

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 21 February 2005

REPORT ON: Dundee City Sports Council & Dundee City Disability Sport Grant Aid Schemes

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 102-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain the Committee approval of the proposed alterations and additions to the existing Dundee City Sports Council and Dundee City Disability Sport Grant Aid Schemes.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee agrees to the proposed:

2.1 Merger of Dundee City Sports Council and Dundee City Disability Sport Grant Aid Schemes.

2.2 Changes to the Dundee City Sports Council Grant Aid Scheme with effect from 1 April 2005.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 No additional funding will be required for the implementation of the proposed additions and alterations. The recommended changes will be met from the existing Dundee City Sports Council grant aid budget, including the proposed inclusion of the Dundee City Disability Sport grant aid allocation.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposed changes to the Dundee City Sports Council Grant Aid Scheme will ensure opportunities are available to all affiliated members of Dundee City Sports Council, including Dundee City Disability Sport clubs, to access funding according to set criteria.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The level of funding available for Dundee City Sports Council Grant Aid in 2004/2005 is £6,525.00. Due to an increase in membership and the subsequent increase in Grant Aid applications, a review was undertaken to ensure the needs of clubs in Dundee are being met.

6.2 Further to a consultation with the Dundee City Disability Sport Executive Committee, a transfer of £1,000.00 from the Dundee City Disability Sport grant aid budget to the Dundee City Sports Council budget was agreed, pending Dundee City Council approval, to enable the scheme to be more inclusive.

6.3 Amendments to DCSC Grant Aid Scheme:

The following amendments are proposed to the existing Grant Aid categories and criteria:

6.3.1 Start Up Grant:

Current Criteria:

- Grant available to clubs who newly affiliate to Dundee City Sports Council even if they have been in existence for a number of years

Amendment:

- Only available to clubs who affiliate to Dundee City Sports Council within 1 year of establishment
- Only available to clubs within their first 3 months of affiliation to Dundee City Sports Council

6.3.2 Coach Education Grant:

Current Criteria:

- Grants are available to cover up to 25% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £200 per coach/official per year.

Amendment:

- Category to be renamed 'Coach/Official Education & Development Grant'
- Grants are available to cover up to 30% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £300 per coach/official per year to fall in line with the CoachingTayside Scholarship scheme

6.3.3 Special Project Grant:

Current Criteria:

- Annual amount available is £150.00 per club/association per year

Amendment:

- Category to be renamed 'Events Grant'
- Annual amount available to applicants to be increased to £200.00 per club/association per year

6.3.4 Waiting Time:

Current Criteria:

- Affiliated members of Dundee City Sports Council must wait for 6 months from their initial affiliation date before they can access Grant Aid

Amendment:

- Reduce the period of time from initial affiliation to Dundee City Sports Council to being able to access Grant Aid (other than a Start Up Grant) to 3 months

6.4 Additions to DCSC Grant Aid Scheme:

In addition to the above amendments, the following categories are proposed:

6.4.1 Club Development Grant:

- To be awarded to clubs who can demonstrate growth/expansion/development within their club structure e.g. development or expansion of club sections to provide new training opportunities for members
- Annual amount available to clubs/associations - maximum of £150.00

6.4.2 **Equipment Grant:**

- Available for the purchase of equipment to be used solely by the club / association for training and competition purposes i.e. Health & Safety equipment, competition standard equipment, adapted equipment (junior/disability)
- Annual amount available to clubs/associations – 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £200.00

6.4.3 **Discretionary Grant:**

- Available for affiliated clubs/associations who wish to apply for a grant which does not comply with any other Dundee City Sports Council grant
- The Executive Committee will decide on the level of grant awarded if approved up to a maximum of £300.00 per year per club/association
- This grant is not payable to individual members

7.0 **CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 **The following Background Papers were relied upon in the preparation of this report:**
- Proposal on Amendments and Additions to the Existing Dundee City Sports Council Grant Aid Scheme
 - Dundee City Sports Council Grant Aid Guidelines & Criteria
 - CoachingTayside Coach Scholarship Scheme
 - Dundee City Disability Sport Executive Committee minutes – item 13.2
 - Dundee City Sports Council Executive Committee minutes – item 2

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