
Halesowen Area Committee – 14th March 2007

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Delegated Capital Budget

Purpose of Report

1. To consider a further request for funding from the Delegated Capital Budget.

Background

3. Earls Gymnastics Club

A request has been received from the Earls Gymnastics Club for funding to replace vital safety equipment used by the Club, following a recent Health and Safety Executive report. These include such things as safety mattresses and covers, safety blocks and horizontal bars as well as replacing the foam infill to the safety pilt. The total cost of their application has been estimated at just under £15,580.

The Club is a formally constituted organisation with a track record of producing highly talented performers, a number of whom have or are likely to represent Great Britain. The Club took on the sole operation of the Gymnastic Centre in Furnace Lane around three years ago and have continued to operate the facilities for the benefit of gymnastics. They receive no support from their governing body and are reliant on income derived from membership fees, sessional fees plus grants and sponsorships that they may be able to access from time to time.

I have consulted with colleagues who are fully supportive of their application and am recommending that the Committee approve a grant of £5,000.00, subject to the Club securing the total funding package.

Recommendation

4. It is proposed that the Area Committee:-
 - (a) approves a grant of £5,000.00 to the Earls Gymnastic Club for funding to replace vital safety equipment used by the Club, subject to the Club securing the total funding package.



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