

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Colette Wyatt-Lowe
Portfolio:	Community Services and Public Protection
Date of Report:	11 October 2010
Title of Decision:	Alterations to the grant aid system and related Sportspace contract
Decision made and reasons:	To vary the Sportspace contract to include specific provision for core funded disablement groups.
Reports Considered:	None
Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:	Sportspace, Grants Panel, Funded groups
Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:	
Monitoring Officer:	No further comments to add to this report.
Deputy Section 151 Officer:	This proposal will have no impact on the Councils net budget. The proposed changes would take effect from 1 st April 2011, as some grants to the groups have already been paid in this financial year. If approved these changes will be made as part of the budget setting process to move the budgets from general sports grants, to Sports Trust grants.
Implications:	
Risk:	there are no specific risks identified that relate to the allocation of funding as described in this report
Value for Money:	the grant aid criteria looks to gain additional value from supporting community projects with a small amount of resource which yields maximum community benefit. It therefore provides good value for money. By changing the method of grant aid in this way it is possible for Sportspace to negotiate directly with disablement groups, safeguarding the service and achieving greater value for money
Options Considered and reasons for rejection:	Not to award the grants as detailed - This has been rejected because those grants meet the Council's criteria.
Portfolio Holders Signature:	
Date:	

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:

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Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 25 October 2010
Date Decision Published: 26 October 2010 Decision No: PH/069/10
Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 2 November 2010
Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:

BACKGROUND

1. The Council makes grant aid contributions each year to four groups that provide sporting activities for those with disabilities. These groups hire premises from Sportspace in Berkhamsted, Tring and Hemel Hempstead in order to run the activities.
2. The organisations and sums are as follows:

Group	Amount
Dacorum Dolphins	£4500
Berkhamsted Beavers	£3500
Dacorum Sports Club for the Disabled	£3500
Tring Beavers	£700
Total	£12,200

3. The Council wishes to continue financial support to these activities however it is unable to increase the amounts currently being grant aided. This causes difficulty when Sportspace wish to vary the tariffs charged or the groups wish to vary their attendances.
4. In order to ensure the security of these activities it is proposed that Dacorum Borough Council add the sum of £12,200 to the basic Sportspace grant. This amount will cover the current costs of the activities provided by the disablement groups. A variation will be made to the contract with Sportspace that will safeguard the arrangements for the community groups.
5. By making these arrangements Sportspace will be able to negotiate usage directly with the groups concerned and may be able to negotiate better terms for users. In addition the Council will be able to reduce the administrative costs for these grants.