

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL COMMITTEE**

Date Monday 21st September 2015.

1. **HEADING** SPORTS GRANTS.

Submitted by: Robin Wiles, Partnerships Officer (Community Development).

Portfolio: Resources & Efficiency.

Ward(s) affected: The applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards.

Purpose of the Report

To consider applications submitted to the Sports Grants scheme for the second quarter of 2015/16.

Recommendations (to be in bold)

Panel consider the Sport Grants applications submitted and the recommendations from the Sports Advisory Council, with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to consider the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Council regarding applications from individual athletes in the Borough.

1. **Background**

1.1 The Sports Grants budget for 2015/16 is £19,000.00.

1.2 Individual athletes from the Borough can apply for a Talented Athlete grant to support their training so long as their sport is a Sport England recognised sport.

1.3 Three levels of grant are available:-

- Gold, £500.00 for those who have achieved or performed at a national level.
- Silver, £400.00 for those who have achieved or performed at a regional level.
- Bronze, £300.00 for those who have achieved or performed at a County level

1.4 No applications were considered at the first Panel meeting of 2015/16.

1.5 Four applications have been considered by the Sports Advisory Council:-

Athlete.	Sport.	Requested.	SAC recommendation.	Other.
1	Archery.	£790.00.	£400.00.	
2	Boxing.	£800.00.	£300.00.	
3	Gymnastics.	£500.00.	£300.00.	Deferred to 2016/17.
4	Volleyball.	£500.00.	£300.00.	
		£2,590.00.	£1,000.00.	

2. **Issues.**

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

3.1 Support the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Council which has scrutinised the applications in detail.

3.2 Refer applications back to the Sports Advisory Council for reconsideration.

3.3 Reject the recommendations of the Sports Advisory Council.

Proposal.

4.1 The applications received are from individuals who reside in the Borough, and participate in eligible sports. The Sports Advisory Council's recommendation should be supported.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

5.1 The Sports Advisory Council has expert knowledge of sports, and has scrutinised the applications in detail.

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 Sporting activities leads to improvements in the individual's health & wellbeing and their contribution to their community.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

7.1 Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

8.1 All applications, if awarded, would be expected to have a positive impact on the individuals and the communities that they reside in.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 The annual budget for the Sports Grants scheme is £19,000.00.

9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £1,000.00, which would leave £18,000.00 in the budget.

10. **Major Risks**

10.1 Not Applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 Not Applicable.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not Applicable.

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 Members consider the recommendations from the Sports Advisory Council with a view to supporting those recommendations unless it is considered there is a good reason to do otherwise.

14. **List of Appendices**

15. **Background Papers**

15.1 Copies of applications will be e-mailed to Panel members in advance of the meeting. Hard copies will not be made available to reduce printing costs, but can be viewed in advance - please contact Robin Wiles on 742493 or robin.wiles@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.