NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date   Monday February 1ˢᵗ 2016

1.   **HEADING** SPORTS GRANTS.

Submitted by: Lucy Taylor, Sports Development Manager

Portfolio: Leisure & Cultural Services

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 fourth 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.

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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. Sports Coaches can also apply for funding towards sport governing body coaching qualifications to assist local clubs in delivering high quality sporting activities.

1.3 Six applications were considered at the second Panel meeting of 2015/16 which totalled £3,260 and there is £14,740 left in the budget for 2015/16.

1.5 Six applications have been considered by the Sports Advisory Council for this round:-

Athlete.	Sport.	Requested.	SAC recommendation.	Other.
1	Canoeing	£800.00	£1000.00	

2	Cricket	£800.00	£800.00	
3	Cricket	£800.00	£800.00	
4	Cricket	£200.00	£200.00	
5	Cricket	£800.00	£800.00	
6	Cricket	£800.00	£800.00	
		£4,200.00	**£4,400.00**	

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 There is currently £14,740 remaining in the budget.

9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £4,400.00, which would leave £10,340.00 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 Lucy Taylor on 742615 or email lucy.taylor@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk. Alternatively please contact Jeff Vernall on 742618 or email jeff.vernall@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.