
To: Sport, Leisure and Culture Policy Board

On: 5 March 2015

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Grants to Voluntary Leisure Organisations 2015/16

1. Summary

- 1.1. The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council, through children's services, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations which provide or promote social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.
 - 1.2. This report provides information on voluntary sector grant applications and makes a series of recommendations for grant support to voluntary and independent organisations for 2015/2016.
 - 1.3. Acceptance of the recommendations contained within the report will result in £15,179 being disbursed from the budget for grants to voluntary organisations.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the sport, leisure and culture policy board are asked to:
 - i) agree the recommendations as detailed in the appendix subject to satisfactory financial reports; and
 - ii) note that all grant awards are subject to the council's conditions of grant scheme.
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3. Background

- 3.1. The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council, through children's services, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations which provide or promote social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.

- 3.2. The council in conjunction with its community planning partners continues to support and develop recreational opportunities in Renfrewshire. This will be achieved through the implementation of Renfrewshire's Sport Strategy.
- 3.3. In addition, the recommendations contained within this report support the aims of the council's Playing Field Strategy agreed by the Sport, Leisure and Culture Policy Board in November 2014.

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

£15,179 will be disbursed during 2015/16 from Children's Services budget as detailed in appendix 1.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

Children and Young People

- The provision of grants to local groups supports children and young people to develop skills to improve personal achievements.

Community Care, Health and Well-being

- The provision of grants to local groups recognises the key role individuals and groups can make to community involvement and participation.

Empowering our Communities

- Local people will be encouraged to participate and engage with public services.

Greener

- The provision of grants to local groups support social, cultural and recreational activities contributes to local sustainability.

Jobs and the Economy

- The provision of grants to local groups supports individuals and groups to develop skills to improve personal achievements.

Safer and Stronger

- The provision of grants to local groups contributes to the development of local communities.

4. Legal Implications

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council to provide a range of grants.

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because there is no change to the criteria for allocating funding.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

List of Background Papers

(a) None

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**Renfrewshire Council Corporate Services
Leisure Grant Application 2015/2016**

Reference	Organisation	Purpose of Grant	2014/2015 Award	2015/2016 Award request	2015/2016 Award Granted
Leisure 1	Kilbarchan AAC	To promote and develop athletics in Renfrewshire, through the provision of quality coaching, competition and pastoral care.	£3000	£3000	£3000
Leisure 2	Paisley District School Football	To promote good relationships between school pupils through organised competitions	£400	£500	£400
Leisure 3	Ferguslie Cricket Club	To fund a new three bay net practice facility.	£500	£5000	£2000
Leisure 4	Paisley District Bowling Association	To assist in the overall running costs	£100	£400	£100
Leisure 5	Castle Semple Rowing Club	To provide equipment for indoor training during the winter months.	£600	£2123	£1200
Leisure 6	Renfrewshire Sports Network	To support the Sport Networks Key objectives e.g. Fast Card	£6600	£18000	£6600
Leisure 7	West of Scotland Sports ASL	To support ASL sporting for Renfrewshire athletes	£500	£379	£379
Leisure 8	Kelburne Hockey	Youth Hockey Development	£1500	£10500	£1500