

ELITE ATHLETES GRANT SCHEME

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2019

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Elite Athletes Grant Scheme held on Wednesday, 3 April 2019. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Ian Senior.

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Cabinet approved

- (a) Discontinuation of the Elite Athlete Award Scheme;
- (b) The addition of signposting information to the website; and
- (c) use of the funding for 2019-20 onwards to increase other existing grant funds, in line with the new Business Plan priorities, to be advised by Grants Advisory Committee.

Other Options Considered: Cabinet could:

- (d) discontinue the Elite Athlete Award Scheme, or
- (e) continue the Elite Athlete Award Scheme under the same terms and conditions as the existing scheme, or
- (f) continue the Elite Athlete Award Scheme, with amendments (to be specified) to the existing scheme.

If the scheme is discontinued, Cabinet could agree to

- (g) use the funding for 2019/20 onwards to increase other existing grant funds, in line with the new Business Plan priorities, to be advised by Grants Advisory Committee, or
- (h) reallocate the 2019/20 funding to the General Fund, or
- (i) reallocate the 2019/20 funding for another purpose (to be specified).

Reason For Decision: The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for grants, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- (j) Review of the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
- (k) Design of any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
- (l) Consideration of applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

The Elite Athlete Award Scheme was reviewed by the Grants Advisory Committee. Whilst beneficial for the individuals that receive it, is not reflective of the Council's priorities for 2019 to 2024.

There is £10,000 set aside in the 2019/20 budget towards the scheme, which could be reallocated if a decision is made to discontinue with the scheme. Grants Advisory

Committee recommends that these funds are reallocated within existing grant funding schemes, to be advised by the Committee.