



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Support for Sport Development Grants
Date:	16 October 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks & Leisure
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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 and Clubmark payments.
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 2 of the funding opened in June 2014 and closed on 2 July 2014.
2.2	Overall 412 applications were received across the 10 grants requesting a total value of £1,569,143.
2.3	A total of 90 applications were received across the two available Support for Sport grants from 87 organisations valuing £139,343.
2.4	Of the 90 applications 46 were deemed ineligible for a number of reasons including insufficient match funding, incorrect application forms completed and missing information. However a number of clubs were subsequently awarded equipment grants.
2.5	Each of the eligible applications were scored by the Sports Development Officers.

2.6	Independent Assessment Panels were held to review a sample of applications (20% for small grants and 33% for Large Grants) The Panels were chaired by the Leisure Development Manager, and attended by 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
2.7	The Director has agreed the recommendations under delegated authority as shown in Appendices 1 and 2. Appendix 3 shows the assessment list including the unsuccessful and ineligible clubs.
2.8	Appendix 4 outlines the 5 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></p> <p>There are no human resource implications other than officer time to assess the applications.</p>																				
3.3	<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.
5.2	Unsuccessful clubs will be contacted and given the opportunity to address their application form. Support and guidance will be provided by the Sports Development Officers prior to the grants reopening in November 2014 for projects commencing in April 2015.

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.	

8	Documents Attached
Table of Recommendations Appendix 1: Large Development Applications Appendix 2: Small Development Applications Appendix 3: Assessment panel summary sheet Appendix 4: Clubmark Awards	