards, and more recently Club Mark payments and Individual grants. Members, each year, approve a limited number of large development grant awards.
1.3	At Committee on 12 September 2013 members approved the transfer of the Support for Sport Grants to the Central Grants Unit with the evaluation and approval process remaining with the department.
1.4	The application process for the first tranche of funding for 2014/15 financial year has already closed with 152 applications submitted for assessment. The applications will be presented to members in April 2014 for information.
1.5	Members have also requested a breakdown of the current financial year allocation.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The Support for Sport Priorities for funding are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The education of coaches and volunteers• Increased opportunities for women and girls, disabled and older people• Promoting sport and physical activity as a social integration and health improvement tool• The need to address any imbalances in applications across the City.
2.2	It is estimated that there are over 19,000 club members benefiting from the 150 successful applications made to the small grant scheme. This is a 3,000 increase from 2012/13 and from this 13,794 are male (up from 11,671) and 5,300 female members (up from 5010).

2.3	<p>Table 1 below shows the breakdown of awards made in 2012/13.</p> <p>Table 1 Breakdown of awards per category and priority group</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 264 1353 862"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="300 264 962 331">Category</th> <th data-bbox="962 264 1102 331">No. of Awards</th> <th data-bbox="1102 264 1353 331">Total Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 331 962 365">Small Development (£1000 + £250 Equip)</td> <td data-bbox="962 331 1102 365">150</td> <td data-bbox="1102 331 1353 365">£134,020</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 365 962 398">Large Development (£5,000)</td> <td data-bbox="962 365 1102 398">7</td> <td data-bbox="1102 365 1353 398">£35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 398 962 432">Hospitality</td> <td data-bbox="962 398 1102 432">23</td> <td data-bbox="1102 398 1353 432">£25,290</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 432 962 465">Individual Grants (13 sports represented)</td> <td data-bbox="962 432 1102 465">34</td> <td data-bbox="1102 432 1353 465">£15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 465 962 499">Club Mark awards</td> <td data-bbox="962 465 1102 499">17</td> <td data-bbox="1102 465 1353 499">£10,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 499 962 533"></td> <td data-bbox="962 499 1102 533">Total</td> <td data-bbox="1102 499 1353 533">£219,810</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" data-bbox="300 533 1353 566">Small Grant Breakdown</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 566 962 600">New Clubs/sections</td> <td data-bbox="962 566 1102 600">20</td> <td data-bbox="1102 566 1353 600"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 600 962 633">No. of coaches qualified</td> <td data-bbox="962 600 1102 633">303</td> <td data-bbox="1102 600 1353 633"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 633 962 667">No. of diversionary programmes</td> <td data-bbox="962 633 1102 667">15</td> <td data-bbox="1102 633 1353 667"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 667 962 701">Women/Girls Groups</td> <td data-bbox="962 667 1102 701">21</td> <td data-bbox="1102 667 1353 701"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 701 962 734">Disability Groups</td> <td data-bbox="962 701 1102 734">7</td> <td data-bbox="1102 701 1353 734"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 734 962 768">Older people</td> <td data-bbox="962 734 1102 768">6</td> <td data-bbox="1102 734 1353 768"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 768 962 801">No. of equipment grants</td> <td data-bbox="962 768 1102 801">28</td> <td data-bbox="1102 768 1353 801"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 801 962 835">No. of Sports supported</td> <td data-bbox="962 801 1102 835">29</td> <td data-bbox="1102 801 1353 835"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="193 936 284 1594">2.4</p> <p data-bbox="300 936 1359 1193">The trend in funding by area and sport over the last three years is identified in Appendix 1. The data shows that in the current financial year (2013/14) there is a similar spread in small development awards in the East and West of the city with a slightly higher proportion going to North Belfast. However clubs applying from the South area has reduced from previous years. This could somewhat be explained in that a significant number of the clubs applying from the south also view themselves as being citywide due to the spread of their members and facilities they use for training.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1238 284 1594">2.5</p> <p data-bbox="300 1238 1359 1328">The data also highlights a significant level of support for Association Football, totalling 51 applications although this does reflect the high number of football clubs across the city in comparison to other sporting disciplines.</p> <p data-bbox="193 1395 284 1594">2.6</p> <p data-bbox="300 1395 1359 1574">Support for Sport moving forward Targeted workshops were conducted during November and December 2013 to inform and prepare clubs for the new application process through the CGU. It is anticipated that the second tranche will reopen in May 2014 for funding commencing from September.</p>	Category	No. of Awards	Total Amount	Small Development (£1000 + £250 Equip)	150	£134,020	Large Development (£5,000)	7	£35,000	Hospitality	23	£25,290	Individual Grants (13 sports represented)	34	£15,000	Club Mark awards	17	£10,500		Total	£219,810	Small Grant Breakdown			New Clubs/sections	20		No. of coaches qualified	303		No. of diversionary programmes	15		Women/Girls Groups	21		Disability Groups	7		Older people	6		No. of equipment grants	28		No. of Sports supported	29	
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3	Resource Implications
3.1	<p><u>Financial</u> Members should note that the annual budget has remained the same for the Support for Sport Scheme for the last 10 years.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Human Resources</u> None</p>
3.3	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> Not Applicable.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	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	Members are asked to note the content of this report and agree that a further report is brought before Committee in 12 months to give an analysis of the full financial year and to assess the impact of the centralised programme.

6	Decision Tracking
None.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
CGU – Central Grants Unit	

8	Documents Attached
Appendix 1: The trend in funding by area over the last three years 2011/12 to 2013/14 and the allocation made by sport.	