

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE:	<b>Education, Culture and Sport</b>
DATE:	<b>18 February 2009</b>
DIRECTOR:	<b>Annette Bruton</b>
TITLE OF REPORT:	<b>Sports Grants</b>
REPORT NUMBER:	<b>ECS/10/09</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 has been one funding application received.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee considers the application and approves the recommendations:

2.1 Royal Caledonian Curling Club	£5000

### 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 £32,526 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.

### **Royal Caledonian Curling Club`**

This is a request for continued partnership funding in support of the position of a Curling Development Officer, based at Curl Aberdeen. A Curling Development Officer has been in post since 2002, initially on a part time basis and since 2007 on a full time basis. This request would allow the partnership with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, Curl Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Council to continue and build on the development of curling in Aberdeen City.

The Curling development Officer has been working closely with the Active Schools programme to introduce primary schools in the city to the Curling's Cool programme with a total of 332 participants from April through to December 2009. A Girls Only after school has also been set up and the junior development programme has expanded. In addition secondary schools are now being introduced to the curling programme. There is now an established programme of coach and volunteer development in operation.

This request is for Aberdeen City Council's partnership contribution for 2010/2011.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£5000	£5000

## 7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Aberdeen City Council Funding Pack

## Appendix 1

**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>	
Hazlehead Academy Climbing Club	£500	Education, Culture and Sport 08/10/09
Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club	£1500	Education, Culture and Sport 08/10/09
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£2000</b>	

Granite City Badminton Club	£500	Education, Culture and Sport 24/11/09
St Machar School of Football	£1400	Education, Culture and Sport 24/11/09
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£1900</b>	
<b>Total funds disbursed to 24.11.09</b>	<b>£31474</b>	