

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE	20th January 2011
DIRECTOR	Annette Bruton
TITLE OF REPORT	Sports Grants
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/11/001

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report brings before the Committee applications for financial assistance from sports organisations and makes a recommendation for each application. There have been 2 funding applications received.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee considers the applications and approves the recommendations:

2.1 Grampian Orienteer's	£2000
2.2 Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club	£2700

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Assistance sports budget for the year 2010/11 is £69,000. Assuming that the recommendations are approved there will be £26,801.90 funding available for the remainder of the financial year.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The local sports groups and organisations adopt a variety of methods to attract funding, however, some groups would be unable to host an event or develop further without the financial assistance from this grant. Groups who do not meet the criteria will be assisted by officers to source alternative solutions.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

The Financial Assistance budget for 2010/11 has been set by the Council at £69,000. A copy of the guideline notes for sports organisations is included in the City Council Funding Pack sent to potential applicants. In addition a copy of the

new sports grants criteria approved at the Education, Culture and Sport Committee on the 8th of October 2009 is provided outlining the assessment process.

The new criteria are directly linked to the five key objectives of Fit for the Future, the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for Aberdeen. Applicants are assessed against the criteria and recommendations made for Committee approval.

Grampian Orienteer's

A funding application has been received from Grampian Orienteer's in order to support various schools and community based projects.

Grampian Orienteer's is a volunteer led sports club which aims to increase the awareness of the fun and benefits to be derived from participation in orienteering. The club has had considerable success in increasing both its level of activity and membership and aspires to continue to develop through focusing on its community development project.

The aim of the project is to:

- Promote and increase the number of opportunities for participation in orienteering
- Raise the profile of orienteering in Aberdeen, especially amongst young people through Active Schools
- Develop the partnerships with community groups
- Build capacity within the club to take orienteering into the community
- Broaden the pool of volunteers to support the sport in Aberdeen

The project will delivered in various phases and the application submitted to Aberdeen City Council covers the proposed first phase. This phase of the project will deliver the following:

- Expand the clubs range of parks and school grounds in Aberdeen to facilitate new links with community groups. The application includes plans to develop maps for 10 schools in the city and new park maps for Duthie Park and Hazlehead Park.
- Introduce orienteering into schools by providing school maps and training Active School Coordinators and/or school staff to deliver orienteering within the curriculum or as an after-school activity. Contained within the funding application are plans to develop training materials and purchase relevant resources.

The overall cost of the project is £4000 and the club has raised £2000 towards this cost. This investment compromises £1000 which has been raised by the club and an application for £1000 from the Scottish Orienteering Association.

Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
£2000	£2000

Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club

Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club is one of the premier swimming clubs in Aberdeen and is one of the main feeder clubs into the City of Aberdeen Swim Team. The club is run by a management committee consisting entirely of volunteers. The club currently has 90 swimmers within its squad structure as well as 90 within its 'learn to swim' programme.

The Club has submitted an application in support of the annual Mitchell Trophy. The Mitchell Trophy is a 2 day regional swimming gala which is hosted by the club. Clubs from all around Scotland participate in the competition and it is one of the few high-profile events held in the North-East.

The event attracts over 270 swimmers aged from ten and above from 29 different clubs across Scotland including several clubs from Aberdeen. All swimming disciplines are included and the event provides local swimmers with essential experience of competing in a highly competitive national event.

Historically, the event has taken place at Aberdeen's Bon-Accord Baths however, since its closure the City no longer possesses a swimming pool with the required facilities to run such an event. The event currently takes place at the Aquadome in Inverness and this application covers particular costs related to travel and pool hire.

The overall cost of the event is projected at £8600 and this application seeks £4300 towards this cost. Following a review of the application form and the breakdown of costs contained within, it is recommended that £2700 is awarded to the club. This award would be towards the pool hire for the event and the cost of Aberdeen based clubs travelling to Inverness. The cost of pool hire is a cost which, historically, has been supported by Aberdeen City Council and the travel cost covers the change of venue necessitated by the closure of Bon Accord Baths.

The additional funds requested by the club are towards the accommodation and meals for all clubs and officials from across Scotland who participate in the event. This component of the application is not viewed as suitable for support as the club gain significant investment in the trophy through entry fees. As such the overall recommendation for this application is not for the full amount requested.

Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
£4300	£2700

6. IMPACT

The report relates to the Arts, Heritage and Sport strand of the Community Plan, specifically in relation to the Sports, Leisure and Recreation vision of developing Aberdeen as an "Active City".

The report also links to Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking through Culture, Arts and Sport:

- Increase participation in sport, provide support for athletes and reward excellence
- Recognise the contribution of Sport, Culture and Arts to promoting the area as a tourist destination
- Recognise the role of Sport and Arts in tackling anti-social behaviour

Furthermore the report relates closely to the objectives of Fit for the Future, the sport and physical activity strategy for Aberdeen City (2009-2015). These objectives are:

- Promote and increase opportunities for participation in sport and physical activity for everyone in Aberdeen.
- Provide a comprehensive and high quality range of sports facilities in Aberdeen.
- Maximise social, educational, health and economic benefits of sport and physical activity in Aberdeen.
- Develop and sustain pathways which nurture local, regional and national sporting people to reach their potential.
- Raise the profile of sport in Aberdeen.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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Appendix 1

Summary Table of Financial Assistance Sports Awards 2010/11

Sports Organisation	Funding Awarded	Committee Approval
Netball Scotland	£678	Education, Culture & Sport 15/04/10
North East Tennis Group	£2000	Education, Culture & Sport 15/04/10
City of Aberdeen Gymnastics	£3400	Education, Culture & Sport 27/05/10
Aberdeen Churches League	£500	Education, Culture & Sport 27/05/10
Scottish Schools Gymnastics	£1000	Education, Culture & Sport 27/05/10
Aberdeen Youth Rugby Association	£10,000	Education, Culture & Sport 27/05/10
Grampian Institute of Sport	£2000	Education, Culture & Sport 27/05/10
Aberdeenshire Ladies County Golf Association	£500	Education, Culture & Sport 27/05/10
Aberdeen Secondary Schools Football Association	£1500	Education, Culture & Sport 16/09/10
The Chris Anderson Trust	£2500	Education, Culture & Sport 16/09/10
Grampian Coaching	£5000	Education, Culture & Sport 16/09/10
Aberdeen Sports Council	£7000	Education, Culture & Sport 16/09/10
Aberdeen Disability Sport	£582.50	Education, Culture & Sport 16/09/10
Young Sports Ambassadors	£175	Education, Culture & Sport 16/09/10
The Royal Life Saving Society	£662.60	Education, Culture & Sport 18/11/10
Total Grant Funding Awarded to date		£37,498.10
Grant Funding Remaining		£31,501.90