

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Finance and Resources
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<b>REPORT BY</b>	Head of Finance
<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	Applications for Financial Assistance 2010/11
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	<b>CG/10/120</b>

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to consider an application for financial assistance which has recently been received.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee considers and approves a grant of £800 for the Northern Trophy Day at the Beach Ballroom on 3rd October 2010.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Prior to considering the request for support there is an uncommitted budget remaining of £11,548 for ad-hoc grants in 2010/11. Approval of this request can be met from the uncommitted budget remaining.

### 4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The City Council will within financial constraints seek to support the voluntary sector and partnerships with the local community. All applicants will be given equal consideration within the general criteria for the disbursement of grants and donations from this budget

### 5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

If the proposed assistance is not provided it may raise issues on the sustainability of organisations or their ability to hold specific events which will bring benefits to the City of Aberdeen.

## 6. REPORT

### **Main Considerations**

6.1 In considering miscellaneous applications for grants or donations the following general criteria are applied -

a) applications from individuals seeking sponsorship, for taking part in fund-raising events abroad or for placements with charitable organisations or trusts in developing countries, are declined.

b) applications from individuals or groups seeking assistance towards costs of excursions outwith the City are declined.

c) applications which tend not to be supported are those from national organisations unless there was some clear and measurable local benefit, and health related applications which are seen as the clear responsibility of the health authorities.

d) on a number of occasions assistance is provided to both local and national organisations, either in whole or in part, with the costs of hiring accommodation such as the Beach Ballroom for various fund-raising events and gatherings.

### **Application**

#### **6.2 Dancesport Scotland (email attached)**

A request has been received from Dancesport Scotland to defray the costs of hiring the Beach Ballroom, in order to host their "Northern Trophy Day", North of Scotland Open Competition at the Beach Ballroom on 3rd October 2010.



The cost of hiring the Beach Ballroom for the event has been set at £800, which would prohibit the event taking place as the level of cost will not be recoverable by the organisation. Normally this type of event is held in the Central Belt with North East competitors having to travel.

A sum of £750 has previously been provided by the Council to support this event.

**6. AUTHORISED SIGNATURE**

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**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Attached Email

From Margo Fraser: Dancesport Scotland

Further to our telephone conversation I write to confirm that we wish to apply for financial assistance for the Northern Trophy Day to be held in the Beach Ballroom Aberdeen on 3rd October 2010.

Historically since 2004 we have been organising this event for our Aberdeen members. Initially the Northern Dance club in Aberdeen applied for a grant but because of circumstances and as the Governing Body for Scotland and sole organiser we took over the application for assistance which we have been fortunate to receive for the past 3 years.

The event is organised purely for our Aberdeen members who are aware that we could not afford to run this popular event without a grant. The Beach Ballroom have advised us that the cost of this year's hire is £800.00 and the booking is provisional dependent on financial assistance.

We would be grateful if you would advise what, if any, further action we should take.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanking you

Kind regards

Margo Fraser  
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR