

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	23 July 2015
<b>Title:</b>	Financial Assistance for Talented Young People in Sport (Supported by the Michael Austin Harlick Trust)
<b>Reference:</b>	6761
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for the recommendations contained in the exempt appendix, to ensure that the young people listed have the appropriate level of financial support in order that they can continue in representative sport and reach their full potential.
- 1.2. This paper seeks to set out the financial details which ensure that young people's progress in representative sport is not limited or restricted due to the financial circumstances of their parents or those with parental responsibilities.

### 2. Contextual information

- 2.1. All grant applications from individuals for revenue support have to demonstrate that they have reached a reasonable representative level (normally county standard and above). They also have to demonstrate that there is financial need (e.g. evidence of income support or working tax credits).
- 2.2. All grant applications for trophy grants must be from non-profit making organisations, such as schools sports associations which provide sporting opportunities for school-aged young people in Hampshire.

### 3. Finance

- 3.1. The Financial Assistance for Talented Young People in Sport budget is made available by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources. For the financial year 2015/16, this is £16,500. From the £16,500 in the budget, awards of £2,000 are being recommended. Details are in the attached exempt appendix.

- 3.2. The Michael Austin Harlick fund is held in Trust by the County Council. Mr Harlick bequeathed his estate to the County Council on the understanding that the funds would be used to celebrate the success in sport of the young people in Hampshire. Annually it is the interest only on the subsequent investments made and held by the County Council that are made available. Any under-spend is reinvested each year. Therefore the annual amount will vary but averages £12,000.
- 3.3. With around £12,000 remaining in the budget this year, grants totalling £5,077 are being recommended. Details are in the attached exempt appendix.

#### **4. Performance**

- 4.1. All applicants must demonstrate that they contribute towards the outcomes of the Children Act, Hampshire's Children and Young People's Plan, integrated service plans and priorities of the Local Area Agreements.

#### **5. Consultation and Equalities**

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures (see Integral Appendix B)

#### **6. Future Administration of the Scheme**

- 6.1. The process for applying for financial assistance, together with the assessment process and criteria and the general administration of the award scheme has been well established over many years.
- 6.2. Given the size of the awards, there is no requirement for these to be approved by an Executive Member; it is mainly due to an historical position that these are reported in this way.
- 6.3. In order to reduce the formal reporting burden in respect of these awards, it is therefore proposed that they are in future agreed by the Head of Finance in consultation with the Director of Children's Services and this report seeks delegated authority to those officers to enable this to happen.
- 6.4. It is also proposed that Children's Services produce a short annual report that outlines the awards that have been made and the financial consequences of those, which can be made available should Members request it.

#### **7. Recommendation(s)**

- 7.1. That grants totalling £2,000 from the Financial Assistance to Talented Young People in Sport fund and £5,077 from the Michael Austin Harlick fund for 2015/16 be approved.
- 7.2. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Finance in consultation with the Director of Children's Services to agree all future awards under this scheme.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	NO
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	YES
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	NO

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

Document

Location

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

**Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

#### **1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. There is no direct impact on Crime and Disorder as a result of this decision.

### **3. Climate Change:**

3.1. There is no direct link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

## **CRITERIA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPORT**

This fund is made available by Hampshire County Council to ensure that young people are not denied the opportunity to participate at a representative level in sport through financial hardship. Each of the following criteria must be met before an application will be considered. In some cases, the decision may be made to target support directly, for example, paying club fees or meeting additional training costs directly. This grant is only accessible by residents of the administrative county of Hampshire.

- The young person is of school/sixth form college age.
- The person with parental responsibility is resident in Hampshire.
- Generally, the young person is involved in competitive sport at above district level and, in the view of the relevant school sports association and governing body of sport, has the attitude and ability to progress.
- The application is supported by the school, county coach or county team manager or the relevant school sports association.
- The award is for a specific purpose, e.g. travel to training or to take part in a particular event or for extra coaching.
- The application will be strengthened if it is accompanied by documentary evidence confirming the receipt of Income Support or Working Families Tax Credit or similar.
- Awards will be made at the discretion of Hampshire County Council and will be dependent on funds being available.

**N.B. This fund is also supported by the Michael Austin Harlick Trust**

## **CRITERIA FOR MICHAEL AUSTIN HARLICK MEMORIAL FUND SPECIAL AWARD TO INDIVIDUALS**

This fund is made available by the Michael Austin Harlick Memorial Trust to ensure that young people living in the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth are not denied the opportunity to participate at a representative level in sport through financial hardship. Each of the following criteria must be met before an application will be considered. In some cases, the decision may be made to target support directly, for example, by paying club fees or meeting additional training costs directly. This grant is only accessible by residents of the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth; a separate fund is available to support residents of the administrative county of Hampshire.

- The young person is of statutory school/sixth form college age.
- The person with parental responsibility is resident in Portsmouth or Southampton.
- Generally, the young person is involved in competitive sport at representative level and, in the view of the relevant school sports association and governing body of sport, has the attitude and ability to progress.
- The application is supported by the school, county coach or county team manager or the relevant school sports association.
- The award is for a specific purpose, e.g. travel to training or to take part in a particular event or for extra coaching.
- The application will be strengthened if it is accompanied by documentary evidence confirming the receipt of Income Support or Working Families Tax Credit or similar.
- Awards will be made at the discretion of the Michael Austin Harlick Memorial Fund Trustees and will be dependent on funds being available.

## **CRITERIA FOR TROPHY GRANTS**

Applications for trophy grants are welcome from organizations providing sporting opportunities for school-aged people in Hampshire. These will include:

- County and district junior sports associations
- Hampshire School Sports Associations
- Cluster groups of schools
- Groups working with young people with disabilities
- Clubs hosting open tournaments.