

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE:	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE:	24 th November 2009
DIRECTOR:	Annette Bruton
TITLE OF REPORT:	Grant Support Applications for Interim Travel Arrangements - Displacement of Programmed Sports Activities
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/09/058

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report brings before the Committee seven applications for £2,100.00 of grant assistance from the Council's Grant Support for Interim Travel Arrangements - Displacement of Programmed Sports Activities Scheme under the 'affiliated sports organisations and volunteer led clubs and talented athlete' criteria

Assessment of all applications received is undertaken against the Main Aims of the Scheme set out in the body of the report and the specific criteria outlined in the Scheme Application Guidance and Aberdeen City Council's Funding Pack.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee approves the travel funding applications detailed below.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendation outlined in this report would involve a disbursement of £2,100.00, which will come from the Interim Travel Grants Budget, three year funding of which was agreed at the Full Council meeting of 14th February 2008.

Should this recommendation be approved, a total of £14,540.00 from the annual £25,000 travel grants budget will have been allocated.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

This report links to Aberdeen City's Community Plan, specifically in relation to ensuring that our Community has 'access to services of a high quality that meet their needs.' under the 'We value our people' strand and Single Outcome Agreement Outcomes 6, 'We live longer, healthier lives' and 13, 'We

take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity.’

The Report also relates to the delivery of the following priorities contained in the Policy Statement, “Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking Council”:

- Increase participation in sport, provide support for athletes and reward excellence;
- Recognise the role of Sport and the Arts in tackling anti-social behaviour.

The report also 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”.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The risks of not proceeding with these recommendations will be generated by

- i.) the permanent loss to the City of a range of sports development programmes, events, qualified coaches and sports clubs.
- ii.) a reduction in the number of locally based talented sportspersons.
- iii.) a reduced capacity to deliver the aims of Aberdeen City Council’s Draft Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2008-2015 ‘Fit for the Future’.

There are no additional implications involved in considering this report.

6. REPORT

There have been seven grant applications received in support of talented individuals and volunteer led sports or community based organisations from the fund.

Information on the Scheme is made available through Aberdeen City Council’s website and direct contact with those stakeholders identified as part of prior impact assessment or consultation exercises.

Application packs, including details of the fund application criteria and the availability of other internal and external grant funding, is made available to those who express an interest in applying for funding and all submitted applications are included in the table below.

Consideration of the grant submissions and subsequent recommendations are based on the application meeting the main aims of the Scheme and the agreed application criteria as approved by Resources Management Committee 22 April 2008 and highlighted below:

Main Aims

Maintain the diversity of opportunities for access to core physical activity and involvement in recognised sports/community development programmes for all communities in Aberdeen.

To provide support for talented athletes performing at recognised levels and reward excellence.

To enhance the sustainability of specific activity programmes to avoid the permanent loss to the City of a range of sports coaching programmes, qualified coaches and sports clubs which would affect capacity to deliver the aims of the Policy Statement, “Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking” and Aberdeen City Council’s Draft Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2008-2015. ‘Fit for the Future’

Application Criteria

Applications are welcomed from the following list of groups or individuals affected by the facility closures of Bon-Accord Baths, The Linx Ice Arena, Kincorth and Queens Links Bowling Greens and the loss of public programming at Dyce swimming pool:

- Affiliated sports organisations and volunteer led clubs representing groups or individuals.
- Community organisations providing support for activity programmes/use of activities within the defined catchment areas of the above facilities.
- Talented individuals, who are residents of Aberdeen City and/or formal members of a sports club formerly based at one of the defined facilities and who can demonstrate the continued support of a recognised sports club, sport governing body, local Sports Council, Grampian Institute of Sport or involvement in regional/national coaching programmes

Recommendation

- i. The following submissions have been presented, amounting to £2,100.00 of support from the Fund with recommendations for the disbursement of £2,100.00

These recommendations would commit a further 8.4% of the annual budget for the Scheme, bringing the adjusted total commitment to date to 58.16% of the available annual budget.

Activity/Applicant	Nature of Support	Request 09/10	Total Costs	Recommendation
Ice Skating Collette Baxter	Travel costs involved in attendance at supported coaching sessions in Dundee by a junior athlete (April – August 2009)	£300.00	£616.00	Approve

Denise Forrest (Two Applications)	Travel costs involved in attendance at supported coaching sessions in Dundee by two junior athletes (April- October 2009)	£600.00	£1568.00	Approve
Fiona Johnston	Travel costs involved in attendance at supported coaching sessions in Dundee by a junior athlete (April – August 2009)	£300.00	£616.00	Approve
Jenny Findlay	Travel costs involved in attendance at supported coaching sessions in Dundee by a junior athlete (April – August 2009)	£300.00	£748.00	Approve
Ruth Milne (Two Applications)	Travel costs involved in attendance at supported coaching sessions in Edinburgh and Stirling by two junior athletes (April – June 2009 and (July - August 2009)	£600.00	£1332.00	Approve

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council Meeting 14th February 2008
Resources Management Committee – ‘Grant Support Applications for Interim Travel Arrangements - Displacement of Programmed Sports Activities’ 22nd April 2008.