

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OLYMPIC LEGACY FUND: DEFERRED BIDS FOR
GAME CHANGER AWARDS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the applications received for the Game Changer strand of the Nottinghamshire Olympic Legacy Fund which had been deferred in March 2013.
2. To seek approval for award recommendations.

Information and Advice

3. At Policy Committee on 17 October 2012, approval was given to establish a £1 million grant fund to respond to the legacy challenge created by the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This was increased in March 2013 by a further £700,000.
4. The scheme is designed to support local sports clubs to retain and grow membership and focuses on supporting them to buy much needed equipment and/or to support small/medium sized capital improvements to facilities. There were two programmes available to bid for: Kick Start for bids less than £10,000 and the Game Changer strand for bids between £10,001 and £50,000. Guidance notes, including criteria, are available as background papers to this report.
5. Sports clubs need to demonstrate how the funding will be used to support increased participation and/or improve the performance of club members. As well as providing direct financial support, the grants scheme will also support club efforts to lever in additional matched funding from other sources.
6. The scheme was widely promoted using local media sources and the County Council website. Officers in the Council's sports development team also used their links to local clubs, including a sports club database, to promote the scheme.
7. In total 187 applications were received by the closing date. 162 sports clubs have received funding from the Legacy Fund representing 35 different sports. From the original 187 applications received, 8 were deferred in March to allow officers to seek further information and for bidders to reconsider their bid to bring them in line with remaining funds.

8. £1.577m of the original £1.7m has been approved at previous Culture Committee meetings, leaving £123,000 to be distributed amongst the recommended deferred applications detailed in **Appendix 1**. A full list of all Kick Start and Game Changer awards approved is attached as **Appendix 2**.

Other Options Considered

9. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. The applications recommended for approval meet the criteria set as part of the application process for Game Changer awards.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

12. The cost of the Olympic Legacy Fund is to be met from the corporate contingency.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the recommended Game Changer awards, as listed in **Appendix 1**, be approved.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 12/09/13)

13. The Culture Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (KLA 09/09/13)

14. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraphs 8 and 12 above

Background Papers and Published Documents

£1 Million Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Fund – report to Policy Committee, 17 October 2012
Nottinghamshire Olympic Legacy Fund Kick Start Rapid Awards – report to Culture Committee on 8 January 2013

Nottinghamshire Olympic Legacy Fund Kick Start Rapid and Kick Start Awards – report to Culture Committee on 5 February 2013

Nottinghamshire Olympic Legacy Fund Game Changer Awards – report to Culture Committee on 5 March 2013

Nottinghamshire Olympic Legacy Fund Game Changer Awards – report to Culture Committee on 26 March 2013

Kick Start and Game Changer Application Forms

Kick Start and Game Changer Criteria

Kick Start and Game Changer Frequently Asked Questions Sheet

Eligible sports listing

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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