

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
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Title:	Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme 2011
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Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Executive about the residents being supported by the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme in 2011.

1.2. This paper seeks to

- Report on who the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme supports and how.
- Highlight the benefits of the scheme.
- Explain how the budget is distributed to athletes.
- Look at the future direction of the scheme.

2. Contextual information

2.1. In September 2010 the Free Access for National Sports people scheme (FANS), Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS) and 4SM (fast track physiotherapy service) were amalgamated into one, taking the name Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme (HTAS). The schemes' criteria were aligned and processes streamlined.

2.2. Applications for 2011 grants opened in September 2010. A panel met in November 2010 to decide on awardees. Applicants were able to apply for monetary grants, free access to leisure centres, fast track physiotherapy, a sports science conference and bus passes sponsored by Stagecoach, Blue Star and First bus companies.

3. Finance

3.1. The £47,890 budget was made up of contributions from Children's Services (£16,200), CCRA (£13,000) and Policy and Resources (£15,200), along with

£1995 from Southampton City Council and £1495 from Portsmouth City Council, to pay for their respective residents' grants.

4. Performance

- 4.1. 304 applications were received for the 2011 scheme. This is an 11% increase from last year.
- 4.2. 214 grants were awarded in January 2011, an increase of 8.5%. Four other athletes were offered support services but not grants, as they already receive over £4,000 from other sources.
- 4.3. 186 people were given a free access pass for local leisure centres.
- 4.4. 100 athletes opted for the fast track physiotherapy service.
- 4.5. All 218 will be invited to the annual sports science conference.
- 4.6. Children's Services have contacted all the schools attended by the talented athletes to give advice about how to support their talented athlete students.
- 4.7. Athletes were aged between 11 and 39.
- 4.8. Hampshire athletes received between £125 and £450 depending on their performance level. Southampton and Portsmouth residents received different amounts, in line with their budget.
- 4.9. The breakdown of athletes by sport and Local Authority is available on Appendix 1.

5. Other key issues

- 5.1. Athletes and their families value highly the scheme. A selection of just some of the feedback on the different aspects of the scheme is as follows:
 - a) A parent said 'The money awarded to my son has gone towards his full time training at Camberley Judo Club. The bus pass that he was also awarded has been great, this has helped in his travel every day to his full time training. My son and I wish to thank yourself and Hampshire Council for there support, as his sport carries huge costs to my wife and myself trying to get him to the top.'
 - b) A father of a member of the Great Britain judo squad said 'The money from the Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme has allowed me to be able to attend races by paying for fees and travel.'
 - c) The mother of a BMX cyclist, ranked number 3 in Great Britain said 'The money we've received will be of great benefit. I am now a single parent and am constantly worrying how my daughter can continue in the sport she is so talented in and loves. So I would like to say a big thank you to you.'
 - d) A gymnast who was 4th in World Age Group Games said 'The free access to leisure centres has helped me enormously as I have been able to access River Park, at times that fit in with my training and university course, for additional swimming and land training sessions at no cost.'

- e) A disability swimmer, ranked 12th in the world said 'The fast track physiotherapy has been brilliant, enabling virtually instant treatment with the physiotherapist, and the consultants at Basingstoke Hospital have gone out of their way to ensure treatment is received so that training and competitions can be resumed as soon as possible.'
- f) A father of an U20 GB team member said 'We both really enjoyed the event (Hampshire Talented Athlete Sports Science Conference) and have started to act on some of the advice.'

6. Future direction

- 6.1. Continue to work with National Governing Bodies of sport, to support their most talented, aspiring athletes.
- 6.2. Continue to improve the communication and promotion of the scheme.
- 6.3. Continue to improve and streamline the application process.

7. Recommendation(s)

- 7.1. That the distribution of Hampshire Talented Athlete awards outlined in Appendix 1 be noted.
- 7.2. That the future direction of the scheme, outlined in paragraph 6 be supported.

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):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Review of the support services for Hampshire's talented athletes	<u>Reference</u> 1602	<u>Date</u> 10 June 2010
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

Integral Appendix B

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. An equalities impact assessment was carried out in June 2010 when the review of the scheme was undertaken and no adverse impact on equalities was found.

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?

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

Appendix 1

Sport	Number of athletes
Angling	1
Athletics	34
Badminton	6
Baseball	3
Basketball	4
Boccia	4
Boxing	1
Canoeing	4
Cycling	8
Diving	14
Fencing	4
Football	1
Golf	5
Gymnastics	15
Handball	1
Hockey	10
Ice Hockey	2
Judo	13
Modern Pentathlon	2
Netball	5
Orienteering	1
Rowing	1
Rugby League	1
Rugby Union	2
Sailing	26
Shooting	10
Skiing	4
Squash	1
Swimming	19
Synchronised Swimming	3
Table Tennis	5
Taekwondo	1
Tennis	4
Triathlon	1
Volleyball	1
Wheelchair Rugby	1
Total	218

Local Authority	Number of athletes
Basingstoke and Deane	28
Eastleigh	28
East Hampshire	7
Fareham	18
Gosport	7
Hart	20
Havant	19
New Forest	30
Portsmouth	5
Rushmoor	10
Southampton	15
Test Valley	16
Winchester	15
Total	218