ITEM 19



Report of the Director of Education

GRANTS TO SPORTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

RECOMMENDATION

1 To approve the application for grant aid to the North of England Athletic Association for £3,450 as detailed at Appendix 2.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

2. The organisation applying for grant aid meets the Council's conditions, rules and financial regulations for grant funding schemes, as detailed in Section 3 of the Grants to Voluntary and Community Groups information pack.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3. The North of England Athletic Association encourages, promotes and develops athletics in the region as well as co-staging competitions, meetings, championships and events.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. The Regeneration Co-ordinator in the External Funding Unit of Derby City Partnership has been consulted on the grant application. It is considered that the project does not meet the necessary funding criteria for the National Lottery 'Awards for All Scheme' and that no other source of funding is currently available.

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Background papers: List of appendices:	Grant Application Form Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – North of England Athletic Association

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The annual revenue budget for grants to voluntary sports organisations for 2005/06 is £23,616. So far this financial year £14,995 has been committed, leaving a balance of £8,621.

Legal

2. Powers to fund these schemes are granted under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. Grants are available to all sections of the community for schemes that will benefit the citizens of Derby.

Corporate Themes and Priorities

5. The proposal comes under the Council's Objectives of a stimulating and high quality learning environment, **healthy, safe and independent communities and a lively and energetic cultural life.** The grant aiding of local sporting organisations helps to provide a range of sporting activities for the people of Derby and visitors to the city.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

NORTH OF ENGLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This organisation was formed in 1992 to encourage, promote and develop athletics in the region as well as co-stage competitions, meetings, championships and events.

It is seeking grant aid from the Council for £3,450 to assist with the cost of staging an Under 23 Home International Athletics Match at Moorways Stadium in August 2005. This is a prestigious event, which attracts top British international class athletes and receives extensive media coverage. The event will provide an excellent standard of competition over the full range of track and field disciplines.

The cost of the event, estimated at £8,850, outweighs the envisaged income and it is for that reason they are seeking assistance from the Council. The event has been held at Moorways since 1999 and last year the Association was awarded £3,450.

The balance sheet at 30 April 2004 showed the organisation made a loss of £23,721 for the year.

It is recommended that the Association is awarded £3,450 on condition, as in previous years, that they provide 150 free admission tickets to be distributed to school children in the city.