



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport Development Grants
Date:	12 June 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
Contact Officer:	Claire Moraghan, Sports Development Officer Paddy McGrattan, Sports Development Officer

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	At Parks and Leisure Committee on 12 September 2013 members approved the transfer of the Support for Sport administrative responsibilities to the Central Grants Unit (CGU) in line with 11 other council funding streams.
1.2	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.
1.3	At Committee on 14 November 2013 delegated authority was granted to The Director to award Large Development Grants up to a maximum of £5,000.

2	Key Issues
2.1	Tranche 1 of the funding opened in November 2013 and closed on 8 January 2014.
2.2	Overall 477 applications were received across the 12 grants requesting a total value of £2,003,645.79.
2.3	A total of 153 applications were received across the four Support for Sport grants from 93 organisations valuing £234,916.03.
2.4	Each of the applications was scored by the Sports Development Officers.
2.5	Independent Assessment Panels were held to review a sample of applications (21%). The Panels were chaired by the Leisure Development Manager, and attended by a minimum of three other officers independent from the Sports Development Officers and facilitated by the Central Grants Unit. The Independent Assessment Panels were satisfied with the scoring and application of the criteria for the grants

2.6	The Director and the Sports Development Officer met following the independent panel and agreed the recommendations under delegated authority as shown in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2.7	Appendix 5 outlines the 8 clubs who have recently attained their Clubmark accreditation which rewards them for best practise and quality coaching.

3	Resource Implications																														
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3.2	<p><u>Human Resources</u> There are no human resource implications other than officer time to assess the applications.</p>																														
3.3	<p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u> 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 Central Grants Unit (CGU) to arrange the award of all Support for Sport Grants and conduct information briefing sessions with all recipients.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
CGU – Central Grants Unit.	

Table of Recommendations

Appendix 1: Small Development Applications

Appendix 2: Large Development Applications

Appendix 3: Hospitality Applications

Appendix 4: Individual Applications

Appendix 5: Clubmark Awards