

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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| COMMITTEE: | Education, Culture and Sport |
| DATE: | 15 April 2010 |
| DIRECTOR: | Annette Bruton |
| TITLE OF REPORT: | Sports Grants |
| REPORT NUMBER: | ECS/10/040 |

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:

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| 2.1 Netball Scotland | £678 |
| 2.2 North East Tennis Tournament Group | £2000 |

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Sports Grants budget for the year 2010/11 is £69,000. Assuming that the recommendations are approved there will be £66322 available for the remainder of the financial year.

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 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 8 October 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.

Netball Scotland`

This request is in support of the hosting of the Netball Scottish Cup Finals. This will be the first opportunity for netball fans in Aberdeen to view a finals day, hosted locally, since 2004. Spectators will be able to see top class international players and some of the best junior netball players in Scotland, some of which will be potential athletes for the Commonwealth Games in 2014. Scottish Cup Finals Day is one of the most prestigious dates within the netball calendar and will see ten teams compete in five finals from Under 13's to senior players to become the champions of Scotland in their respective age groups. Netball Scotland will work in partnership with Active Schools to attract a number of primary school children to the event. The event which will be held at Aberdeen Sports Village will attract spectators from across Scotland and contribute to raising the profile of Sport in Aberdeen.

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| £678 | £678 |

North East Tennis Tournament Group

This request is in support of the hosting of two tennis tournaments to be held at the Westburn Tennis Centre. The City of Aberdeen North East Tennis Tournament is held in July each year and attracts in excess of 200 participants from across the UK. The North East Indoor Tennis Championships is the premier indoor tennis tournament in the North East of Scotland and includes both junior and senior events. The age range of participants for both events is from 8 through to over 70 years of age. The organising group has attracted private sponsorship and the support of the National Governing body for both tournaments. The request will be used to offset some of the costs incurred in court hire. The tournaments contribute to raising the profile of sport in Aberdeen

and provide the opportunity for local participants to compete without having to travel out with the city.

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7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Aberdeen City Council Funding Pack
Fit for the Future, A Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for Aberdeen City