

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
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Title:	Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme
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Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside of the award recommendations for the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS) in 2017. 181 athletes have been awarded support with 105 (Performance level two and three) to receive grant funding. The total of this grant funding across the 105 athletes is £35,200. The remaining balance from the £46,000 is assigned to funding the fast track physiotherapy element of the scheme, sport science workshops and attendance by athletes at school assemblies. The report also outlines the progress of talented athletes attending school assemblies.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1 Athletes from over 70 sports are eligible to apply for HTAS to receive funding and support services to help them to progress to world class competition at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games. There are five levels of support for athletes depending on their stage in the performance pathway. Full details about the levels are provided in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Applications for 2017 grants opened on 1 September 2016. The panel, consisting of colleagues from Energise Me¹, Children's Services and a Local Authority representative, met on 11 November 2016. They made

¹ Energise Me (previously Sport Hampshire and the Isle of Wight) is the County Sports Partnership for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It is funded through a variety of partners including Sport England and Local Authorities including Hampshire County Council.

recommendations on award levels based upon the criteria set by the individual National Governing Bodies of sport in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Energise Me. National Governing Bodies provided a recommended award level for each athlete to inform the panel meeting.

- 2.3 The Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme has been running for over 15 years and has supported many Olympians and Paralympians. Alex Danson who was part of the women's hockey team that won gold in Rio was supported by the scheme for many years. Alice Tai and Mikey Jones, both swimmers, also won gold in the Paralympics in Rio. Other notable names include gold medal cyclist from the London Olympics, Dani King and Commonwealth Games gold medallist and gymnast Kelly Simm. All these athletes have been supported by Hampshire County Council and are grateful for the support.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The £46,000 HTAS budget for 2017 is funded by Hampshire County Council.
- 3.2. In addition to the £46,000 budget, a number of in kind and sponsored services have been negotiated by Energise Me to reduce athletes' costs. These include free annual leisure centre memberships and annual bus passes from First buses.
- 3.3. Athletes receiving HTAS grants can also choose to opt into a fast-track physiotherapy service and have £60 deducted from their grant. All athletes performing at county level or above can buy into the scheme for £60 per year, which represents excellent value for money.
- 3.4. Athletes are also offered presentation and public speaking training in order to be able to deliver school assemblies. For each assembly attended, the athlete receives an extra £50 grant.
- 3.5. The exact grant payment per athlete will be calculated once all award levels have been finalised. We anticipate level 2 athletes will receive £450 and level 3 athletes will receive £250.

4. Attendance at School Assemblies - 2016

- 4.1. 17 athletes attended presentation and public speaking training in May 2016. Athletes were asked to use the theme of 'aspiration and resilience' in their presentations at school assemblies. The aim is to introduce school children to local athletes who have already had significant achievements and aspire to progress further, for example by winning an Olympic gold medal. The athletes explain how resilience is vital for them during injuries and set backs. The children are then asked to think about what they would like to achieve in their lives and how they will overcome challenges.

- 4.2. All Hampshire's Schools who use Schools Communications were offered the opportunity for an athlete to attend an assembly. Six schools in Hampshire received an assembly in 2016, and more will be arranged during 2017.
- 4.3. Some athletes have provided demonstrations of their sports and even coaching. The feedback has been incredibly positive from schools, athletes and athletes' parents. Feedback from a school is listed below and a list of schools which have had a visit is provided in Appendix 2.

"The children were mesmerised and really listened to his messages. His presentation was brilliant and he spoke so well."

Ali Armstrong, Burnham Copse School

5. Applications for HTAS 2017 Grants

- 5.1 205 applications were received for the 2017 scheme. 24 athletes were not eligible due to their sport, local authority or for providing inaccurate information. A breakdown of applications by sport, number and range of support and local authority is provided in Appendix 3. As can be seen, athletes from a wide range of sports are being recommended for an HTAS grant. However, the spread of athletes across Hampshire varies, with significantly fewer athletes from Gosport and Rushmoor.
- 5.2. Once awards have been confirmed, grant payments will be administered via Energise Me following a transfer of the funding from Hampshire County Council. Athletes eligible for a grant will receive them mid January.

6. Recommendations

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:

1. Approves the HTAS recommendations as agreed by the panel for award levels in Appendix 3.
2. Notes the impact that HTAS athletes are having in school assemblies to raise aspirations, build resilience and inspire pupils, teachers, athletes and parents alike.
3. Requests that Energise Me identify opportunities to encourage more applicants from the Gosport and Rushmoor areas for 2018.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

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:

Looking to get best from the resource available and diversifying its use to support reaching a wider audience to develop talent and participation in high level sport for the future.

Funding is awarded based on the level of performance. The criteria does not discriminate on any equality grounds. We do not data monitor certain characteristics that are not relevant to performance.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. This has been considered and is unlikely to make an impact.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This has been considered and is unlikely to make an impact

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

This has been considered and is unlikely to make an impact.

Appendix 1

Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme structure

HTAS award level	Performance level	Eligible for the following support services
Level 1	A top 5 ranked national performer or a member of a national team Receiving over £7500 via the National Governing Body of sport or through the World Class Programme.	Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (£60 payment by athlete) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 2	A top 5 ranked national performer or a member of a national team Competing internationally. Placed top 5 at a national championships.	Grant up to £450 (depending on amount of people awarded) Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (if requested, £60 deducted from grant) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 3	A top 10 ranked national performer or member of a national team. Placed top 10 at a national championships.	Grant up to £250 (depending on amount of people awarded) Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (if requested, £60 deducted from grant) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 4	A top 15 ranked national performer or member of a national squad. Placed 15 at a national championships.	Free access to leisure centres Free annual bus pass Free sport science workshops Fast-track physiotherapy (£60 payment by athlete) Presentation and public speaking training
Level 5	A member of a regional or county team.	Fast-track physiotherapy (£60 payment by athlete) Free sports science workshops

Appendix 2

Schools who have received an athlete assembly in 2016

Arnewood School	New Forest
Elson Infant School	Gosport
Gomer Infant School	Gosport
Abbotswood Junior School	New Forest
Whiteley Primary School	Fareham
Burnham Copse School	Basingstoke & Deane

Appendix 3

2017 applicants by sport

Sport	Number of Applications	Tier Support					
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Rejections
Angling	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Athletics	37	0	5	18	10	4	0
Badminton	6	0	2	4	0	0	0
Basketball	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cycling	5	0	2	0	3	1	0
Bowls	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Canoeing	6	1	1	1	0	1	2
Cricket (Mens, Womens, Disability)	14	0	7	0	4	2	1
Diving	12	0	1	7	1	0	3
Equestrian	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fencing	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Football (Girls)	6	0	1	2	3	0	0
Gymnastics	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Hockey	7	0	2	1	2	2	0
Ice Hockey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ice Skating	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Indoor Sky Diving	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Judo	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Lacrosse	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Modern Pentathlon	4	0	2	1	1	0	0
Netball	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Para Swimming	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Rugby Union	4	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sailing/Windsurfing	12	0	3	5	4	0	0
Shooting	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Skiing	6	0	1	2	1	2	0
Snowboarding	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Softball/Baseball	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Squash	4	0	3	0	0	1	0
Swimming	15	0	3	7	1	4	0
Synchronised Swimming	3	0	1	0	0	2	0
Table Tennis	4	0	0	0	4	0	0

Sport	Number of Applications	Tier Support					
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Rejections
Taekwondo	6	0	1	0	1	0	4
Tennis	9	0	1	1	1	6	0
Triathlon	7	0	1	1	0	3	2
Volleyball	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Waterskiing	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Water Polo	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
Wheelchair Basketball	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wheelchair Tennis	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sub Totals	205	2	47	58	41	33	24

***Reasons for athletes not being awarded a grant**

Athletes have not been awarded an HTAS grant because they do not have a top 15 national championship ranking or do not compete at the correct level or are not recognised by their national association.

2017 applicants by Local Authority

Local Authority	Number of Applications
Basingstoke & Deane	33
Eastleigh Borough Council	28
East Hampshire District Council	11
Fareham Borough Council	12
Gosport Borough Council	7
Havant Borough Council	15
Hart District Council	20
New Forest District Council	34
Rushmoor Borough Council	4
Test Valley Borough Council	19
Winchester City Council	22
Total	205