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Time 7.00 pm
Venue Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
Contact Geoff Durham

Grants Assessment Panel

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

a Sports Grants

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Members: Councillors Astle, Burgess, Miss J Cooper, Parker, Rout (Chair), Walklate, Welsh, Winfield and Wing

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: 19 September 2016

1. **HEADING** SPORTS GRANTS.
- Submitted by:** Sport & Active Lifestyles Manager
- Portfolio:** Leisure Culture and Localism
- Ward(s) affected:** All.

Purpose of the Report

This report sets out information relating to funding applications received for the Sports Grants Programme for the second quarter of 2016/17.

Recommendations

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 Newcastle Borough Council provides support services to help the Borough's most talented athletes reach their potential. Support starts at county level and goes through to athletes competing internationally. As the performance pathways for different sports vary hugely, each National Governing Body (NGB) of sport or the Sports Club is consulted to ensure that support is given at the right level. Disciplines not supported by the NGB or without clear performance pathways are not be eligible for support.

1.2 A variety of factors influence the level of support provided to an athlete. These factors include county, regional or national rankings, competition results (for individual sports) and selection for national and international teams (for team sports).

2. **Issues.**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 An example of the current grant requirements individuals must fulfil to be successful for a grant can be seen at Appendix 1. However, in the future the Castle Sport is proposing to alter the grant conditions with those shown at Appendix 2 with the fundamental changes being the removal of the Grass Root Sports category and the introduction of a new Regional Sports category, along with amendments to the maximum amount of grant aid individuals can apply for.
- 2.3 Ten applications have been considered by Castle Sport for this round and the Information can be seen in Appendix 3.
- 2.4 Members of the Grant Advisor Panel will be aware that there was an underspend of circa £12,000 in 2015/16. Castle Sport have been considering how best to use this underspend to increase the profile of sport and physical activity in the Borough and requested that the GAP panel use £6,000 to support the delivery of a sports participation event in Lyme Valley Park in May or June 2017. Should members of the Grant Advisory panel agree to use monies to support the event a working group will be established to support the delivery of the event and with a view to additional funding and with a longer term aspiration of making this an annual event.

3. **Options Considered**

- 3.1 Support the recommendations of the Castle Sport who have scrutinised the applications in detail, and to support their recommendation to allocate £6,000 to support the delivery of a sports participation event in April or May 2017.
- 3.2 Refer applications back to the Castle Sport for reconsideration.
- 3.3 Reject the recommendations of the Castle Sport.

Proposal.

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

5. Reasons for Preferred Solution

5.1 Castle Sport has expert knowledge of sports participation, 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 budget for the talented athlete grants programme for the financial year 2016/17 is £31,000 which includes a £12,000 underspend from 2015/16

9.2 Prior to this funding round £7,500 has been allocated to successful talented athletes. Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £4,020.00, which would leave a balance of £19,480, and £13,480 should members of the Grant advisory Panel agree to support a sports participation event in April may 2017.

10. Major Risks

10.1 All risks associated with the allocation of talented sports grants are managed through the application and approval process.

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 Vernal on 742618 or email jeff.vernall@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.

16. **Management Sign-Off**

Each of the designated boxes need to be signed off and dated before going to Executive Director/Corporate Service Manager for sign off.

	Signed	Dated
Financial Implications Discussed and Agreed		
Risk Implications Discussed and Agreed		
Legal Implications Discussed and Agreed		
H.R. Implications Discussed and Agreed		
ICT Implications Discussed and Agreed		

Report Agreed by: Executive Director/ Head of Service		
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Appendix 1

Newcastle Advisory Sports Council (NASC) Grant Funding – Version 1

The Newcastle Advisory Sports Council (NASC) aims to provide financial support to sportsmen and women living in the Borough of Newcastle-under Lyme. The fund has been created to help cover the costs associated with training and competition, including such expenses as travel and sports equipment.

Funding Awards

Sportsmen and women may be awarded a grant of up to £800 in any one year dependent subject to them being able to demonstrate that they meet the relevant criteria shown in Table 1 below;

Table 1:

Level	Criteria	Award
Grass Roots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the applicant is a resident of the Borough (proof of evidence driving license, utility bill, electoral role, teacher endorsement) • That sport is recognised by Sport England. Further information can be found at www.sportengland.org • That the grant application is not retrospective. • That the applicant has not received a grant within the previous twelve months. • Evidence that the grant application is supported by your school physical education lead, youth worker, sports club or sports coach. • That the application is for a minimum of £1 to £1 match funding. • That the grant application is for, the costs of specialist sports equipment (Not Trainers or Tracksuits etc.), club fees, transport, coaching fees, coaching qualifications level 1 or 2 or competition charges. • That if invited applicants will take part in an annual ceremony celebrating achievement in sport. 	Up to £300
County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the applicant is a resident of the Borough (proof of evidence driving license, utility bill, electoral role, teacher/coach endorsement) • That sport is recognised by Sport England. Further information can be found at www.sportengland.org • That the grant application is not retrospective. • That the applicant has not received a grant within the previous twelve months. • Evidence that the grant application is supported by the sports club or coach • Evidence of meeting county/regional standards • Evidence of sporting achievements • A statement of how the grant will support the athletes aspirations • That the application is for a minimum of £1 to £1 match funding. • That the grant application is for, the costs of specialist sports equipment (Not Trainers or Tracksuits etc.), club fees, transport, coaching fees, coaching qualifications Level 3 or competition charges. • That if invited applicants will take part in an annual ceremony celebrating achievement in sport. 	Up to £800

<p>National</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the applicant is a resident of the Borough (proof of evidence driving license, utility bill, electoral role, teacher/coach endorsement) That sport is recognised by Sport England. Further information can be found at www.sportengland.org • That the grant application is not retrospective. • That the applicant has not received a grant within the previous twelve months. • Evidence that the grant application is supported by the sports club or coach • Evidence of meeting national standards • Evidence of sporting achievements • A statement of how the grant will support the athletes aspirations • That the application is for a minimum of £1 to £1 match funding. • That if invited applicants will take part in an annual ceremony celebrating achievement in sport. • That the grant application is for, the costs of specialist sports equipment (Not Trainers or Tracksuits etc.), club fees, transport, coaching fees, coaching qualifications Level 3 or competition charges. • Be an ambassador for the Newcastle Advisory Sports Council and assist in promoting sports participation in the Borough for a period of twelve months of receipt of grant. 	<p>Up to £300</p>
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Appendix 2

The Newcastle Advisory Sports Council (NASC) aims to provide financial support to sportsmen and women living in the Borough of Newcastle-under Lyme. The fund has been created to help cover the costs associated with training and competition, including such expenses as travel and sports equipment.

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Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the applicant is a resident of the Borough (proof of evidence driving license, utility bill, electoral role, teacher/coach endorsement) • That sport is recognised by Sport England. Further information can be found at www.sportengland.org • That the grant application is not retrospective. • That the applicant has not received a grant within the previous twelve months. • Evidence that the grant application is supported by the sports club or coach with details being provided on letter headed paper • Evidence of meeting county/regional standards • Evidence of sporting achievements • A statement of how the grant will support the athletes aspirations • That the application is for a minimum of £1 to £1 match funding. • That the grant application is for, the costs of specialist sports equipment (Not Trainers or Tracksuits etc.), club fees, transport, coaching fees, or competition charges. • That if invited applicants will take part in an annual ceremony celebrating achievement in sport. 	Up to £700
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the applicant is a resident of the Borough (proof of evidence driving license, utility bill, electoral role, teacher/coach endorsement) That sport is recognised by Sport England. Further information can be found at www.sportengland.org • That the grant application is not retrospective. • That the applicant has not received a grant within the previous twelve months. • Evidence that the grant application is supported by the sports club or coach with details being provided on letter headed paper • Evidence of meeting national standards • Evidence of sporting achievements • A statement of how the grant will support the athletes aspirations • That the application is for a minimum of £1 to £1 match funding. 	Up to £750 or an annual membership at Jubille2 where the applicant is already supported by UK Sport

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Appendix 3
List of Applicants Seeking Talented Athlete Grants (Based on old Criteria Appendix 1)

APPLICANT	Sport Involved and Background Information	Category & Amount Applied For	Previous Awards	Other funding external funding	Castle Sport Recommendation
Adam Finney	Sport: Gymnastics Age: 19-years-old Adam is hoping to attend the European Championships and represent Team GB in Slovenia during October 2016. He trains at least 4 times a week at Crewe & Nantwich Gymnastics Club and also has to attend training sessions in London and Newcastle upon Tyne. He will use the funding to assist with transportation costs for the training sessions and attending the European Championships.	County £800	None	British Gymnastics awarded hardship grant in 2015 £200	To be awarded £800 based upon current performance levels.
Thomas Longworth	Sport: Cricket Age: 12-years-old Thomas plays for Porthill Park cricket club and is consistently achieving a high standard of performance. He has the potential to become selected for the county and has high hopes for the future. He will use the grant towards equipment and travel costs	County £800	None	None	To be awarded £620 based upon eligible costs submitted relating to his current performance.
Tyler Johnson	Sport: Basketball Age: 19-years-old Tyler plays for Newcastle Knights club based at Newcastle-under-Lyme College. He is also a member of the college's basketball team. He will use the funding towards training fees and travel costs.	County £800	None	None	To be awarded £250 based an eligible costs relating to his participation in sport.
Oliver Tucker	Sport: Cricket Age: 13-years-old Oliver plays for Newcastle & Hartshill Cricket Club and has the dedication to his sport to further develop along the talent pathway. He has also started playing at County standard. He will use the grant towards coaching fees.	County £800	None	None	To be awarded £650 based upon eligible costs submitted relating to the sport.

APPLICANT	Sport Involved and Background Information	Category & Amount Applied For	Previous Awards	Other funding external funding	Castle Sport Recommendation
Olivia Johnson Page 14	Sport: Trampoline Age: 10-years-old Olivia is currently participating at local competitions and is aiming at competing at a regional level. She attends North Staffs Trampoline Club based at Chesterton Sports College. She intends to use the funding to help with travel costs and competition fees.	Grass Roots £300	None	None	To be awarded £300 based upon current performance levels.
Reece White	Sport: Cricket Age: 16-years-old Reece plays for Silverdale Cricket Club and he is now in the first team. He also plays in Staffordshire District Age Groups teams. He will use the grant to further develop his progress in the sport on coaching fees	County £350	None	None	To be awarded £350 based upon eligible costs submitted.
Emily Johnson	Sport: Trampoline. Age:12-years-old Emily is currently participating at local competitions and is aiming at competing at a regional level. She attends North Staffs Trampoline Club based at Chesterton Sports College. She intends to use the funding to help with travel costs and competition fees.	Grass Roots £300	None	None	To Be awarded £300 based upon current performance levels.
Libby Clifton	Sport: Cricket Age: 11-years-old Libby is a member of Bignall End Cricket Club and hopes to be able to represent the County in the future. She will use the funding towards equipment, coaching and travel costs.	County £500	None	None	To be awarded £250 as still on early stages of performance pathway.
Matthew Newton	Sport: Swimming Age: 20 Matthew has applied for a grant towards the costs of a Level 3 coaching award, so he can assist with coaching duties at Newcastle Swimming Club based at Jubilee2.	Coach Grant Up to £500	None	None	Deferred as awaiting further information from applicant regarding their future commitment to the club.

APPLICANT	Sport Involved and Background Information	Category & Amount Applied For	Previous Awards	Other funding external funding	Castle Sport Recommendation
<p>Myles Barthorpe</p>	<p>Sport: Kart Racing Age: 13-years-old</p> <p>Myles is part of Trent Valley Racing Club and participates in the sport every weekend at Hooton Park. He is aiming to win the Hooton Park Championship and is also part of the Sam Pollit Racing Squad. He will use the funding towards equipment costs.</p>	<p>County £800</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>To be awarded £500 based upon his current performance and eligible costs submitted on his application form.</p>

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