

## **Item: 10**

**Education, Leisure and Housing Committee: 14 November 2018.**

**Natwest International Island Games – Gibraltar 2019.**

**Orkney Island Games Association – Proposed Grant Funding.**

**Report by Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To consider financial assistance towards competitors taking part in the 2019 Natwest International Island Games.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

That Orkney Islands Games Association is preparing for the 2019 NatWest International Island Games to be held in Gibraltar from 6 to 13 July 2019.

#### **2.2.**

That it is anticipated that eight sports will be represented at the 2019 NatWest International Island Games, with 50 provisional Orkney participants.

#### **2.3.**

That Orkney Island Games Association is seeking financial support from the Council in respect of two team officials as well as games competitors.

#### **2.4.**

That the cost of attending the 2019 NatWest International Island Games is estimated at £1,150 per competitor.

#### **2.5.**

That, historically, the level of grant awarded by the Council has been assessed on an individual basis for each NatWest International Island Games, depending on the location of the Games.

#### **2.6.**

That the grant to Orkney Islands Games Association towards participation in the Island Games is normally paid over two financial years, with budget provision existing for 2018 to 2019.

## **2.7.**

That, in advance of a service budget being established as part of the Council's annual budget setting process for financial year 2019 to 2020, award of grant to Orkney Islands Games Association in 2019 to 2020 is subject to an adequate budget being made available.

**It is recommended:**

## **2.8.**

That a per capita grant of £100 per person be awarded to Orkney Islands Games Association in respect of participants and officials in the 2019 NatWest International Island Games, up to a maximum of 50 participants and two officials.

## **2.9.**

That, subject to an adequate budget being made available in 2019 to 2020, the grant, referred to at paragraph 2.8 above, should be payable equally over each of the two financial years 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020, up to a maximum sum of £2,600 each year.

## **3. Proposed Grant Funding**

### **3.1.**

Orkney Islands Council has been a member of the International Islands Games Association since 1985 when the first games were held.

### **3.2.**

Orkney Island Games Association is currently making the necessary arrangements for participating in the NatWest International Island Games, which will be held in Gibraltar from 3 to 16 July 2019. Orkney anticipates being represented in the following eight sports:

- Archery.
- Athletics.
- Badminton.
- Cycling.
- Golf.
- Small bore shooting.
- Swimming.
- Triathlon.

### **3.3.**

The provisional number of participants is 50 and the estimated cost is £1,150 per person, which includes travel, accommodation and team tracksuits, and offset by team fundraising, grants and sponsorship.

### **3.4.**

In addition, Orkney Island Games Association has requested grant assistance for two officials to accompany Orkney's team at the same level as that given to participants.

### **3.5.**

The request for financial support for two officials to accompany the team has been made as Orkney Island Games Association deem them essential to the team during the games for tasks such as managing the team, organisation of travel, dealing with the press and troubleshooting.

### **3.6.**

It is proposed that a per capita grant of £100, payable over two financial years with £50 payable during financial year 2018 to 2019, and a further £50 per capita paid in the financial year 2019 to 2020, should be awarded to the Orkney Island Games Association in respect of only those participating in the 2019 Natwest International Island Games, up to a maximum of 50 participants and 2 officials.

## **4. Corporate Governance**

This report relates to the Council complying with its financial processes and procedures and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

## **5. Financial Implications**

### **5.1.**

The provisional cost for participation at the Island Games is estimated to be £1,150 per person, equating to a total cost of £59,800 for a maximum of 50 participants and two officials.

### **5.2.**

The proposal is for a grant payment of up to £100 per person to be awarded, spread equally over the next two financial years. This would equate to a total grant payment of £5,200, with £2,600 payable during both 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020.

### **5.3.**

The 2018 to 2019 budget has provision for such an award, however, the 2019 to 2020 budget has yet to be set. Given this, the grant award for 2019 to 2020 should only be approved provisionally.

## **6. Legal Aspects**

In terms of the Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982, section 15(2), the Council may provide or do or arrange for the provision of or doing of, or contribute towards the expenses of providing or doing, anything necessary or

expedient for the purpose of ensuring that there are available, whether inside or outside their area, such facilities for recreational, sporting, cultural or social activities as they consider appropriate.

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