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| Subject: | Requests for Funding |
| Date: | 23 rd May 2025 |
| Reporting Officer: | Trevor Wallace, Director of Finance |
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Yes

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No

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After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | To ask the committee to consider three requests for funding. |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A request from Shankill Juniors Football Club for funding of approximately £12,000 to support their participation in the Milk Cup in July. 2. A request from the NI Walking Football Federation to provide funding of £5,000 to support five individuals from Belfast who are competing in the International Federation World Championship in Malmo, Sweden on the 3rd to 7th July. 3. A request from the Irish Athletic Boxing Association for £25,000 towards the cost of hosting an elite boxing camp in Belfast in August 2025 in advance of the Elite World Championships in Liverpool in September. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | In the absence of a fund/grant stream to support sporting excellence the Committee is recommended to consider the requests. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | The Chief Executive has received three requests for funding. |
| 3.2 | Members are reminded that there is no established budget for these requests and if dealt with through discretionary funding they would have to be met through departmental underspends. |
| 3.3 | The first request is for Shankill Juniors who have been successful in qualifying for The Milk Cup. The 16 children are all from Greater Shankill. This prestigious tournament is normally reserved for higher levels clubs from NI and across the world. Juniors are the first Boys Club to have qualified, and as a Belfast team this is a hugely positive achievement for our City. They previously participated in the Foyle Cup, winning their category. |
| 3.4 | The issue for the team is how they manage the costs of participation, estimated at around £12,000. The tournament commences in July and so time for fundraising is a real difficulty. |
| 3.5 | The second request is from the NI Walking Football Federation to provide support to five individuals from Belfast who have been selected to represent Northern Ireland in the International Walking Football Federation World Championship in Malmo, Sweden on the 3 rd to 7 th July. |
| 3.6 | The amount requested is for £5,000 that will go toward the cost of travel and accommodation. Other participants are being supported financially by their local councils and the request is that Belfast City Council supports these five individuals all of whom are senior citizens of Belfast, rate paying residents and are actively involved in their local communities. |

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| 3.7 | The third request is from the Irish Athletic Boxing Association to host an elite boxing camp in Belfast in August 2025 where the Irish Boxing team selected for the World Championships in September along with boxers from the Ulster High Performance team will host countries from across the world for a world class training and sparring camp in the city. It is envisaged this being USA, China, Brazil, Uzbekistan/ Kazakhstan, France & GB. This would be another unique first for the city in hosting such a high profiled camp ahead of the Elite World Championships in Liverpool in September. |
| 3.8 | This camp would bring between 150-200 guests from across the world to our city for a 12–14-day camp. This would increase bed nights in the city, bring a multitude of countries from a range of different cultures to the city, and increase visitors to the city. They would also like to host several open days to the camp where boxing clubs, community groups, summer schemes and general spectators can come and watch some of the world's best boxers in our own city. |
| 3.9 | They are asking Belfast City Council for funding of £25,000 that could be put towards running this phenomenal event that will feature Olympic, World, European, Asian and Commonwealth Champions to name a few. |
| 3.10 | The Committee is asked to consider the requests. |
| 3.11 | <u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> The requests fall under the Council's discretionary expenditure policy, however, members are asked to note that there is no established budget for this and would have to be met through departmental underspends. |
| | Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment |
| 3.12 | None. |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
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