

Subject:
Performance reward grant and achievement
against the local area agreement

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The Cabinet

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Report of:
Head of Community and Partnerships

Portfolio Holder: Health and Well being

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Purpose

- a. To give background to the Target 11b reward grant and Rossendale Leisure Trust's engagement within that process.
- b. To ask members to consider the allocation of the reward grant to the Rossendale Sports and Physical Activity Alliance.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The council's priority of improving health and well being is impacted upon by the content of this report.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report, however should members not agree to allocate the reward grant to the Rossendale Sports and Physical Activity Alliance (RSPAA) they will be unable to draw down considerable match funding of up to £150,000 and therefore be

unable to deliver against the strategy and assist in the achievement of the Council's objective of increasing activity to 30% participation by 2012.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

LPSA Target 11b is concerned with increasing the participation of children and young people with disabilities in leisure activities, including group and individual activities. Ten District Councils (Burnley and Fylde being the exceptions) signed up to this target in 2005, and have been part of a multi-agency steering group leading the work.

The target for achieving the LPSA target was 520 young people with disabilities participating in activity. Starting from a very low baseline, a great deal of effort has been put into the target and 520 children and young people are now participating in activities. Because of our achievement against this target Rossendale is eligible to receive a reward grant of £21,000 however, the money can only be drawn down against activities which will help to continue to deliver increased participation in physical activity.

Rossendale Leisure Trust has been working to support RSPAA and act on its behalf and as such have been regular attendees at the County meetings and played a full part in helping Lancashire achieve this reward. The RSPAA has helped bring about good communication links with the County Disability Officer for the Education for Disability Sport and colleagues within this department.

The results Rossendale has achieved toward the targets were borne out of the partnerships and support mechanisms established within the SPAA and are very much bottom up.

Members are asked to allocate the reward grant money to the RSPAA in order for them to lever in up to £150,000 additional monies for equity provision via the Community Investment Fund (CIF) applications from Sport England.

The RSPAA will utilise this money to deliver against the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy which members have considered at Policy Overview and Scrutiny. The money will ensure that new and vibrant equitable projects are resourced and well evaluated and will be the driving force behind the Leisure Trusts work in adopting The Sporting Equals 'Equitable Framework for Sport'. This move will allow all partners to move the equitable agenda to new levels, having an impact on the delivery of sport and leisure provision in Rossendale.

Ultimately this drive will help to achieve an increased participation in sport and physical activity from individuals and groups who are currently under represented and therefore have a direct effect upon the Borough Council's target of 30% by 2012.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

The £21,000 grant will be received by the Borough Council from Lancashire County Council on delivery of a valid scheme proposal.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

There are no legal implications arising from this Report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

There are no human resources implications.

8. CONCLUSION

Rossendale Sports and Physical Activity Alliance have worked closely with Rossendale Leisure Trust to deliver against the LPSA target of getting 520 young disabled people into physical activity. This has enabled Rossendale to receive £21,000 subject to a plan to encourage further participation in physical activity amongst equity groups. The RSPAA have developed such a strategy and action plan and members are asked to allocate the money to them. In addition should members chose to allocate the money in this way the RSPAA will be able to draw in an additional £150,000 in CIF funding from Sport England. This money would not be available to the Borough Council or the Leisure trust on its own.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

Members are recommended to allocate the £21,000 reward grant to the RSPAA to deliver against the Sports and Physical Activity Strategy considered by Policy Overview and Scrutiny on 12th June 2007.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

Rossendale SPAA and Rossendale leisure trust

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Local area agreement Rossendale Sports and Physical Activity Strategy	Room 113, Futures Park