



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET  
6 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Cabinet Member for Leisure & Cultural Services

# ITEM 9

## Grants to Sports and Community Groups

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report covers applications for grant aid to two voluntary sports organisations:
- Derbyshire Association for the Blind – grant aid of £1,000 towards the cost of training and supporting visually impaired people to carry out access audits at the City Council's sports centres.
  - Mandela Juniors Netball Team – grant aid of £1,000 towards the cost of establishing a junior netball team and encourage up to twenty young girls from a variety of backgrounds to become involved in junior netball activity.
- 1.2 Subject to any issue raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendation.

### RECOMMENDATION

2. To approve the applications for grant aid to the Derbyshire Association for the Blind and Mandela Juniors Netball Team

### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. The organisations applying for grant aid meet 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.



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### Report of the Director of Education

## Grants to Sports and Community Groups

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Derbyshire Association for the Blind aims to enhance the quality of visually impaired people's lives by providing a comprehensive range of services and activities throughout Derby and Derbyshire.
- 1.2 Mandela Netball Club is an inner city minority ethnic all female netball club which provides training and coaching to enable players to enter county and national leagues. They are seeking to establish a junior team and encourage up to twenty young girls from a variety of backgrounds to become involved in junior netball activities.

### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The Regeneration Co-ordinator in the External Funding Unit of Derby City Partnership has been consulted on the grant applications. It is considered that the projects do not meet the necessary funding criteria for the National Lottery 'Awards for All Scheme' and that no other source of funding is currently available.
- 2.2 The Council's Access Officer has been consulted on the application from the Derbyshire Association for the Blind and no funding is currently available.

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**Background papers:** Grant Application Form  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications  
Appendix 2 – Derbyshire Association for the Blind  
Appendix 3 – Mandella Junior Netball Team

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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### Financial

1. The annual revenue budget for grants to voluntary sports organisations for 2005/06 is £23,616. So far this financial year £19,145 has been committed, leaving a balance of £4,471.

### Legal

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

### Personnel

3. None.

### Equalities impact

- 4.1 Grants are available to all sections of the community for schemes that will benefit the citizens of Derby.
- 4.2 The Derbyshire Association for the Blind aims to enhance the quality of visually impaired people's lives by providing a comprehensive range of services and activities throughout Derby and Derbyshire.
- 4.3 Mandela Juniors is an inner city minority ethnic all female netball club. It actively encourages and recruits young women from all socio-economic groups and provides the environment where they can receive regular training and coaching in netball.

### Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal comes under the Council's Objectives of **healthy, safe and independent communities and a lively and energetic cultural life**. The grant aiding of local sports organisations, community organisations and voluntary and special needs playschemes helps to provide a range of sporting and community based activities for the people of Derby and visitors to the City.

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS****DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND**

- 1 The Derbyshire Association for the Blind aims to enhance the quality of visually impaired people's lives by providing a comprehensive range of services and activities throughout Derby and Derbyshire.
- 2 Approximately thirty visually impaired people currently take part in swimming in an organised session at Queen's Leisure Centre and others visit independently.
- 3 The organisation has requested £3,141 in grant aid to train and support visually impaired people to carry out access audits at the City Council's sports centres to make them more accessible and welcoming to visually impaired people.
- 4 The reports produced will:
  - Improve access to sports facilities for visually impaired people who currently use the centres.
  - Encourage more visually impaired people to use the facilities and gain the health benefits associated with exercise.
  - Provide a less stressful environment for carers/sighted guides.
- 5 It is recommended that the organisation is awarded £1,000 towards the cost of training and supporting people to carry out access audits at sports centres.
- 6 The carrying out of access audits is considered vitally important as part of the Council's commitment to improving access for disabled people and as part of the condition survey currently being carried out at sports centres. Because of the limited amount of money in the grants budget and other pending applications it is only possible to recommend an award of £1,000 to this very worthwhile project instead of the full amount requested.

## GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

### MANDELA JUNIORS NETBALL TEAM

Mandela Netball Club is seeking to establish a junior team and encourage up to twenty young girls from a variety of backgrounds to become involved in junior netball activity.

Mandela Netball Club is an inner city, minority ethnic, all female netball club. The club aims to provide regular training and coaching to enable players to enter county and national leagues. It actively encourages and recruits young women from all socio-economic groups.

Junior members currently train with the senior team and it is the intention to establish a separate junior team.

The principle aims will be to:

- Increase participation rates of young Asian women who are currently under represented in sport including netball.
- Bring young women together promoting healthy living and group cohesiveness.
- Promote identity and raise self esteem and promote team moral.
- Promote social inclusion.

Senior members of the club will provide mentoring and support to the junior players to enable them to get to coaching sessions and to participate in matches.

The Head of Youth Services has agreed to provide Mandela Centre as a base for the club where they can practise on a weekly basis.

The club has requested £3,810 grant aid funding to assist with on going revenue costs and to assist with the cost of clothing, first aid equipment and training videos.

The junior club is a new venture and currently has no assets.

It is recommended that the organisation is awarded £1,000 on condition that they contact the Council's Sport Development Unit to establish links with schools and other community organisations.