

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**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 four different leisure grant aid schemes.
 - We have received one bid for grant aid. This needs considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 There are four different leisure grant aid schemes. The scheme that applies to the single application contained in this report is as follows:
- Sports Grant Scheme - Groups
For grants to groups, the scheme helps small sport projects. Normally the maximum award is 90% of project costs, up to a maximum of £600.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 A summary of the application received is set out in Appendix 1.
- 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 application received meets the criteria in the relevant grant aid scheme for assistance up to the level shown in the attached table unless

stated otherwise. There are sufficient funds in our various grant budgets to provide the amount recommended.

- 4.2 Offering grant support at a reduced level, or rejection of an application would mean that there is financial support to others during the year but could mean that the project will not progress.

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

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Sports Grant Aid budget for the current financial year amounts to £10,390. There is currently £1,736 left in this budget. The amount required to support the scheme in this report totals £600.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

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

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

6.1 We are working hard to reach our diversity plan outcomes. One way of achieving diversity objectives is to support Village Halls and disabled athletes.

6.2 One of the benefits of increasing participation in active recreation is the opportunity to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. This is by using active recreation as a diversionary activity. Our grant aid schemes help facilitate increased participation.

6.3 There are no other related implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 A lot of work is done to support the groups applying for grant aid. They have worked hard to develop projects for their communities. They are often frustrated by their inability to lever in sufficient funds to bring a deserving community project to fruition. They need a grant of sufficient proportions to help lever in enough funds from other sources to make their project happen.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the recommended levels of grant support set out in the table at Appendix 1.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Leisure Services Grant Aid – Application pack

Leisure Services Grant Aid – January 2010

ORGANISATION /INDIVIDUAL	SCHEME	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ GRANT STREAM	OTHER FUNDS	COMMENTS
Barrow Bowls Club	Purchase of cylinder mower and scarifier to assist in green maintenance and purchase of woods for development of young people's group	£6,827	£600 Sports Grant Scheme – Groups	Applications to Sport for All for £5,000 and North Lincolnshire Community Pot for £950	This application meets the criteria and is for assistance with the costs of purchasing green keeping equipment and development of group to attract young people. An appropriate child protection policy has been adopted by the club. £600 grant recommended.