

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE:	<b>Education, Culture and Sport</b>
DATE:	<b>8 October 2009</b>
DIRECTOR:	<b>Annette Bruton</b>
TITLE OF REPORT:	<b>Financial Assistance – Sports</b>
REPORT NUMBER:	<b>ECS/09/026</b>

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### 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 two funding applications received.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee considers the applications and approves the recommendations:

2.1 Hazlehead Academy Climbing Club	£500
2.2 Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club	£1500

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Assistance sports budget for the year 2009/10 is £69,000. Assuming that the recommendations are approved there will be £39,426 funding available for the remainder of the financial year, as detailed in Appendix 1.

### 4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY 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

## 5. 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.

## 6. REPORT

The Financial Assistance budget for 2009/10 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 outlining the assessment criteria in place. Applicants are assessed against the criteria and recommendations made for Committee approval. The increase in funding available provides the opportunity for partnership working with Governing Bodies and the neighbouring local authorities of Aberdeenshire and Moray, with regards to potential sports development.

### **Hazlehead Academy`**

This request is for funding in support of making improvements to the climbing wall in the games hall of the school. The improvements would enhance the opportunities available for climbing groups in the city, in addition to the use of the wall by the school climbing club. The additional works would also improve the safety aspects in the longer term. Additional funding has been sought from other organisations in support of this project.

Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Funding 2008/09
£500	£500	Nil

### **Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club**

This request is to offset the cost of pool hire incurred in hosting the Mitchell Trophy. This prestigious event has been held annually at the Bon Accord Baths since 1992. However, due to the closure of this facility in 2007 the event has had to relocate. There is not another suitable venue in the city and the only appropriate venue in Aberdeenshire is not available at the time of year required. The event this year is to be held in Inverness and the grant requested is to offset some of the costs associated with pool hire. This event provides an opportunity for high level competition for club swimmers throughout Scotland. The two day event is open to boys and girls and regularly attracts over 100 swimmers

Funding Requested	Funding Recommended	Funding 2008/09
£1500	£1500	£1000

## **7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

### Summary Table of Financial Assistance Sports Awards 2009/10

<b>Sports Organisation</b>	<b>Funding Awarded</b>	<b>Committee Approval</b>
Aberdeen Churches League	£500	Resources Management 5/05/09
Aberdeen Primary Schools Netball Association	£500	Resources Management 5/05/09
City of Aberdeen Gymnastics	£3000	Resources Management 5/05/09
North East of Scotland Tennis	£2000	Resources Management 5/05/09
Scottish School Gymnastics	£1500	Resources Management 5/05/09
Torry Youth Karate Club	£1500	Resources Management 5/05/09
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£9000</b>	
Scottish Disability Sport	£1200	Resources Management 16/06/09
Aberdeen Lacrosse Club	£1874	Resources Management 16/06/09
Scottish Rugby Union	£3000	Resources Management 16/06/09
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£6074</b>	
Aberdeen Secondary Schools Football	£1000	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
Aberdeen Sports Council	£7000	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
Chris Anderson Trust	£2500	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
Aberdeen Synchronised Skating	£2000	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£12500</b>	
<b>Total Funds disbursed to 27/8/09</b>	<b>£27574</b>	