

## Funding application

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| <b>Ward: Pin Green</b>  | <b>Councillor: Jeannette Thomas</b> |
| Date of application: 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2011  |                                     |
| Name of applicant: Grahame Bowles   |                                     |
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| <b>Application details</b>  |                                     |
| <b>Amount of Funding (if known)</b>   | £100                                |
| <p><b>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding:</b><br/>         You will recall that SBC was obliged to discontinue funding Sport Stevenage this year due to economies in its budget. A large proportion of our funding went directly to grassroots local sports clubs to support their work in realising the targets within the Stevenage Community Strategy as well as the National Strategy for Sport.<br/>         Voluntary Sports Clubs are required to ensure that their personnel are properly trained and educated before they begin the task of increasing opportunities for sport for all within our communities. It is a national requirement from Government, DCMS, Sport England and their own national governing bodies of sport that clubs fulfil all manner of regulation that includes child and vulnerable adult protection, volunteer support, first aid, welfare of young players etc. even before they get to the stage of acquiring the coaching know-how in order to develop individual skills in young people. Such qualifications are expensive to acquire and we have always supported our volunteers with these expenses. Our strategy of support was usually a third of the cost from the club, a third from the individual and a third from Sport Stevenage. Thus we were able to spread the support amongst a wide variety of sports and clubs.<br/>         Sadly we have had to inform our clubs that we will be unable to continue with this programme at the moment. The sporting activities on offer in Stevenage are many and varied and the membership of our clubs are drawn from across the town not specifically from one particular ward. We want to maintain the quality of our clubs especially those who are coaching large numbers of young people and that means seeking the funds to keep our volunteer coaches well qualified and prepared.<br/>         The Local Community Budget which you administer may just give us an opportunity to continue with support to the clubs replacing the funding previously granted to us direct from SBC resources. If each Councillor was to provide £100 to Sport Stevenage that would total £3900 for coach education and I would be most grateful if you felt able to donate that amount. Not that I would object should you choose to donate more !</p> |                                     |
| <b>Other funding</b>  |                                     |
| <p><b>I have requested other funding for this project from:</b> <i>We work closely with the Stevenage Community Trust who do have a programme to support local sports clubs but the difficulty is that this particular funding is donated by a large betting company and they stipulate that it should not be used by those under 18 years of age due to the probity of the situation. Most of the clubs that we are asked to support are catering for young people under that age but we continue to seek innovative ways to provide assistance for all.</i></p>   |                                     |

**Individual Councillor Decision**

**Local Community Budget 2011/2012**

**Councillor:** Jeannette Thomas

**Ward:** Pin Green

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| <b>Decision taken</b>                                     | <i>Agree to fund £100.00</i>   |              |
| <b>Reason for decision</b>                                | <i>To allow continued support to sports clubs in the town inc Pin Green.</i>                           |              |
| <b>Other options considered</b>                           | <i>None</i>  |              |
| <b>consultations</b>                                      | <i>Simon Speller and Lin Martin-Haugh</i>  |              |
| <b>Outcome of consultations</b>                           | <i>Agreed funding</i>  |              |
| <b>Financial implications</b>                             | <i>Sufficient funds are available from Councillor's Local Community Budget</i>                         |              |
| <b>Legal implications</b>                                 |  |              |
| <b>Other implications</b>                                 |  |              |
| <b>Declaration of interests</b>                           |  |              |
| <b>Signed</b>   | <b>Jeannette Thomas</b>  |              |
| <b>Date</b>   | 09.11.11   |              |
| <b>If Call-in is to be waived give reason for urgency</b> |  |              |
| <b>Waiver of Call-in agreed by</b>                        |  | <b>Date:</b> |
| <b>Officer confirmation</b>                               | <i>C.Murphy</i>  |              |
| <b>Date</b>   | 09/11/11   |              |
| <b>Date of publication</b>                                | 10 November 2011   |              |
| <b>Deadline for Call-in</b>                               | 17 November 2011   |              |
| <b>Implementation date</b>                                | Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from <b>18 November 2011</b> |              |