

**REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT
SERVICES****GRANT TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS COUNCIL FOR SPORT 2013/14****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to award £39,100 to the Nottinghamshire Schools Council for Sport for the year 2013/14.

Information and Advice**Background - Nottinghamshire Schools Council for Sport**

2. Nottinghamshire County Council has previously grant aided the Nottinghamshire Schools Council for Sport (NSCS) from the Children, Families and Cultural Services Non-School Activities/School Sport budget. This grant enables the organisation to work with 13 county associations to engage children at school in competitive sport.
3. The NSCS distributes funds to the County Associations for each sport via 3 grant streams; Maintenance grant, pitches and premises hire, and travel grant (which helps to cover costs for the County Teams to compete in National Competitions).
4. NSCS utilises a network of volunteers to provide competitive opportunities for young people in Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Orienteering, Netball, Swimming, Rugby Union, Table Tennis and Tennis. The volunteers, many of whom are teacher and ex-teachers, are employed on an expenses only basis. Working with the County Associations of the National Governing Bodies, an estimated 150-200 volunteers give their time to work with NSCS to support school and County teams. The work of NSCS provides a platform for aspiring young sports girls and boys to compete and represent their school and County.
5. The NSCS operates on a County wide basis incorporating the City. The City Council also supports the organisation through grant aid. Based on a historic pupil per capita calculation, the ratio of funding is City Council 28% (£15,150 for 2013/14), County Council 72%, equating to a recommended award for 2013/14 of £39,100 by the County Council. The grant from the City Council has been confirmed for 2013/14.
6. Nottinghamshire has a national reputation for its school sports organisation and achievements. School sport in Nottinghamshire has prospered despite a national decline

in participation in competitive sport. An estimated 24,000 pupils participate in sport under the auspices of the NSCS.

7. Over 900 County School teams are affiliated to Associations which organise competition and representative squads.
8. There are currently 81 County representative teams which are organised by the 13 Sports Associations under the NSCS umbrella.
9. Across the City and County over 1,800 young people compete at National Level competitions within the 13 sports.
10. Over 450 Coaching sessions are provided by the Associations.
11. **Appendix 1** provides some examples of School Sports success and **Appendix 2** is a spreadsheet showing the sports supported.

Other Options Considered

12. There is currently no other mechanism available to support the volunteer network. However it is proposed that work is undertaken with the NSCS to explore different models on how the organisation can continue its work without the heavy reliance upon an annual grant from the County Council.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. The grant allows the good work of NSCS to continue during 2013/14. Without the support of the County Council it would not be possible to continue with the timetable of competitions on the same scale.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

15. The award of grant would support over 25,000 pupils who participate in competitive sport under the auspices of the NSCS. The award would also support the work of 150-200 volunteer teachers who organise these activities.

Financial Implications

16. Provision for the grant to the NSCS for 2013/14 will be taken from the Community Sports Fund section of the Grant Aid Budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That approval is given to award £39,100 to the Nottinghamshire Schools Council for Sport for the year 2013/14 from the Community Sports Fund section of the Grant Aid Budget.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 07/08/2013)

Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority for grant aid as set out in the Council's Grant Aid Strategy and is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (SEM 22/08/13)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

Appendix 1: Case Studies
Appendix 2: Summary of Sports Associations for 2012

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

Appendix 1: Case Studies from 2012/13

- 12 Hockey players represented England in the European Tournaments over Easter.
- Nottinghamshire Under 9's and Under 11's Chess Teams both qualified for the National age group Finals.
- The Notts Under 16's Schools' squad reached the quarter-finals of the English Schools' Football Association Girls' Championships. The squad reached the finals by winning the East Midlands group. This is the 12th occasion in the past 15 years that the team has reached the national stage.
- Nottinghamshire Badminton Key Stage 4 teams both qualified for the National finals winning the East Midlands round.
- The number of Primary Schools affiliating to the Schools Cricket Association has risen.
- 30 young people from Nottinghamshire took part in the British Schools Orienteering Championships in Cheshire.

Appendix 2: Summary of Associations 2012

	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Chess	Cricket	Football	Hockey	Netball	Orienteering	Rugby Union	Swimming	Table Tennis	Tennis	Totals
STRUCTURE														
No. of elected officers on County Committees	10	3	0	1	5	5	8	4	5	4	0	1	3	49
No. of Committee members on County Committees	2	12	0	0	5	18	-	7	0	2	3	6	3	58
No. of affiliated Area/City Associations	1	5	1	0	1	14	-	0	0	0	1	0	8	41
No. of Committee members on affiliated Associations	11	12	0	2	8	110	-	0	0	0	-	0	2	146
No. of Teachers on County / Area committees	7	3	4	2	6	5	-	7	3	3	2	0	2	44
No. of former Teachers on County/Area committees	3	-	0	7	8	10	-	2	1	6	1	0	-	38
No. of non-teachers on County/Area committees	1	-	0	3	4	1	-	2	1	-	2	0	-	14
TEAMS														
No. of County Representative Teams	2	7	0	3	8	4	42	5	1	3	1	5	0	81
No. of Coaches/Volunteers	30	12	0	8	16	4	30	11	3	6	-	8	0	128
No. of County Team Managers	5	2	0	3	8	10	6	1	1	3	1	8	0	48
No. of Area /City Representative Teams	2 per area	0	0	3	-	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
No. of Area/City Team Managers	6	0	0	0	-	10	6	1	1	1	1	0	-	27
Estimated No. of representative matches	69	84	0	12	84	230	72	0	3	9	5	15	184	573
No. of County Primary school teams, in affiliation	Open to all	15	Open to all	23	31	238	33	34	30	10	0	3	100	601
No. of County Secondary school teams in affiliation	Open to all	8	Open to all	n/a	19	159	-	-	-	36	-	5	-	327
No. of City School teams in affiliation	14	0	Open to all	-	21	180	3	5	10	-	-	1	55	234+
Estimated number of adults organising school teams	40	12	100	30	82	1,200	72	100	13	40+	30	8		1,782
COMPETITIONS*														
Number of Teams or Individual County Competitions	2	84	7	20/30	13	32	8	7	0	7	0	3	6	199
Number of Team or Individual City Competitions	2	15	48	10/20	8	62	0	16	1	16	1	0	12	221
PUPILS														
Estimated number of pupils involved at all levels	650	74	1,400	700	1,800	12,000	576	2000	400	3,500	690	200	350	24,340
Number of current National Team Champions	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	3
Number of current National Individual Champions	4	0	0	0	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	4
Number of current Regional Team Champions	0	1	3	3	2	-	0	2	0	2	-	0	1	12
No. currently participating at National level	0	80	25	-	20	1,700	0	2	10	2	-	1	1	1,841
No. currently participating at Regional level	0	80	74	-	60	200	32	7	10	10	-	8	2	483
No. currently participating at County level		80	74	-	120	8,000	552	24	30	60	-	50	16	9,006
COACHING														
No. of Specialist Coaches working with teams / individuals	24	5	4	7	-	7	0	10	6	-	-	0	5	68
No. of Coaching Sessions organised for players in last 12 months	4	204	36	8	-	30	0	34	80	-	-	0	60	456
No. of Coaching Courses organised for coaches in last 12 months	7	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	19
EVENTS														
No. of National/Regional events staged in Notts	0	5	14	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	27
No. of Spectators attending events	-	500	600	-	100+	600	0	300	0	-	-	-	-	2,100+
No. of teachers serving on National/Regional committees	2	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	-	-	13

* Additional comment re Appendix 2

The number of competitions organised within the City compared to that within the County is skewed by two extremely proactive City Associations who organise a number of additional events which are not funded by the NSCS.

