

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 an urgent application 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 an application for grant aid. This needs to be considered 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 normally helps athletes selected to national teams/squads. A limited number of grants are available to sports organisations at the Cabinet Member's discretion. 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.
- 2.2 An application has been received from the Bangladesh Welfare Association (BWA). They have undertaken to set up a badminton session in the Crosby area in response to consultation. They need help with the costs of £1,003.44. The application is urgent, because sessions are scheduled to commence on the 6 November 2011.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The application is for funding for equipment and a coach for an initial period of 12 weeks. After this period, it is expected that the sessions will be sufficiently established to ensure its sustainability. The Sports Grant Aid budget could be used to fund this application

3.2 Options are limited to the following:

- approving the application as submitted;
- refuse support; or
- offer grant support at a reduced level.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The application received could be supported from the Sports Grant Aid scheme.

4.2 Offering grant support at a reduced level, or rejection of the 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 applicant in this report is £1,003.44. There is currently £4,390 in the budget. The BWA have agreed to cover the cost of hall hire and propose to charge a small fee of one pound per session. They hope after our initial support that the session will become sustainable.

5.1.2 The Capital Grant budget for this year is £150,000. The amount required to support the schemes in this report is £101,975. There is currently £25,995 in the budget.

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 The service is working hard to reach diversity plan outcomes. 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 The BWA have consulted the Bangladeshi community in Scunthorpe. This project has been developed as a result of responses received.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves a grant to the Bangladesh Welfare Association for £1,003.44 support to develop community badminton.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report
Leisure Services Grant Aid – Application pack