

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE:	<b>Education, Culture and Sport</b>
DATE:	<b>27 May 2010</b>
DIRECTOR:	<b>Annette Bruton</b>
TITLE OF REPORT:	<b>Sports Grants</b>
REPORT NUMBER:	<b>ECS/10/049</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 six funding applications received.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee considers the applications and approves the recommendations:

2.1	City of Aberdeen Gymnastics	£3400
2.2	Aberdeen Churches League	£ 500
2.3	Scottish Schools Gymnastics	£1000
2.4	Aberdeen Youth Rugby Association	£10000
2.5	Grampian Institute of Sport	£2000
2.6	Aberdeenshire Ladies County Golf Association	£ 500

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Sports Grants budget for the year 2010/11 is £69,000. Assuming that the recommendations are approved there will be £48,922 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.

### **City of Aberdeen Gymnastics**

The City of Aberdeen Gymnastics was constituted in July 2007 and brings together all the gymnastics clubs in the city. The objective of the group is to address the needs of all gymnasts at various degrees of ability from grass roots through to elite level. This request is in support of hosting the second Open Competition to be held by the group at the Beach Leisure Centre on 12/13 June 2010. It is anticipated that the event will not only attract local gymnasts but will also have competitors from clubs all over Britain. The expected competitor number is 400 with an age range from 8 Years old through to adult. This event is intended to become an annual event which should help promote Aberdeen as a venue for gymnastics and a sporting city.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£7070	£3400

### **Aberdeen Churches League**

The purpose for which the grant is required is to support the cost of holding a one day Open Bowling Tournament at Westburn Park Bowling Centre at the end of May 2010. The event is organised by Aberdeen Churches Bowling League and is open to all bowlers both novice and experienced.

The aim is to draw attention to the League and further encourage participation

in Council venue bowls. It is a natural follow up to an earlier publicity attempt to draw in more potential teams which successfully recruited a new team playing out of Northfield. This is the second year of the competition and it is hoped to attract over 100 competitors.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£500	£500

### **Scottish Schools Gymnastics**

This request is to offset some of the costs incurred in hosting a competition for primary and secondary pupils from schools in Aberdeen to participate in a team gymnastics competition. Children of all levels and abilities are provided with the opportunity to participate in this competition held at the Beach Leisure Centre in November 2010. This is a regional heat, with selected participants going forward to represent Aberdeen in the National Final in Perth. This a very successful event which has grown in the number of schools participating since the first event held in 2007. The children have the opportunity to develop their skills within the P.E. curriculum time.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£1950	£1000

### **Aberdeen Youth Rugby Association**

Aberdeen City Council currently contributes £10000 funding in support of a Rugby Development Officer for the city. The officer is employed by Aberdeen Youth Rugby Association, which contributes matched funding, as do the Scottish Rugby Union. This partnership has worked effectively over the last two years and has lead to a substantial growth in rugby participation especially for children of primary school age. In 2008 the Scottish Rugby Union brought the Scotland v Canada Autumn International game to Aberdeen, which contributed to raising the sporting profile of Aberdeen in addition to a growth in local participation and interest in the sport of rugby. This partnership approach has been effective and discussions are currently being held with regards to future matches in the city and the development of a Partnership Agreement including financial support for the development officer's post.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£10000	£10000

### **Grampian Institute of Sport**

The Grampian Institute of Sport (GIS) is one of six Area Institutes of Sport in Scotland. The Area Institutes form an integral part of the Scottish Institute of Sport network. Officially launched in 2000/2001, they were set up to offer Scotland's most promising young athlete's access to essential support services. They aim to provide selected athletes with individually tailored programmes designed to help improve their performances, achieve selection to the Scottish Institute of Sport and ultimately develop their potential to reach the top level in their chosen sport. A number of the current athletes are potential athletes for the Commonwealth Games in Delhi this year. As of April 2010 there were 30 athletes supported by the GIS, of which 12 are Aberdeen City athletes. This request is for an annual partner contribution to programme funding in support of the work undertaken and services delivered to city athletes and coaches.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£2000	£2000

### **Aberdeenshire Ladies County Golf Association**

This request is in support of hosting a Ladies Open competition at Hazlehead No1 Golf Course on 8 July 2010. This competition is part of a series of open meets held in both Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. This year the organising committee aim to attract women golfers back to playing at Hazlehead by the staging of the competition on the No1 course. Courtesy of the tee has already been approved for the competition. The competition, which is open to all females over the age of 18, has a wide age range of competitors and attracts golfers from approximately 20 clubs throughout the North East. The award of the grant would ensure that the competition is affordable and accessible to all who are eligible to enter.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£500	£500

### **Summary of Sports Grants Awarded 2010/2011**

<b>Sports Organisation</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Committee Approval</b>
Netball Scotland	£678	15.04.10 Education Culture and Sport
North East Tennis Group	£2000	15.04.10 Education Culture and Sport
<b>Total Grant Funding awarded to date</b>	<b>£2678</b>	
<b>Grant Funding Remaining</b>	<b>£66322</b>	

## **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  
Sports Grant Criteria