

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ASSET AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT,
SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

LEISURE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider applications for financial assistance.
- 1.2 The key points of the report are as follows.
- There are two different leisure grant aid schemes.
 - We have received two applications for grant aid. These need considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 There are two different leisure grant aid schemes. These are:

- Revenue Sports Grants
The scheme mainly helps athletes selected to national teams/squads. The maximum grant for individuals is normally £500 towards travel and training costs and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities to the end of the current financial year. A limited number of revenue grants are available to sports organisations at the Cabinet Member's discretion. Only those sports recognised by Sport England are normally eligible.
- Leisure Capital Grant Programme
This scheme helps community sport, arts or heritage capital projects. The most we will grant is normally £15,000. Groups can normally apply for one grant of up to £30,000 in any five-year period if the total cost of the project is more than £60,000.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 A summary of the applications received is set out in Appendix One.
- 3.2 Options are limited to the following:
- approving the applications as submitted;

- refuse support;
- offer grant support at a reduced level: or
- defer the grant application for consideration in the new financial year

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The applications received meet the criteria in the relevant grant aid scheme for assistance up to the level shown in the attached table.
- 4.2 Offering grant support at a reduced level, or rejection of an application, could mean that the project will not progress.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Sport Grant budget for this year is £10,390. The amount required to support the recommendations in this report is £500. There is currently £2,409 in the budget.

5.1.2 The Capital Grant budget for this year is £150,000. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £10,500. There is currently £3,995 remaining in the budget. This is insufficient to meet the requested amount.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no issues for staffing, property or IT.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 Getting more people to take part in active recreation can contribute to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 6.2 There are no other implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Participating in sport at a national level and above is expensive. Sports governing bodies and applicants have consistently told us they need help with travel, training and accommodation costs.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the recommended level of grant support set out in the table at Appendix One.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Leisure Services Grant Aid – Application pack

Leisure Services Grant Aid – November 2011

Application for Sports Grant Awards

SPORTS CLUB	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
North Lincolnshire Primary Schools Sports Federation	Develop cross country as a new inter schools sports competition	£1,090	£1,090	Own funds only	This application is for assistance with the costs of setting up new inter school cross county competition. The organisation has £3,500 in balances. 50% grant of £545 recommended.

Applications for Leisure Capital Grant Award

ORGANISATION	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Belton Playing Field Association	Provision of security fencing to playing field alongside the bridleway and a swing gate on the lane leading from High Street to the field.	£10,500	£10,500	Own funds in balance at 2 Feb 2011 were £8,098	Parish and community contributions of 5% each of project costs would normally be expected. Project could not progress with reduced grant. Insufficient funds available in budget to support this project. Reserves essential for organisational security in running village hall and playing field. Grant deferral for consideration in 2012/13 recommended