

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 four 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:
- Sports Grants to Individuals
The scheme helps athletes selected to national teams/squads. The maximum grant is £500 towards travel and training costs and free off peak access to fitness centres and swimming pools in council run facilities. Only those sports recognised by Sport England are 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 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; or
 - offer grant support at a reduced level.

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 Capital Grant budget for financial year 2012/13 is £250,000. The amount required to support the scheme in this report is £24,440. There is currently £250,000 in the budget.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

- 5.2.1 There are no staffing, property or IT issues to consider.

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

- 6.1 The service is working hard to achieve diversity targets. One way of doing this is to support community leisure provision.
- 6.2 Getting more people to take part in active recreation may contribute to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 6.3 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.
- 7.2 Funding for community projects in North Lincolnshire is often difficult. Community organisations have told us that they need the council's support to help lever in other funding for their projects.

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 – March 2012

Application 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	This application was deferred in January due to insufficient funds being available. Parish and community contributions of 5% each of project costs would normally be expected. However in this instance the parish council make an annual grant towards the annual running costs of the playing field. Project could not progress with reduced grant. Reserves essential for organisational security in running village hall and playing field. £10,000 grant recommended
Scunthorpe Boxing Club	Purchase of minibus.	£4,940	£4,940	Three years servicing and MOT by Draytons Garage Insurance and day to day running costs from club funds	The purchase of a minibus would enable members to travel to attend national and regional events effectively, cost efficiently and with lower environmental impact. Previously they have had to take three or four vehicles. The bus would be available to other clubs when not in use. £4,940 grant recommended

ORGANISATION	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Crowle and Ealand Bowls Club	Purchase of lawn aerator	£2,500	£2,500	To be confirmed	This application is to purchase lawn maintenance equipment to ensure good quality playing surface on the bowling green. £2,000 grant recommended
The Old School Hall, Winterton	Installation of high energy efficient gas fired plant	£11,676	£7,500	Winterton Town Council £1,000 Co-operative Community Fund £2,000	This application is to support replacements of 20 year old boilers and pipe work with new high energy efficient gas fired plant equipment. £7,500 grant recommended