

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside  
PART II

**271. HAMPSHIRE TALENTED ATHLETE SCHEME**

1. On 16 January 2017 the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside considered the proposals for award recommendations to local athletes as part of the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS). 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.

2. Overall 181 athletes were awarded support with 105 (at a higher performance level) receiving grant funding. As part of the Scheme, athletes are also eligible to access fast track physiotherapy, sport science workshops and the opportunity to attend and present at school assemblies across the county.

3. The HTAS 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. Similarly, Alice Tai and Mikey Jones also won swimming gold in the Rio Paralympics and had both been given support via the scheme. Other notable names include gold medal cyclist from the London Olympics, Dani King, and Commonwealth Games gold medallist and gymnast Kelly Simm.

Further details on these items can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (8022)

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